



GOOD GOVERNANCE, RULE OF LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN MOLDOVA

Chisinau, 24 January – Civil society organisations (CSOs) and private sector as contributors to Millennium Development Goals' (MDGs) implementation is the title of a new project funded by the European Union in the Republic of Moldova.

The project aims to increase the capacities of sectorial CSOs and private sector representatives and will contribute to the implementation of MDGs and their targets in Moldova. More specifically the project will:

- prepare and distribute 8 analytical reports on the role and specific contribution of civil society and private sector representatives to the implementation of the 8 MDGs;
- conduct nation wide awareness building information campaign dedicated to the current progress and final MDGs targets to be achieved by the end of 2015;
- develop specific capacities of civil society and private sector representatives to regularly and effectively monitor the MDGs and other internally agreed development targets completion in Moldova.

The project will be managed by the Centre for Economic Development, Sofia during 24 months. It will be implemented in Chisinau, Northern, Central, Southern Moldova and Transnistria.

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NATIONAL COORDINATION UNIT STAFF SKILLS CONSOLIDATED WITHIN EU-FUNDED REGULAR TRAINING COURSES

Chisinau, 18 January – Capacity building of the National Coordination Unit (NCU) staff and its regular training is one of the main objectives of the EU-funded Support to the State Chancellery project. It is providing support to Moldovan Government in using the Twinning, TAIEX and SIGMA instruments as well as in introducing and using the Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB) framework.

The first session within the series of envisaged trainings was organised by the project in the premises of the State Chancellery and was devoted European Union's External Assistance Instruments. From NCU side, the whole Division of the Foreign Aid Department attended the training, being actively involved in the information session.

The presentation "European Union's External Assistance Instruments" shed more light to the concept of External Assistance in general, to the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, to EU's role as a sustainable development partner, and to thematic, as well as geographic, instruments.

In order to facilitate knowledge sharing, a user-friendly publication – the leaflet "The European Union's External Assistance Instruments for 2007-2013" was published and disseminated at the event.

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MOLDOVAN ENFORCEMENT BODIES IMPROVE THEIR CAPACITIES ON INTERNET INVESTIGATIONS

Chisinau, 17-19 January – Raising awareness about the dangers of intellectual property crime to society and improving the ability of the enforcement bodies in Moldova to investigate intellectual property offences committed through Internet were the purpose of the seminar held within the Twinning Project "Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova".

In his opening statement, Lieutenant-Colonel Vitalie Briceag from the Ministry of Internal Affairs noted the importance of the Twinning Project to the Republic of Moldova and hoped it would substantially improve the capacity of the enforcement bodies to prevent and fight online intellectual property crimes.

During the seminar, the participants had the opportunity to discuss the differences between online enforcement in member states and the Republic of Moldova, the current modus operandi of online criminals and recommendations to improve the investigation of online intellectual property crimes, in the Republic of Moldova have been highlighted.

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EUBAM CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ANALYTICAL AND MANAGERIAL CAPACITIES OF THE PARTNER SERVICES

Odessa, 21 December 2011 – During the 71st External Coordination Meeting the Deputy Head of EUBAM Slawomir Pichor formally donated to Moldovan and Ukrainian partner services software and lap-top computers. The donation is aimed at improving analytical and managerial capacities of border agencies.

The analytical software packages SmartDraw, handed over to the border guard and customs services of Moldova and Ukraine would help risk analyses units to visualize data, thus, enhancing the quality of the analysis of the security situation on the border.

The thirty lap-top computers with necessary software are being donated to the Moldovan and Ukrainian border guard services to support the trainees of the international course for border guard local commanders, which is currently being delivered to develop the professional capabilities of middle managers.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS DISCUSSED DURING THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN CHISINAU

Chisinau, 12-14 December – Altogether 29 customs/revenue service representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, EU experts from Poland and Lithuania gathered to participate in the next workshop of the EU-funded Eastern Partnership– Integrated Border Management Flagship Initiative Training project dedicated to the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR).

The event was organised by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), implementing agency of the project. The workshop primarily focused on the achievements and challenges in relation to IPR and aimed to introduce to the participants the existing national systems of other countries and to highlight similarities and differences in relation to the EU practices. In addition, the event intended to contribute to the better understanding of legal and practical issues, risk assessment and technical/technological capacities and to support the national and international cooperation between relevant services.

More information at: <http://www.eap-fit.eu/>

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INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT CENTRE TO FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL MIGRATION TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

12-14 December, Chisinau – A national workshop on the establishment of the Integrated Management Centre for the law enforcement/border management agencies responsible for the tackling illegal migration in the country was organised in the framework of the EU-funded project 'Eastern Partnership – Integrated Border Management Flagship Initiative Training Project.

The workshop aimed to facilitate the establishment of the Integrated Management Centre by providing expert support and a profound overview of the aims, legal basis, structure and the methods of work, as well as to define the participating agencies and the stages of the establishment of the centre following the experience of the Hungarian colleagues.

As a result of the session, the gathered representatives from the Border Guard Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Customs Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration received a number of valuable practical advises from the experts and explored with them possible challenges in the establishment of the centre in Moldova.

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EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MOLDOVAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS CAN TAKE PART AS FULL PARTNERS IN ERASMUS MUNDUS PROJECTS

On 22 December, the European Commission has issued a call for proposals worth more than €170 million for 2012 in the framework of the EU-funded programme Erasmus Mundus II. The programme is opened to all countries in the world, including the Republic of Moldova.

The Erasmus Mundus call (EACEA/42/2011) aims to support projects under the programme's three actions:

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes, aiming at fostering cooperation between higher education institutions and academic staff in Europe and third countries with a view to creating poles of excellence and providing highly trained human resources.

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships aiming at fostering structured cooperation between European and third-country higher education institutions. The budget of the action for Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) is €35.649 million.

Action 3: Promotion of European higher education, aiming at promoting European higher education through measures enhancing its attractiveness, profile, image, visibility and accessibility.

The deadline for submission of applications under all three Actions is 30 April 2012.

For more information: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/



EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

30 JANUARY, SUCEAVA, ROMANIA

Deadline for submission of grant applications within the EU-funded Cross-border Co-operation Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013

More information at: <http://ro-ua-md.net/>

2-3 FEBRUARY, CODRU HOTEL, CHISINAU

Workshop on Moldovan future Visa policy within the EU-funded "Supporting the Implementation of the EC Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements in Moldova and Georgia"

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7-9 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU

TAIEX Expert Mission on European Credit Guarantee Fund to Moldovan Organisation for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development

More information at: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

20-22 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU

TAIEX Expert Mission on Quality Assurance in Higher Medical Education to the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy 'Nicolae Testemitanu'

More information at: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

20-24 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU

TAIEX Expert Mission on protection and welfare of farm animals to Moldovan Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry

More information at: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

20-24 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU

TAIEX Expert Mission on training of transplant coordinators' trainers to the Transplant Agency of Moldovan Ministry of Health

More information at: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

21-24 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU

TAIEX workshop on EU legal framework and best practices in the intelligence and investigative field for senior law enforcement officials from Moldovan Border Guard Service

More information at: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

24 FEBRUARY, EU DELEGATION, CHISINAU

Deadline for submission of grant applications within the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) Country-based support scheme 2011 in the Republic of Moldova

For more information: <http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/>