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EU SPOTLIGHT

23/01/19



European Commission reports on the risks of investor citizenship schemes in the EU

For the first time, the European Commission released a comprehensive report on investor citizenship and residence schemes operated by several EU Member States.

The report maps the existing practices and identifies certain risks such schemes imply for the EU, in particular, as regards security, money laundering, tax evasion, and corruption. A lack of transparency and cooperation among Member States further exacerbate these risks, the report finds.

Please find the full report at the following [link](#) 👉



WHO released new Report on refugees and migrants' health in Europe

Migrants and refugees are likely to have good general health, but they can be at risk of falling sick in transition or while staying in receiving countries due to poor living conditions or adjustments in their lifestyle. This is the main conclusion of the first "Report on the Health of Refugees and Migrants in the European Region", presented by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Please read the full Report at the following [link](#) →

EaP COUNTRY NEWS

 BELARUS | 03/01/19



Belarus introduces free e-registration for foreigners

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus and the National E-service Centre have launched the electronic system to register foreign visitors. From now on, persons intending to stay in Belarus for more than five days do not need to register at the Department of Citizenship and Migration. Since 2 January 2018, the registration option has been available on portal.gov.by for free. At the same time, the foreigners who enter Belarus from the Russian Federation are obliged to visit the department in person.

For further information, please follow this [link](#) →

 GEORGIA | 21/01/19



Over one thousand citizens of Georgia sought asylum in Sweden in 2018

According to the Swedish Migration Board, last year, 1,260 Georgian citizens claimed for asylum in Sweden. The Swedish authorities satisfied the claims of only five citizens of Georgia. This is less than 0.4 per cent of the total number of Georgian applications.

For further information, please follow this [link](#) →

 GEORGIA | 04/01/19



Nearly nine million foreigners visited Georgia in 2018

In 2018, over 8.6 million people visited Georgia, which is 9.8 per cent more than in 2017. The figures were presented at a joint press conference of the Prime Minister of Georgia and the head of the Ministry of Economy.

The number of tourists international visitors, who spent a day and more in Georgia, in 2018 amounted to more than 4 million 756 thousand people, which is 16.9 per cent more than last year.

Are you interested to know how much money tourism has brought to Georgia's economy? The answer is [here](#) →



New border crossing point at Moldova-Ukraine border launched into operation

Jointly operated by the border and customs services of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, Palanca border crossing point was launched into operation.

With EUR 4.5 million o invested by the EU and EUR 1.68 million by the Government of the Republic of Moldova, the crossing point was built from scratch in the framework of a project implemented by the United Nations Development Programme. The facility is located on a 2.6-hectare site and includes a modern three-storey administrative building, with over 30 offices for the employees of the Border Police and Customs Service of both countries and specially designed premises for the control of goods, cars, and lorries.

More information on the new BCP is available at the following [link](#) →



Two million Ukrainians make use of EU visa-free travel since June 2017

Two million citizens of Ukraine have already made use of the visa-free travel to the European Union since it was launched in June 2017.

According to the President of Ukraine, now Ukrainian citizens can travel to over 100 countries without visas.

Read the details at the following [link](#) →

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