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EU population grows mainly due to migration

According to Eurostat, Western European countries saw population growth in 2017, whereas the population of the Eastern Member States increased less rapidly than the EU average or even decreased. In 16 out of the 19 EU countries with population growth, migration is the main contributing factor.

For further information, please follow this link ➲

19/11/18

Schengen Information System will be strengthened

On 19 November, the EU Council adopted three regulations on the use of the Schengen Information System in the field of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, in the field of border checks and for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals.

Learn key provisions of the new regulations at the following link ➲

20/11/18

Frontex concludes a four-year Eastern Partnership project

Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, hosted the final meeting of the Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management (EaP IBM) Capacity Building Project. Over the last four years, the project expanded the ability of the border agencies of the six Eastern Partnership countries to effectively implement the Integrated Border Management.

You can find out the main results of the project at the following link ➲

EaP COUNTRY NEWS

ARMENIA | 28/11/18

EU-Armenia committee meets for the first time under the partnership agreement

On 27 November, the EU and Armenia held the first meeting of the Partnership Committee under the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement. At the meeting, the EU reiterated its support for the Armenian Government's reform efforts. The Partnership Committee also discussed the agreement implementation roadmap drafted by the Government.

Find more details on the partnership agreement here ➲

BELARUS | 01/11/18

Belarus, Moldova to boost cooperation in the customs sector

The customs authorities of Belarus and Moldova will boost cooperation in several areas of customs administration. The heads of customs services of the two countries reached such a decision during a meeting in Minsk. The parties signed a bilateral cooperation plan on vocational training envisaging the training sessions for the customs officers of both states. The actions for 2019-2022 also include the exchange of experience on the methodologies of carrying out specialized experiments and laboratory tests.

For further information, please follow this link ➲

Georgia presents a study report on circular migration to EU

A report of the study on circular migration initiated by the State Commission on Migration Issues was presented in Tbilisi. The findings of the study focused on assessing the potential of temporary (circular) migration of Georgian labour migrants to the EU member states.

Please find the executive summary of the report at the link ➲

State Commission on Migration Issues

Moldova Citizenship-by-Investment programme officially launched

Moldova Citizenship-by-Investment (MCBI) programme has been officially launched at the 12th Global Residence and Citizenship Conference in Dubai. Earlier this year, Henley & Partners — in partnership with the Moldovan Investment Company — won the public tender to assist the Government of Moldova in designing, implementing and promoting the much-anticipated MCBI programme, which is now officially accepting applications.

Read the details on MCBI programme at the following link ➲

Joint patrols to guard the border between Moldova and Romania

Moldova and Romania will create joint teams that will patrol the common border between the two states. A protocol on the matter was signed in Bucharest on 22 November. The document provides for the joint patrolling an area of 10 km from the border line inside the territory of Moldova and Romania. By way of exception, territorial applicability may extend beyond the operating area, due to the configuration of land and road infrastructure.

For further information, please follow this link ➲

Online registration of biometric passports launched in Ukraine

The State Migration Service of Ukraine has launched a new e-service through which citizens can submit their personal data online for processing biometric documents. The electronic service is available on the website of the State Migration Service of Ukraine (dmsu.gov.ua) as well as on the governmental portal (kmu.gov.ua) in the section "Electronic Services".

Learn the main features of the new online service here ➲

Ukraine, Germany sign agreement on social security

The Ambassador of Germany to Ukraine and the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine have signed the German-Ukrainian agreement on social security. The agreement coordinates social protection, in particular, in the field of state pension insurance and accident at work insurance. The document also contains clauses on avoidance of double insurance in both countries.

Read the key provisions of the agreement at the following link ➡

IOM launches an online course to foster countering human trafficking in Ukraine

On 20 November, a new e-course on countering human trafficking for Ukrainian government officials and NGO practitioners was presented. The course was developed by IOM, the UN Migration Agency, jointly with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and funded by USAID and Global Affairs Canada.

You may learn the content of the online-course at the following link ➡

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