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ENP COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORT 2012 – REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy published on 20 March 2013 the annual “neighbourhood package”, consisting of a joint communication (“Towards a Stronger Partnership”) making an assessment of the ENP implementation in 2012, a report on the “Partnership for Democracy and Shared prosperity” with Southern Mediterranean, an Eastern Partnership progress report, 12 country reports (on developments in 2012 and with a set of recommendations for the future), including one on the Republic of Moldova, and a statistical annex.

The EU-Moldova political dialogue continued to deepen in 2012 and negotiations of an EU-Moldova Association Agreement, including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) made significant progress. The Republic of Moldova made good progress in almost all areas of the Action Plan. The validation by the Constitutional Court of the election of the new President of the Republic ended along period of political and constitutional deadlock. However, in early 2013 a renewal of tensions within the ruling coalition, which led to the downfall of the Government, called political stabilisation into question.

In 2012, the Republic of Moldova (hereafter ‘Moldova’) addressed most of the key recommendations contained in previous year’s ENP Progress Report. It continued reforms in the areas of social assistance, health and education, energy, competition and state aid as well as regulatory approximation to the EU acquis. It finalised the remaining steps under the first phase of the visa liberalisation action plan. Much space for improvement remains in the areas of fighting corruption, and furthering reforms in the justice and law enforcement systems. On the basis of this year’s report and with a view to sustained implementation of the EU-Moldova Action Plan and its successor instrument in 2013 (the ‘Association Agenda’), Moldova is invited to:

- Continue to advance vigorously reforms in the justice and law enforcement systems, through implementation of the justice sector reform strategy, and by continuing the reform of the Ministry of Interior and other relevant bodies.
- Intensify the fight against corruption in particular by reforming the prosecution system and the judiciary, and by ensuring a fully functioning National Anti-corruption Centre.
- Continue to improve and further simplify customs procedures with a view to facilitating foreign trade and reducing the risk of corruption.
- Prevent the resurgence of institutional deadlocks by revising its constitution; this process should be conducted in an inclusive manner.
- Ensure the full implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan; and ensure the full application of the Antidiscrimination Law including to cases of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation through, inter alia, secondary legislation in line with international obligations.
- Engage pro-actively with the Transnistrian side in view of promoting an enticement, mutually acceptable vision for a common future, and agreeing accordingly the basic parameters for a settlement.
- Ensure the full and effective independence of the Audiovisual Coordination Council;
- Continue to advance dynamically the implementation of the second phase of the visa liberalisation action plan;
- Continue with sector reforms and regulatory approximation to the EU acquis in trade and trade-related areas (as identified in the preparation for the DCFTA), in parallel to the ongoing DCFTA negotiations; implement in particular the law on State aid; and implement energy sector reform in line with the Energy Community commitments.
- Step up the reform of the public administration and start implementing the decentralisation strategy, with a view to strengthening institutional capacity, efficient use of public resources and optimization of local administration.
- Continue the privatisation process, in particular for remaining large state-owned enterprises.
- Take steps to strengthen shareholder transparency in the banking sector.
- Take further steps to improve the business environment, including treatment of and registration procedures for foreign investors, and countering the grey economy.

Reforms initiated, carried out successfully, or delayed during 2012 in the different areas of cooperation between the EU and the Republic of Moldova are described in the annual country report. Some of the issues reported deserve special attention. In 2012, ambitious reforms in the **justice** and as regards the fight against corruption started to be implemented, with EU financial support. Reform of the **public administration** continued, in particular with the adoption of a decentralization strategy, as well as reforms in the fields of health and education. The **DCFTA** negotiations were launched; four rounds took place in 2012. Implementation of the EU-Moldova **Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements** continued. With regard to the Transnistrian region, the Moldovan authorities significantly stepped up their contacts with the new leadership in Tiraspol, against the background of a re-vitalised ‘5+2’ settlement process. An increasing number of Moldovan students and researchers benefited from different European programmes in the **education** area.

The full Country Progress Report can be found on this link: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/press_corner/all_news/news/2013/20130320_2_en.pdf



36 PUBLIC FACILITIES (SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS AND CULTURE HOUSES) ARE GOING TO BE EQUIPPED WITH NEW BIOMASS BOILER PLANTS IN 2 MONTHS

Moldova Social Investment Fund has installed in 2 kindergartens (Morozeni village, Orhei district and Pelinia village, Drochia district) and 1 lyceum from Basarabeasca town new boiler plants functioning based on biomass fuel burning (briquettes and pellets), out of financial sources provided by the European Union. A total number of 700 direct beneficiaries from these institutions will benefit of improved education conditions from now.

The remaining 33 public facilities, approved by MSIF for funding, will be equipped with prefabricated turn-key Modular Biomass Boiler plants and incorporated in the existing boiler rooms Biomass Boilers systems, by the end of May 2013. This project is funded by European Union within the Action "Promotion of sustainable development strategies in the renewable energy technologies sector through piloting of demonstration projects based on usage of solar energy and agricultural wastes" and managed by Moldova Social Investment Fund.

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HEALTH CARE STAKEHOLDERS FROM REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA COMPLETED THE HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH TRAINING COURSE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Four key health care stakeholders from the Republic of Moldova took part in a human resources for health (HRH) management and governance training course from 25 February to 8 March 2013.

The training course, which was organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and conducted by the WHO Collaborating Centre for HRH at the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, provided a global-level overview of HRH challenges and options and reviewed the knowledge and skills that HRH managers need for strategic planning.

The main topics covered during the course included: identification of various functions and stakeholders of HRH in the health sector; strategic planning of human resources; the influence of governance on health workforce planning and management; motivation and retention of personnel; performance management issues etc. Following this course, the group will embark with the development of the curricula for conducting a training course at national level for health care managers and heads of HR departments of medical institutions. As a next stage the revising of curricula for the master course of the School of Public Health will be done.

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EU PROJECT GROUP BRIEFED ON BENEFITS OF PAIES ON MOLDOVA-UKRAINE BORDER

Odessa, Ukraine. EUBAM met with representatives of the "EU Project Group on information exchange between the EU and Eastern Partnership countries" (Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine), during a study visit they were undertaking to Chisinau and Odessa from 4 - 7 March 2013 in order to learn more about the Pre-Arrival Information Exchange System (PAIES) that has been established between the customs services of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, with the assistance of EUBAM.

The Project Group, which is investigating the possibility of using PAIES as a pilot project, was set up in 2011 after the high-level seminar on customs cooperation at the Eastern border of the EU.

Ukrainian customs officials explained how PAIES is used between Moldova and Ukraine – with for example exchange of export declarations data in advance, as well as confirmation messages being shared electronically. PAIES has led to substantial improvements in customs controls, risk analysis and faster procedures at the border.

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OFFICIALS WITH A DIASPORA-ENGAGING MANDATE LEARN FROM IRISH COLLEAGUES

Dublin, Ireland, 11-15 March. A study tour to Ireland was organized for Moldovan Government officials with Diaspora-engaging functions.

The study tour's main objective was to expose Moldovan government officials, and particularly the staff of the Diaspora Relations Bureau of the State Chancellery, to the policies and programs for Diaspora engagement in a country that has enjoyed success in this arena. Ireland has a close and supportive relationship with a worldwide Diaspora; it has been extremely successful in attracting private sector investment from the Diaspora, and it has pioneered a number of successful public-private partnerships for building relationships with the Diaspora.

The visit is the result of synergy and collaboration between three projects specifically: "Enhancing the Moldovan Government's Capacities in Diaspora Engagement", implemented by IOM Moldova, financed from IOM Development Fund; the NEXUS Moldova Project "Strengthening the Link between Migration and Development, Testing an Integrated Service Provider to Moldovan Migrants and their Communities", implemented by a project consortium led by IASCI, and funded by the EU; and the EU funded Project "Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership" implemented by IOM Moldova.

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TRANSNISTRIAN PARTY JOINS EUBAM STUDY VISIT TO GERMAN-SWISS BORDER

12 March, Odessa, Ukraine. Customs experts from Chisinau and Tiraspol were participating in a joint study visit co-organized by the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova (EUBAM) and Ukraine and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

It is the first time customs representatives from both parties have participated together in such an event, which is significant both as a key part of the confidence-building process and as an opportunity for participants to observe cooperation at the joint customs posts on the German-Swiss border, specifically at Waldshut and Weil am Rhein, which is outside the Swiss city of Basel.

While visiting the joint customs posts, the participants will be briefed on Swiss-German joint customs procedures, take part in expert discussions, and learn about EU standards in joint customs control, all with a view to enhancing and harmonizing customs procedures on both sides of the river Dniester in the Republic of Moldova.

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DECENT WORK AND A BETTER LIFE FOR YOUTH IN MOLDOVA

On 14 March, 2013, at Ungheni was officially launched the EU Project "Decent work for YOUth – Improving the social economic situation of young people in Moldova by empowering Moldovan youth and Moldovan civil society". The overall budget of the project is 367.332 Euro with duration of 2 years and will have 4 regions of activities: Ungheni, Calarasi, Falesti and Causeni.

The main goal of the Project is to contribute to the empowerment of Moldovan youth and civil society for improving their social-economic situation.

The project is implemented by the Dutch Foundation CNV International, the "Faclia" Public Association for Children and Youth and the National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova, with the financial support of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova through the Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights.

The project provides a solution to multiple problems that young Moldovan people are facing today: a lack of suitable opportunities for work, a lack of recognition of their social-economic rights, violation of their right to work, discrimination of youth because of their age, lack of motivation to get involved in the community life etc.

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POLICY DIALOGUE ON HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

A policy dialogue on health service delivery, with an emphasis on primary health care (PHC) and access was held in the Republic of Moldova on 14 - 15 March 2013. The event was organized by the Ministry of Health with (World Health Organization) WHO Europe support and brought together the main stakeholders in the field.

The event aimed to provide Moldovan decision-makers with an overview of the current status of and developments in health care service delivery, with a particular focus on PHC. It provided an opportunity to identify lessons learned and options for further improvement in the Republic of Moldova.

The event resulted in a series of conclusions and recommendations related to human resources planning and management for PHC; intersectoral work and integration in community; continuous development of informational systems at providers' level; revision and improvement of performance indicators; increased access to compensated medicines at PHC level; review of opportunities for co-payments to control unjustified demand.

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EUBAM AND BAVARIAN STATE CRIMINAL POLICE INTENSIFY COOPERATION

Odessa, Ukraine. On 15th of March the European Union Border Assistance Mission for Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) and Bavarian State Criminal Police (BLKA) signed a Joint Statement on Cooperation. The document, signed by the Deputy Head of EUBAM Mr Slawomir Pichor and Criminal Director of Bavarian State Criminal Police Mr Alfons Zehentner, is focused first of all on intensification of cooperation in the area of combating vehicle crime on international level.

"The Joint Statement outlines the procedure for the exchange of vehicle data which will help to raise efficiency of investigation efforts of border and law enforcement agencies in Moldova and Ukraine in the area of combating vehicle crime. BKLA will also continue providing support to EUBAM initiative Task Force 'Vehicle Crime' as well as providing training for Ukrainian and Moldovan officers from the border and law enforcement agencies.

Both parties agreed that the Joint Statement will make the information exchange easier and will bring the cooperation between EUBAM and BLKA on a higher level. The Joint Statement will remain in force until the end of EUBAM's current mandate, 30 November 2015.

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PROMO-LEX AND AGER CONTINUE THE TRAINING OF MONITORS WITHIN THE CIVIC MONITORING MISSION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM IN MOLDOVA

On 16-17 March 2013, a second Monitoring Training was conducted within Civic Monitoring Mission for the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform in Moldova. The event took place within the EU funded Project "Increasing Government Accountability by Monitoring the Justice Sector Reform", implemented by the Promo-LEX Association in partnership with the Association for Effective and Responsible Governance.

The purpose of the training was to build the capacity of the civil society to monitor the justice sector reform and increase public interest for this reform. The first part of the training was dedicated to assessing the first months of the Civic Monitoring Mission work, and, respectively, monitors' impressions from the observed court hearings and of the quality of reporting forms.

The second part of the training focused primarily on monitoring the implementation of specific activities comprised in the Justice Sector Reform Strategy. In particular, the participants discussed and analyzed the actions of the Action Plan, which were due to expire in the fourth quarter of 2012 and in the first quarter of 2013, and which, in accordance with the monitoring methodology, were to be checked both at the central and local levels (on the ground).

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS TRAINING FOR RAYONAL ECONOMIC DEPARTMENTS

Between 17 - 29 March, in the Chisinau FIDES Training Centre, the EU Project "Sector Budget Support on Economic Stimulation in Rural Area" organized and delivered a series of training courses to the staff of the Economic Departments at rayonal level.

The training courses were attended by close to 35 training participants and were organized within the framework of the EU Project's 2013 EaPIC Component 1 (Strengthening the institutions' capacities at local and central level) actions.

During the training seminars a wide range of entrepreneurship skills topics were covered including but not limited to: proposal writing, establishing and nurturing clusters and project cycle management. The training courses were, primarily, delivered by the project's SME Development Key Expert, Mr. Vincent Williams.

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MOLDOVAN HEALTH CARE STAKEHOLDERS STUDY PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PRACTICES IN SPAIN

A group of key health care stakeholders from the Republic of Moldova visited Barcelona, Spain, on 18–22 February 2013 to study and share experiences on human resources recruitment and remuneration practices.

The visit, which was organized by World Health Organization (WHO) within EU-funded Project "Better Managing the Mobility of Health Professionals in the Republic of Moldova", represents a first step in a series of activities in the Republic of Moldova focused on payment and remuneration practices. In the past five years various forms of performance-based payment schemes have been applied in the country to increase the motivation of health professionals and support ongoing health care reforms.

The study visit of Moldovan officials facilitated the exchange of experience and of lessons learned from the implementation of remuneration mechanisms in the Catalonia region; evidence in health financing; systems of incentives and motivation for health professionals; assistance quality evaluation; health information management; performance monitoring and quality indicators.

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EUROPEAN PROJECT LAUNCHED FOR ORHEI AND TELENESTI TOWNS

On March 19, 2013, Orhei Mayorality hosted the opening conference of the Project "Promoting PPI as an efficient mechanism for community empowerment and sustainable local development". The Project is financed by the European Union and is implemented by Business Consulting Institute, in partnership with Orhei and Telenesti Mayoralties.

The Project aims to strengthen sustainable development capacities of local authorities and non-state actors in Orhei and Telenesti Towns. Civil servants and local councilors, representatives of civil society and private sector will be involved in its activities. It will promote mechanisms of cooperation among society and LPA and will empower communities to participate to local development.

Liviu Andriuta, Director of Business Consulting Institute, has presented the newly launched project and its impact on the beneficiary communities. Financial support will be offered for the implementation of 4 local infrastructure projects in Orhei and Telenesti. The projects will be identified by the citizens, who will participate to their implementation.

His Excellency, the Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Moldova Dirk Schuebel stated that the European Union will continue supporting Moldova, despite the political crisis, which has not determined the reduction of allocated funds. Vadim Lelic, Mayor of Telenesti, mentioned that the financial support offered by the international institutions is very important in solving current problems, given that available resources are limited. Vitalie Colun, Mayor of Orhei, said that this project will contribute to the development of the town.

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NEW EU FUNDED PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED ON FIGHTING ILLEGAL MIGRATION

Chisinau, 20 March 2013. The conference launching the project "Supporting the Republic of Moldova to implement the EU-Moldova Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation – Fighting Illegal Migration in Moldova (FIRMM)" took place on 20 March 2013 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. The project is financed by the European Union with a total budget of 1.2 million Euros and is being implemented by ICMPD during the next 2 years.

The event was opened by the Head of the EU Delegation to Moldova, H.E. Ambassador Dirk Schuebel, who underlined the importance of the project for the implementation of the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan. Mr. Martijn Pluim, ICMPD Director for the Eastern Dimension, stated that the present project should support Moldovan efforts to fight against irregular migration by addressing the analytical (e.g. risk assessment) and operational (e.g. identification, detection, investigation, return) capacities of the relevant authorities while protecting migrants' human rights.

In addition, representatives of Moldovan institutions involved in migration management, namely the Bureau for Migration and Asylum, the National Institute of Justice and the Border Police, expressed their willingness to cooperate within the project and highlighted the relevance of the project for the reform process and commitments undertaken by Moldova.

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A NEW REGIONAL PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ENHANCE MIGRATION MANAGEMENT AND FOSTER COOPERATION ON READMISSION IN MOLDOVA, UKRAINE AND BELARUS

The official launch and the first Steering Committee of the regional project **Strengthening Migration Management and Cooperation on Readmission in Eastern Europe (MIGRECO)**, funded by the European Union and implemented by IOM took place in Kiev on 21 March.

The main project partners' representatives from all three countries as well as representatives of the EU and IOM have met for a day to discuss the main activities and specific approaches of this initiative under the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum which will be implemented during 24 months with a total budget of 2.4 million Euros. Inter alia the MIGRECO project will help Moldovan authorities to implement relevant provisions of the EU-Moldova VLAP through the improvement of country's readmission framework with the main countries of origin and destination of irregular migrants as well as by addressing other important issues related to the development of institutional migration and border management capacities with due attention to the human rights of migrants.

The regional gatherings of this kind have proven to be an excellent practice, including within the recently completed SIREADA project, by allowing the beneficiary countries to learn from each other through constructive exchange and strengthening of partnerships.

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RELEASE OF THE EXTENDED MIGRATION PROFILE REPORT

Chisinau, 21 March. The **Extended Migration Profile Report of the Republic of Moldova** was released to the general public. EMP was developed in the framework of the EU funded Project "Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership", implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission in Moldova and represents the result of more than two years work in the field of migration data collection and analysis in Moldova.

This EMP Report is a country-owned tool, prepared in consultation with a broad range of government and non-government stakeholders, to be used to enhance policy coherence, evidence-based policymaking and the mainstreaming of migration into development planning. The EMP Report comports four elementary blocks of information and analysis, Migration trends; Migration impact; Migration management framework; and Main findings, Policy Implications and Recommendations.

To ensure the sustainability of this instrument, the Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Ministry of Interior, jointly with the Technical Working Group members will be responsible for the future production of EMP, with the support of IOM, together with the UNCT partners. To see the full version of EMP please access www.iom.md.

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EUBAM CONTINUES FACILITATING COOPERATION BETWEEN CUSTOMS EXPERTS FROM CHISINAU AND TIRASPOL

Odessa, Ukraine. On 21 March a day long working meeting of customs experts from both banks of Dniester River with participation of the representatives of Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) took place at the headquarters of EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine in Odessa.

The meeting, initiated by EUBAM, went in a friendly atmosphere. The delegations chaired by the heads of customs structures from Chisinau and Tiraspol discussed the possibilities of implementation of joint customs control and shared the ideas on ways of cooperation in prevention of smuggling of goods and other illegal activity.

The meeting followed up the study visit of customs experts to German-Swiss border jointly organized by EUBAM and OSCE on 11 – 14 March 2013 where participants from Chisinau and Tiraspol had a chance to visit two customs posts on the German-Swiss border and to study the joint customs procedures, take part in expert discussions, and learn about EU best practices in customs cooperation.

As part of the confidence-building process EUBAM is paying a special attention to facilitation of cooperation between customs experts from both sides of the River Dniester and providing technical advice and recommendations on this matter.

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BUSINESSES FROM THE LEFT BANK OF THE RIVER NISTRU FAMILIARIZED WITH MOLDOVAN TAX LEGISLATION

25 March, Chisinau. 20 businesses from the left bank of the Nistru River learned more about the Republic of Moldova's fiscal legislation during a working session organized in Ribnita by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Moldova (CCI), with the support of the UNDP-EU "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

This was the 12th seminar organized for business persons from both banks of the River Nistru in order to facilitate their activities and establish working relationships and collaboration. The topics that had been tackled during the previous seminars had been suggested by the local business people, focusing mainly on the normative framework and other legal aspects related to commercial relations and business.

In the opening of the workshop, Galina Popic, Director of "Intereconomiservice", an enterprise from Ribnita affiliated to the CCI from Moldova, said: "In the Transnistrian region there are businesses registered temporarily on the right side of the Nistru River to allow them carry out import-export activities. They encounter problems related to taxes and VAT payment, as the rules are different on the two sides of the river. I believe that fiscal legislation should be explicit, without leaving any space for interpretation and not containing provisions that exclude each other".

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NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS' EDUCATION WORKSHOP HELD IN CHISINAU FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEACHERS

On the 28th of March, 2013, in the premises of Hotel Codru in Chisinau, the EU Project Sector Budget Support on Economic Stimulation in Rural Area organized in close cooperation with the Moldovan Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI) and the Moldovan Ministry of Education (MoED) a one day workshop for selected Vocational Education and Training (VET) teachers of VET schools subordinated to either MAFI or MoED.

The workshop concentrated on the dissemination of best practices in entrepreneurship education within vocational education institutions, introduced the principle of continuous training policies and changes for teachers involved in entrepreneurship education and introduced the worldwide practice of promoting functional partnerships in achieving entrepreneurship education at formal and informal level.

The workshop was attended by over 60 VET teachers and ministerial representatives and was well-received by all attending.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE NISTRU RIVER LEARN FROM GERMANY'S EXPERIENCE

28 March. To develop innovative business with German accuracy - this is the intention of 20 economic entities from the both banks of the Nistru River, after coming back from a study visit to Germany, organized in the framework of the Joint UNDP-EU "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme. Some participants have already negotiated collaboration contracts with German companies in to the area of environmentally friendly agriculture.

During one week, business people active in the agricultural sector, had meetings, visited a number of enterprises specialized in renewable energy production, organic agriculture and processing of environmentally friendly products, as well as food products' distribution networks. "These sectors are important for the national economy, have a large development perspective, but are not fully harnessed. Taking over Germany's experience is very welcome, as their practices proved to be very efficient", said Mihai Bilba, Director of the International Relations Division of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry from Moldova.

During the study visit, the business people were familiarized with the European business practices, exchanged experiences and identified collaboration possibilities. "This visit offered us not only good ideas, best practices and the necessary confidence for developing some innovative business, but also openness for collaboration from some German colleagues".

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THE ON-LINE CONSULAR REGISTRATION MODULE FOR MOLDOVAN NATIONALS STAYING ABROAD FINALIZED

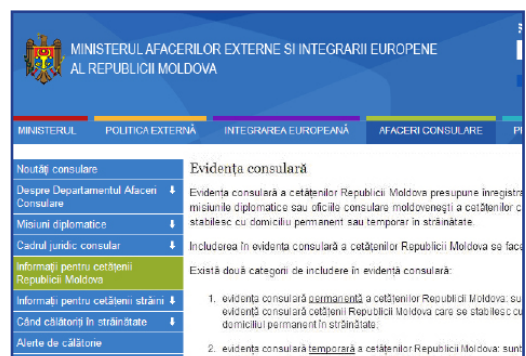
At the end of March was presented the on-line consular registration module for Moldovan nationals staying abroad, placed on the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (MFAEI) and its diplomatic missions abroad. This module is meant to facilitate the access of Moldovans residing abroad to consular services provided by Moldovan consular missions.

The on-line registration module was designed for eventual integration on all the existing web sites of Moldovan diplomatic missions abroad, allowing for both consular registration of Moldovan nationals abroad and on-line programming for provision of consular services.

These new modules once placed on the MFAEI and its diplomatic missions' websites will contribute to enriching the statistical database of Moldova on its nationals residing abroad, establishing their profile, and will allow strengthening of the links between Moldova and its citizens residing abroad by making their communication more efficient.

This module was developed in the framework of EU funded Project "Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership", implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission in Moldova.

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THE PROJECT ON DEVELOPING THE SOCIAL SERVICE "MOBILE TEAM" WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN FOUR DISTRICTS

In four districts of Moldova: Falesti, Singerei, Dubasari and Anenii Noi the project "Strengthening public-private partnerships for sustainable development of community services for people with disabilities" was officially launched. This Project is funded by the EU with a total budget of 273,436 Euros and is implemented by the Keystone Association in Moldova.

The project foresees improvement of the social service "Mobile Team" in five districts and organizing activities to change society's attitude towards people with disabilities and promoting their rights. Launch events were attended by local public authorities of the second level, representatives of active NGOs in the field of disabled people, managers of social services for people with disabilities.

In March, Keystone Association in Moldova signed partnership Agreements on the creation and implementation of "Mobile Team" social service for people with disabilities with District Councils from all of the five districts receiving assistance in the project's framework: Falesti, Singerei, Dubasari, Anenii Noi and Ungheni.

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SUCCESS STORY: CONFIDENCE BRINGS CHANGES FOR BETTER IN MOLDOVA

Joint UNDP-EU programme supports confidence building on two banks of Nistru River improving the life of over 400,000 people.

Natalia Podolean works hard to be able to bring up her son. For the sake of her 10 year-old boy she came to "Apriori" Centre, a nongovernmental organization in Tiraspol, which with UNDP-EU support provides free legal and psychosocial counseling to vulnerable persons from the eastern region of the Republic of Moldova, the so-called Transnistrian region.

For nearly nine years, since her husband left to work abroad, Natalia receives only greetings from him. They have legally divorced three years ago, but the situation did not change. "I live with my old and sick parents, and my salary is far too small to cover the needs of four persons. With specialists' help from "Apriori", we managed to make my ex-husband pay the alimony payments. Together with the psychologist of the Centre, I am trying to deal with the problematic behavior my boy has after the divorce and to find some peace for myself", Natalia says.

The Transnistrian region, a territory on the left bank of the Nistru River, established de facto independence from the Republic of Moldova in 1992, and is not recognized by the international community. The problems associated with Transnistria represent a major obstacle to stability and development, the conflict remaining unresolved for over twenty years.

More details at: http://www.undp.md/presscentre/2013/CBMStory_21March/index.shtml

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GALLERY OF SUCCESSFUL WOMEN FROM THE "SUPPORT TO CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES" PROGRAMME

In the week of women's celebration, we would like to present some women, who due to the support of the Joint UNDP-EU "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme, succeeded to change their lives and the lives of the people around for the better.

They are different by age and area of activity, but all of them represent an example that can inspire, mobilize and make confident other people. The gallery of successful ladies from the Joint UNDP-EU "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme launched today will be filled in with hundreds of examples. We will get to know them over the time.

Maria Florea moves the stars and the sun

Maria Florea is the woman uniting the two sides of the River Nistru while taking care of people's health. Being the Chief Doctor of Rezina District Hospital for 13 years, she succeeded to create on the inherited "ruins" a modern, cozy and friendly facility and to set up a team, which provides to patients not only bodily treatment, but also tea and sympathy. That is the reason why annually, over 5500 persons, many of whom reside on the left side of the River Nistru, come here to find the cure.

Natalia Mihaleva engaged in business with confidence and knowledge

Natalia's life dream is starting to materialize and is in the process to become true, as soon as she graduated from the Tiraspol Business School, created with the assistance granted by the EU-UNDP "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Program. Natalia Mihaleva is 30 years old and works as a referent secretary in a company from Ribnita.

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EVENT CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2013

01 APRIL, MOLDOVA

The EU-funded Project "Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova" launches the information campaign "Abusing Schengen visa leads to illegal migration". The campaign includes the following channels of communication: TV, printed materials disseminated through ANOFM offices, JISBs (UN Women), Common Visa Application Centre at the Hungarian Embassy and internet (top-visited web-sites and social networks).

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01 APRIL 1 AND 06 - 12 MAY, CHISINAU AND TIRASPOL

Automobile Club from Chisinau will held a working meeting with the Tiraspol Automobile Club and the Municipal Transportation Departments from both Tiraspol and Chisinau on April 1, 2013 and will prepare printing materials for the Global Roads safety week May 6-12. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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02 – 05 APRIL, TALINN, ESTONIA

TAIEX Study Visit on "the legislative framework, functionality and institutional aspects of Audiovisual and Broadcasting sector in Estonia".

For more information on TAIEX assistance: www.ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox.

03 APRIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL, UNGHENI CITY

Official project launch and promotion of the Mobile Team social service within the EU Project "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform".

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03 - 04 APRIL 2013, SKOPJE, MACEDONIA

TAIEX Multi-Country Workshop on EU Authorised Economic Operator Concept

For more information on TAIEX assistance: www.ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox.

03 - 05 APRIL, FIDES TRAINING CENTRE CHISINAU

Module I Entrepreneurship Skills Training for rayonal Economic Department (ED) Staff

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04 – 05 APRIL, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

TAIEX Workshop on Corporate Governance

For more information on TAIEX assistance: www.ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox.

05 APRIL, BALTI

Roundtable on "Aggregation Business Mission to Poland, Czech Republic and Romania and plotting the next steps" with the participation of national company active in the renewable energy sector, event organized under the Energy and Biomass Project.

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08 APRIL - 09 APRIL 2013, CHISINAU

TAIEX Workshop on joint investigation teams

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10 - 13 APRIL, ZAGREB, CROATIA

The EU-funded Project "Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova" supports a study visit to the Migration Information Centre of the Croatian Public Employment Service.

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10, 15, 18, 20 APRIL, IN GRIGORIOPOL AND TIRASPOL

Centre for Legal Initiatives from Tiraspol will provide regional legal consultations in Grigoriopol on April 20, trainings for school students from Tiraspol on April 10 and 18, and within the Reproductive Health Center from Tiraspol on April 15, 2013. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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11 APRIL, CHISINAU

TAIEX Workshop on Knowledge-Based Economy

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12 APRIL IN KORJOVA AND PARKANI AND ON 18 APRIL IN DELAKAU AND PARKANI

Validity NGO from Tiraspol will realize waste management and greening activities on both banks of the Nistru River. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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14 APRIL, 2013

The World of Equal Opportunities from Bender will organize training for disabled people. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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15 APRIL, CHISINAU

Project Selection Committee: Final approval of communities from districts as: Ialoveni, Straseni, Nisporeni, Calarasi, Causeni and Taraclia that will warm their public institutions with energy from biomass. Event organized under the Energy and Biomass Project.

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15 - 16 APRIL, LEROI BUSINESS CENTRE, CHISINAU

Technical training for representatives of governmental agencies, titled "Enhancing Migration Data Analysis in the Republic of Moldova".
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15 - 19 APRIL, FIDES TRAINING CENTRE CHISINAU

Additional Vocational Education Training (VET) Training for Post-Secondary College Teachers subordinated to MAFI.
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17 APRIL, CHISINAU

TAIEX Workshop on Fighting impunity and ill-treatment
For more information on TAIEX assistance: www.ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox.

18 APRIL, CHISINAU

Energy and Biomass Project Board meeting in Moldova
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22 - 23 APRIL, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

TAIEX Multi-country Workshop on EU Acquis in the Area of Communicable Diseases
For more information on TAIEX assistance: www.ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox.

22 - 26 APRIL, FIDES TRAINING CENTRE CHISINAU

Project Cycle Management (PCM) Training for staff of Agricultural Intervention and Payment Agency (AIPA)
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24 - 26, APRIL, CHISINAU

The EU funded Project "Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova" supports the organization of the Conference and Peer Review: Cooperation with Employers; it that shall be hosted by the National Employment Agency from Moldova and coordinated by the World Association of Public Employment Services.
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29 APRIL, JOLLY ALON HOTEL, CHISINAU

Round table for the launch of two studies: "Mapping of the Moldovan Diaspora in Russian Federation" and "Mapping of the Moldovan Diaspora in Italy, Portugal, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain".
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APRIL, BORDER POLICE HQ, 18 PETRICANI ST., CHISINAU

The secondment of the international and national Long Term Advisors to the Border Police within the Strengthening Migration Management and Cooperation on Readmission in Eastern Europe (MIGRECO) project which will be implemented during 21 months.
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APRIL, CHISINAU

The training on preparation for negotiations of the Readmission Agreement with EU and Third countries, as well as Readmission Protocols with EU member states for relevant state institutions within the Strengthening Migration Management and Cooperation on Readmission in Eastern Europe (MIGRECO) project.
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APRIL, CHISINAU

Mission by two experienced EU Market Surveillance experts who will be conducting a seminar entitled "Core Skills and Knowledge, Food Inspections" for staff in the Consumer Protection Agency. Event organised under Twinning Project "Support to the Consumer Protection Agency".
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APRIL, CHISINAU, BALTI, CAHUL

Mission by two experienced EU Market Surveillance experts who will be conducting a workshop non-food product safety, event organised under Twinning Project "Support to the Consumer Protection Agency".
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APRIL, DUBASARI, UNGHENI, FALESTI DISTRICTS.

Space equipping allocated for mobile teams of 3 districts within the EU Project "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform".
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APRIL, CHISINAU

Mission by three experienced EU Market Surveillance experts over a 2-week period who will be conducting seminars and workshops on metrology for Consumer Protection Agency staff, event organised under Twinning Project "Support to the Consumer Protection Agency"

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APRIL, CHISINAU

Mission by one EU expert to develop a new Market Surveillance law in line with EU Regulation 765/2008 concerned with enforcement of the framework related to market surveillance for the marketing of products. Event organised under Twinning Project "Support to the Consumer Protection Agency".

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APRIL, DUBASARI, UNGHENI, FALESTI DISTRICTS

Recruitment and hiring in the framework of mobile teams from 3 districts within the EU Project "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform".

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APRIL, TRANSNISTRIAN REGION

IJC from Chisinau will continue the trainings in blogging for school students from Transnistrian region and will begin publishing the joint multimedia articles produced by journalists from both banks; Activity under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, CHISINAU

CIDO NGO from Chisinau will organize a follow up session for community leaders. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, CHISINAU

Detstvo Detyam NGO from Tiraspol will organize a visit exchange to the Chisinau municipal direction on children protection, Chisinau (date TBC). Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, TIRASPOL

Apriori NGO from Tiraspol will continue providing legal, psycho-social support to single parents. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, ISRAEL

Entrepreneurs from agro-food sector from both banks of the Nistru River will conduct a study tour in Israel. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, BENDER

Business School from Bender will organize beginner entrepreneurs' trainings closing event. Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, BENDER

Business School from Bender will organize the seminar for mid-level managers "Effective Motivation of staff". Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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APRIL, CHISINAU

Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the support SCBM Programme will organize forum "Economic cooperation as support for regional development". Activity organized under the "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme.

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