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PROJECT NEWS

Panel meeting on information campaigns took place in Tbilisi

On 11-12 October, the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management meeting on information campaigns took place in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The Panel meeting gathered experts from the EU Member States, the Eastern Partnership countries, international organizations, representatives of civil society and academia to share and promote best practices on targeted information campaigns on the rights and obligations of citizens when travelling visa-free or with a Schengen visa, address specific common challenges that may arise in the practical implementation of these information campaigns, and discuss a coordinated approach through which the EU, EU member states and partner countries can benefit from communication synergies and coherence of information and awareness campaigns.

For more information and meeting materials please follow the [link](#) ➔

15/10/18



EU and neighbouring countries review joint policy initiative progress

Foreign Ministers from 28 EU Member States and the EU's six Eastern partners – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine – met with Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn on 15 October. The meeting took place one year after the last Eastern Partnership Summit, during which all partners agreed on an ambitious work plan aiming to bring tangible benefits to the lives of citizens across the region. Cooperation between the EU and its six Eastern Partner countries has focused on working towards stronger economies, governance, connectivity and societies.

Learn key achievements of the past year at the following [link](#) ➔

EaP COUNTRY NEWS



ARMENIA | 10/10/18



Migration from Armenia slows down

The outflow of migrants from Armenia has slowed down after political developments that took place in the country over recent months. According to the statistical service's figures, the migration balance for the first half of this year was minus 5,204 people instead of the minus 30,853 recorded in the same period a year before.

Read the details on the migration balance in Armenia [here](#) ➔



BELARUS | 14/10/18



EU launches mobility partnership with Belarus

The EU launched a Mobility Partnership with the Republic of Belarus to ensure better management of migration flows. The Partnership envisages measures to increase cooperation in the areas of regular migration, asylum and protection of refugees, preventing the irregular migration, including combating migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

To find out the main features of the Mobility Partnership framework please follow the [link](#) ➔



GEORGIA 05/10/18



Georgia and Ukraine simplified border crossing procedures

Georgia and Ukraine simplified border crossing procedures, making it possible for their citizens to travel between the two countries without a passport, only with an ID card. The relevant agreement was signed on 5 October by the Heads of Governments of both countries within the framework of the GUAM Summit in Chisinau.

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 MOLDOVA | 26/10/18



Money transfers to private persons in Moldova reach almost one billion dollars

The net money transfers to private persons exceeded USD 955 million in the first nine months of 2018. The remittances maintained at a high rate of growth during this year and reached an average of 9.5 per cent against January-September 2017, according to the National Bank of Moldova.

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 UKRAINE | 26/10/18



Ukrainians received the most first residence permits in the EU in 2017

In 2017, citizens of Ukraine continued to receive the highest number of residence permits in the EU Member States of any non-EU country. As many as 662,000 Ukrainians received residence permits. According to Eurostat, most (88%) of the permits were issued in Poland.

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 UKRAINE | 02/10/18

Ukrainian Parliament amended the procedure for extradition of offenders

Ukrainian Parliament has approved at the second reading the implementation of the provisions of the III and IV of Additional Protocols of the European Convention on the Extradition of Offenders into Ukrainian legislation.

The changes are aimed at improving the existing extradition of offenders who are being searched for by the competent authorities of a foreign state for investigation in a criminal case or the execution of a sentence, the explanatory documents to the bill say.

To find out the main provisions of the adopted law please follow the [link](#) ➔

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Dear subscribers,

As you may know recently two Panel meetings dedicated to integrated border management and information campaigns have been held. Prior to the meetings we compiled updated policy and legislation overview in participating states in these fields and prepared comprehensive discussion papers. We hope that you will find the following materials interesting and useful.

Panel Meeting on Integrated Border Management (Odesa, 27-28 September)

- [Matrix](#)
- [Discussion Paper](#)

Panel Meeting on Information Campaigns (Tbilisi, 11-12 October)

- [Matrix](#)
- [Discussion Paper](#)

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