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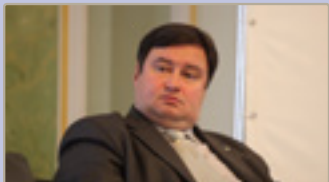
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PROJECT INFORMATION

Strengthening Migration Management and Cooperation on Readmission in Eastern Europe (MIGRECO)

Donor: the European Union

Implementer: the International Organization for Migration, Missions in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

Location: Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine

Duration: 1 February 2013 – 30 January 2015

Partners: The Immigration and Naturalisation Service of the Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands (INS), the Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (FEDASIL) of Belgium, the NGOs ‘Europe without Barriers’ and ‘Revival of the Nation’ (Ukraine)

Beneficiaries: Governments of Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine, incoming and outgoing migrants, visible minorities residing in the sub-region

CALENDAR:

August 2013

Training for NGO partners to hold a survey of migrants, refugees and foreign students in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa, Lviv, Simferopol and Luhansk within the framework of the research on integration, hate crimes and discrimination of vulnerable groups

Second working visit of the Migration Management Curricula Expert to Moldova: delivering the curricula and training Police Academy lecturers

September 2013

Study visit of Belarusian authorities on assisted voluntary return to Belgium

Training on negotiation of readmission agreements for Moldovan and Belarusian officials by a relevant expert

October 2013

Second National Steering Committee meeting in Ukraine

Two seminars for operational officers and investigators on improvement of the law enforcement mechanisms to combat human trafficking (Odesa and Ivano-Frankivsk)



MOLDOVA

EU MIGRATION MANAGEMENT CURRICULA EXPERT VISITS CHISINAU



The IOM-contracted expert on migration management curricula for the Moldovan Border Police, Mr. Bogdan Tonea, took his first visit to Chisinau in June to meet with representatives of governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations, as well as local partners and experts. The expert led discussion on achieving synergies with other relevant stakeholders such as the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM), International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), and accorded specific attention to EU-compliant curricula content and training approaches.

Mr. Bogdan Tonea is a senior police officer and a lecturer at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy in Bucharest, Romania, where he teaches constitutional law and covers migration and management topics. He was involved in Romania's reforms in the field of education and training that were implemented as part of the country's accession to the EU and the technical preparations for joining the Schengen area. He has also participated in the implementation of a number of EU-funded projects on creating and standardizing migration-related curricula for law enforcement.

MIGRECO HELPS MOLDOVA TO ENHANCE READMISSION WITH CYPRUS

To support the negotiation of implementing protocols related to the EU-Moldova Readmission Agreement, the MIGRECO project facilitated a meeting between wide range of government officials from Moldova and Cyprus in June in Nicosia. As a result of the negotiations, the final text was agreed and, according to the delegations, the protocol should be signed by the end of the year.

The Moldovan Deputy Minister of Interior officially noted the importance of IOM's support in facilitating the discussions, and thus contributing to the implementation of the EU-Moldova Visa Liberalization Action Plan.



17–19 June 2013, negotiations of the Readmission protocol between the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Cyprus, (Nicosia, Cyprus)



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MIGRECO LONG-TERM ADVISER REPORTS FOR DUTY AT THE UKRAINIAN STATE MIGRATION SERVICE



IOM Chief of Mission Mr. Manfred Profazi (on the right) is introducing Mr. Jan Baranovski, MIGRECO LTA in Ukraine, to Head of the State Migration Service Mr. Mykola Kovalchuk on 10 July 2013

The Long-Term Adviser (LTA) and his assistant will be embedded at the State Migration Service (SMS) headquarters in Kyiv to provide expert support and European experience to the SMS on further enhancing its competencies and operational capacities in migration management.

Mr. Jan Baranovski, a former officer of the Lithuanian Border Guard Service, has over 20 years of national and international experience in border and migration management. This includes work at the national level on strategic planning, introduction and adoption of modern and EU-compliant practices and standards before Lithuania's accession to the EU. Since 2005, Mr. Baranovski has been working in the field of international technical assistance, spanning long-term postings in Georgia, Ukraine, and Tajikistan, and short-term assignments in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Pakistan, Russia and Central Asia. Having supported important reforms in Lithuania, but also abroad, contributing to the establishment of EU-compliant migration management structures

and strategies, the LTA will stand ready to assist the SMS in developing its full potential. He will thus not only share his experience on institutional structure and procedures, legal and regulatory frameworks, human resources and training, infrastructure, means of communication and information exchange, but also support the strengthening of coordination and cooperation mechanisms with other relevant government agencies and international partnerships and networks.

The LTA will be supported by his assistant, Ms. Myroslava Mosiuk. Before joining IOM, Myroslava worked for the UN Office in Ukraine and Ukrainian public institutions. She will, inter alia, support the project activities through monitoring relevant political, legislative and institutional developments.



Ms. Myroslava Mosiuk, Assistant to the Long-Term Adviser to the State Migration Service of Ukraine

The State Migration Service of Ukraine, established as part of the administrative reform launched in 2010, is the leading migration agency in Ukraine with a coordination mandate for a wide variety of issues pertaining to both Ukrainian nationals and foreigners.

This young agency is currently finalizing its institutional formation and adapting the legislative framework of migration management to European standards.



UKRAINE

INTRODUCING MODERN BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE WORK WITH MIGRANTS

In June, IOM Ukraine organized two trainings on the use of biometric equipment for nine officials of the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) of Ukraine from the Chop and Mostysk border detachments who work directly with irregular migrants. The border guards developed practical skills in entering and coding biometric identifier cards (transfer of text, fingerprints and pictures from paper files into an e-database), finger prints and palm prints, as well as making enquiries and processing their results.

The Chop and Mostysk border detachments were not selected at random for the pilot introduction of advanced technologies. In fact, most of the migrants who attempt to illegally cross the border in to the EU are apprehended in the Zakarpattya and Lviv regions of Ukraine.

Computers, “Papilon” dactoscanners and the Automated Dactyloscopic Information System (ADIS) “Dacto-2000” were procured by IOM under a previous EU-funded project, SIREADA. Two out of the four sets of equipment were transferred to the SBGS for their use in border detachments, and the other two sets were delivered to the State Migration Service (SMS) to be used in Migrant Accommodation Centres (similar trainings for selected SMS staff are scheduled for the second half of this year). The equipment was procured not only to facilitate the creation of an electronic data base on third country nationals, but also to ensure effective information exchange on apprehended and detained irregular migrants between the leading migration authorities in Ukraine. ADIS allows for the creation, storage and operation of an electronic database. It also automates the dactyloscopic identification process to solve a wide range of issues, including maintenance of dactyloscopic databases and identification based on finger and palm prints. It is obvious that identification through ADIS is much quicker and effective



A border guard is capturing migrant's fingerprints

than by manual checks. Moreover, the dactyloscopic scanner completely automates the data collection process and ensures roll-capturing quality control. This provides for reliable identification of migrants, which can help in avoiding the unjustified repeated detention of the same individual. The SMS’ and SBGS’ preference for this very system was motivated by the fact that the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine has been successfully using the same type of equipment for several years. It is planned to procure and install similar equipment in new SBGS- and SMS-managed temporary holding facilities for irregular migrants, currently under construction, as well as develop a powerful and comprehensive data base on third country nationals.



Fingerprints scanner procured by IOM



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"WE SEE INTEGRATION AS A TWO-WAY PROCESS..." MIGRATION EXPERT OLEKSII POZNIAK ON MIGRECO-COMMISSIONED RESEARCHES

IOM works with leading experts to carry out various migration-related studies within MIGRECO. The deliverables will be passed on to the Ukrainian state authorities to support their strategic planning and policy formation. One of those experts, Oleksii Pozniak, Head of the Migration Studies Department of the Ptukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies, shares the idea behind the surveys:

- *on the research on integration of immigrants in Ukraine:*

"Although Ukraine is mainly a country of origin of labour migrants, the situation is about to change in the near future. The fact that the population is continuously ageing and that there is thus a decrease of the working-age population will inevitably lead to a lack of labour force that will have to be compensated through immigration.

This underscores the importance and relevance of the study dedicated to the integration of immigrants in Ukraine. This study started in June within the framework of MIGRECO. The goal of the study is to determine the extent of immigrant integration, evaluate the effectiveness of the state programmes in this sphere and develop recommendations for policy makers in the fields of integration and countering discrimination and hate crime. Our research team will interview migrants (300 people in six regions of Ukraine) and carry out in-depth interviews with experts, including staff of government institutions, investigators and representatives of diasporas. Based on the results of the surveys, as well as on an analysis of statistical data and normative acts, we will conduct a comparative assessment of the situation of immigrants vs Ukrainian citizens.

To date, the number of immigrants from developing countries in Ukraine is small, which is the ideal circumstance to facilitate their integration into the society, given



Mr. Oleksii Pozniak, migration expert and researcher

continued policy efforts in this direction. Successful integration of these first groups of immigrants will in turn support the integration and local adaptation of their countrypeople who might immigrate in the future. We see integration as a two-way process of mutual adaptation between immigrants on one hand, and the population of the host country on the other hand. The results of these mutual efforts are equal civil, social and economic opportunities for all. The discrimination of immigrants can be a serious obstacle to their integration and can occur in various spheres such as: employment and access to occupation, education, medical care, accessibility of accommodation, and accessibility of obtaining citizenship."

- *on the study on migration data assessment in Ukraine:*

"Currently, the collection of statistical data in the sphere of migration (both immigration and emigration) is not systematic and comprehensive. Data relating to one group of migrants, for example, often differs from one source to another. The data that is available on foreign students is illustrative. The number of persons who have entered Ukraine to study according

to the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, the number of foreign students registered by the regional departments of the State Migration Service and the number of foreigners studying at Ukrainian universities according to the Ministry of Education and Science, do not appear to be the same, and the accuracy of the data differs significantly depending on the country of origin of the students.

In order to assess the situation, a study on migration data collection, sharing, storage and analysis is being conducted within the framework of MIGRECO. This study will support the development of recommendations to further enhance data collection and statistics in the field of migration in Ukraine and to align it to international standards. The study will also support necessary policy developments through the provision of precise migration data that will aid strategic planning.

As for methodology, we plan to conduct interviews with experts from over 20 state institutions, to analyze normative documents, to formulate recommendations and to design follow-up activities, such as capacity building measures for the migration statistics institutions."



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Ministry of the Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland



Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers of Belgium



Federal Ministry of the Interior of Austria



NGO 'Europe without Barriers'

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State Border Committee of the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus



Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family of the Republic of Moldova



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