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MOBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

IOM participated in the “European Village 2016” to showcase EU-funded projects

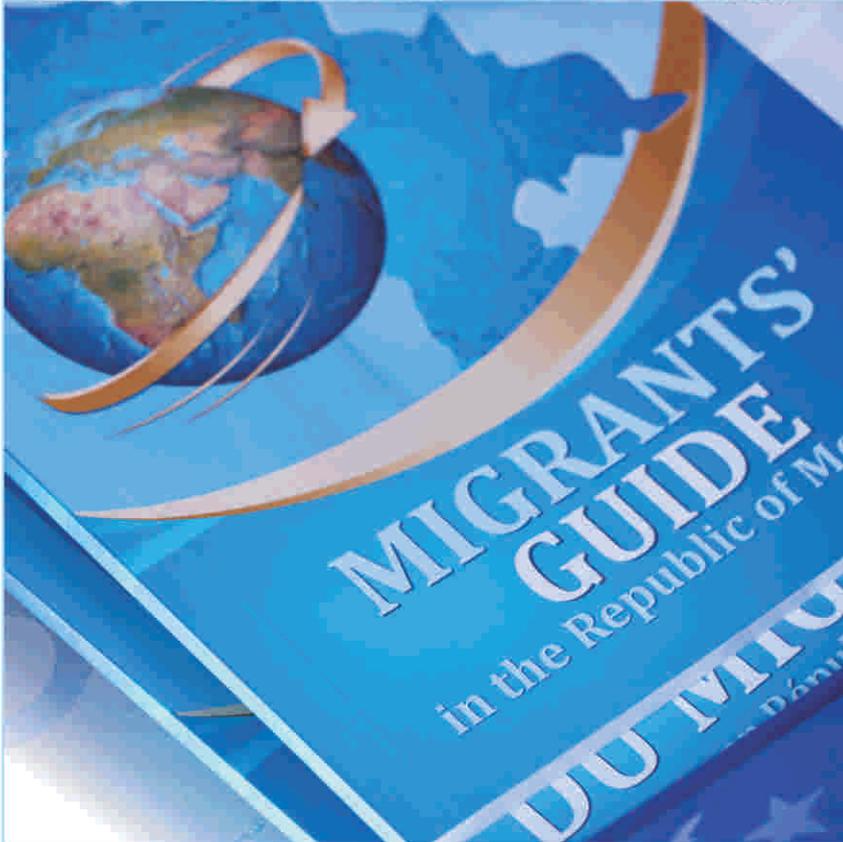
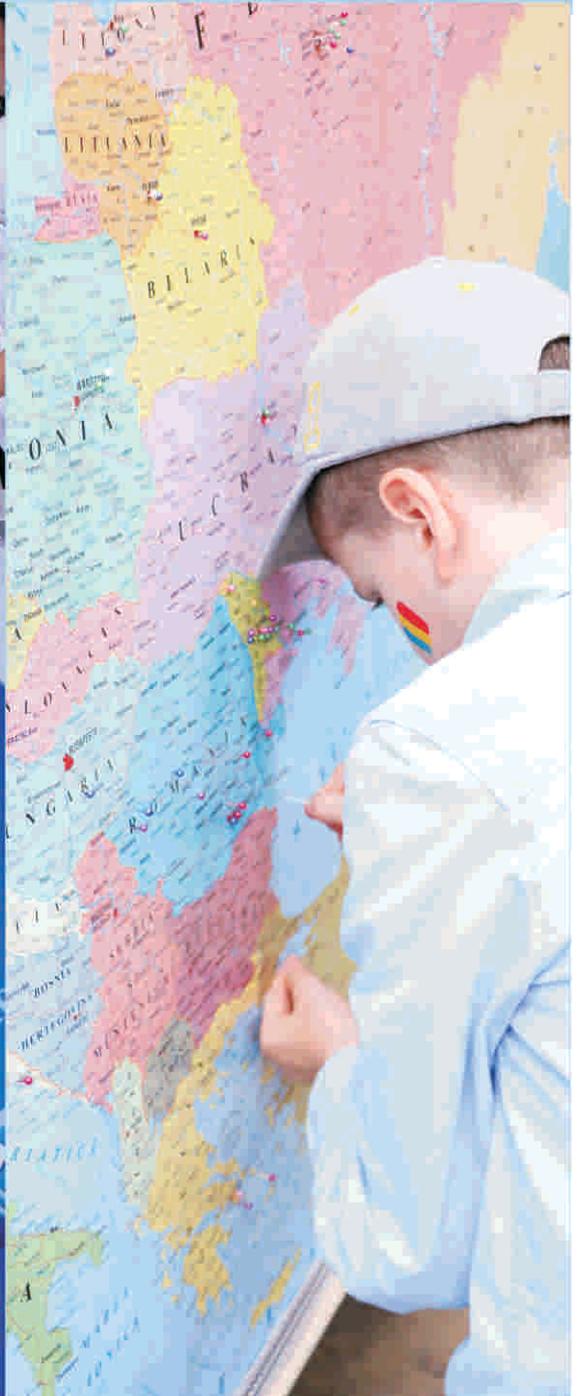
On 14 May, 2016 IOM presented its EU-funded projects at the annual event “European Village”, which took place in the Stefan cel Mare Park of Chisinau. This year, the IOM tent focused on promoting the project “SIMP II”, as it is the only current IOM project exclusively funded by the European Union.

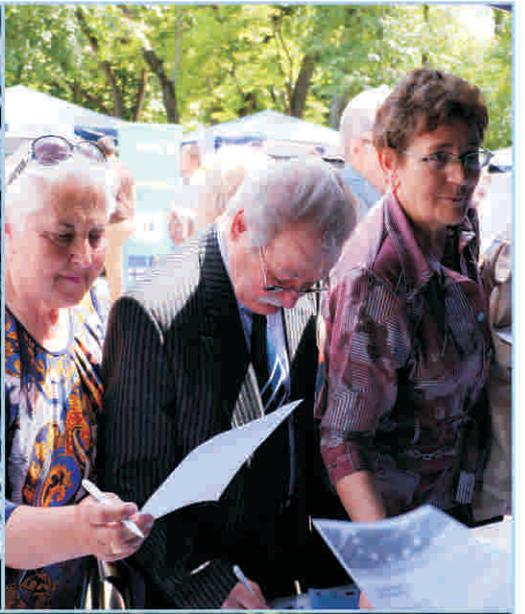
Apart from disseminating leaflets, brochures, and other visibility materials (stickers, flags, pens etc.), IOM also organized activities for the visitors at the tent. The visitors particularly appreciated the real-time “Diaspora mapping” exercise, in which

everyone was invited to, with the help of pins, mark on a map of Europe where their Moldovan friends and family have migrated. The result was a map filled with colourful pins, showing the multitude of destinations of Moldovans residing all over Europe.

Many visitors also took part in a quiz about migration that was based on the findings of the “Extended Migration Profile”, which is developed within the framework of SIMP II. IOM was very happy to see the enthusiasm of participants and their will to learn more about the migration phenomenon. Prizes were awarded to those who got most of the answers right and IOM was awarded many smiles in return!









UNDERSTANDING DIASPORA

Comprehensive Moldovan Diaspora Mapping ongoing

In March 2016, IOM launched the Comprehensive Moldovan Diaspora Mapping to be carried out in Russian Federation, Italy, Germany, Portugal and Israel. Since then the IOM experts have travelled to two out of five of the mentioned states and conducted the planned field research.

While it is too early to interpret and publish any of the data collected, it is important to note the ongoing progress of the research: 200 questionnaires, 4 focus groups and 14 in-depth interviews were conducted in Saint Petersburg and Moscow, Russia; 2 focus groups and 13 in-depth interviews in Padova and Rome, Italy.

During the focus groups, Mr. Mosneaga and Mrs. Ostavnaia, IOM experts asked whether the diaspora is aware of how spread Moldovan migrants are, how well they integrate in the

countries of destination, who helps them upon their arrival and what is their experience in addressing the local public administration.

The in-depth interviews were conducted with diaspora association leaders and Moldovan businessmen residing abroad. The experts were curious to find out how diaspora associations are formed, who are their members and leaders, what are their activity plans, what are their objectives, etc. The experts were also curious to know what are the reasons for Moldovan businessmen to build a business abroad, how big the companies are, what are the differences between doing business in Moldova and abroad, and what is their collaboration with diaspora organization like, if they have one.

In July 2016, IOM experts Mr. Mosneaga and Mrs. Ostavnaia will visit Portugal, Germany and Israel and later in the autumn of 2016, they will process and interpret the data. Read more about it in the next issue of the SIMP Newsletter.







MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS

Continuing training in entrepreneurship

During 7-9 April, 2016 in Dubasari, IOM organized a new three-day training for public and private business service providers that support and consult self-starting entrepreneurs in the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) sector.

IOM believes that the capacity building efforts offered within the project will enhance the abilities of the business service providers in consulting returned migrants who wish to set up a business, and thereby will contribute to local development, poverty reduction and prevention of irregular migration.

37 participants attended the training from the Chambers of Commerce, ODIMM, NGOs promoting women entrepreneurs and other business service providers from both banks of the Nistru River. The agenda was very rich and interactive and it was built upon the existing knowledge from the previous two trainings organized by IOM.

Although this training was envisaged as the last one within the framework of the "SIMP II" project, all the participants emphasized that they would have liked the trainings to continue. In autumn 2016, IOM and ODIMM plan to organize the PARE 1+1 conference in the Transnistria Region, which will hopefully, further develop the participants' skills.





UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION

Extended Migration Profile: representatives of public institutions meet to discuss the country's updated Data Assessment Report

IOM continues to provide assistance to the Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova for the development of the country's regular Extended Migration Profiles (EMP). To this end, IOM supported the institution in organizing the meeting of the large format Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of the EMP.

The event was held on 22 April 2016, in Vadul-lui-Voda for 22 participants, including representatives of the Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Border Police, Center for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Communications and Informational Technology, National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Economy, etc. During the meeting the representatives of the TWG member institutions were reminded of the objectives and functions of the EMP, as well as the challenges and gaps of the data collection and analysis process that entail the need to revise and update the EMP standardized indicators. The participants were also informed about the planned activities for the execution of the EMP during 2016.

The members of the TWG had the opportunity to discuss and provide their comments on the Data Assessment Report's recommendations, including on the feasibility, availability and relevance of the EMP indicators, for which they are designated as data providers.



Following the meeting of the TWG, the member institutions will provide feedback on the final version of the Data Assessment Report, including on the revised list of standardized indicators for the EMP of the Republic of Moldova that is to be proposed by

the IOM consultants. The updated list will subsequently be validated during the next meeting of the TWG that is planned to take place in the autumn, and will be used for the development of the EMP Profiles from the year 2017 onwards.





UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION

Extended Migration Profile: left bank stakeholders study migration statistics

On 5 May 2016, another large format meeting on the development of the Extended Migration Profile (EMP) was held in Tiraspol, under the project. For the first time, the event brought together, 32 stakeholders from the Transnistria Region dealing with migration data collection and analysis, civil society representatives, experts and academia from both banks of the Nistru River, as well as an international expert on migration statistics.

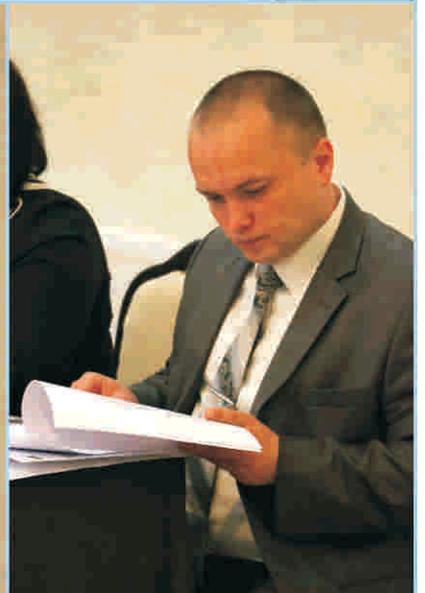
The day started with discussions on the available migration data and data providers in the Transnistria Region. The participants reviewed a number of jointly produced papers. Among these were the Data Assessment Report, which analyses the migration data sources and data collection processes in the Transnistria Region; a glossary of migration related terms used in legislation/academia on both banks of the Nistru River, comparing them with the international definitions; as well as the

anthology of migration related legislative framework and analytical efforts undertaken in the region.

An orientation seminar for the stakeholders from the Transnistria Region, conducted by the international expert, Mrs. Olga Choudinovskikh followed. The participants were introduced to the basic concepts and principles of migration statistics, potential migration data sources, modalities of measuring various migration related categories and phenomena, including the emigration flows and diaspora etc.; all in line with international standards.

IOM is planning to organize at least three similar large format meetings to ensure the wide participation of the both banks' academics, experts and stakeholders in undertaking EMP preparatory work, including the development of a road map of actions on improving the region's migration data system, as well as the EMP standardized indicators and template. The combined efforts will ultimately lead to piloting a migration profile for the Transnistria Region.







UNDERSTANDING REINTEGRATION

Networking event in Tiraspol for returned migrants and overseas graduates

On 11 June, 2016 IOM and its implementing partners from the left bank of the Nistru River "Jenskie Inityativy" organized in Tiraspol the first networking event for returned migrants and overseas graduates that originally come from the Transnistria Region of the Republic of Moldova.

The event gathered about 20 beneficiaries, a few potential beneficiaries, representatives of partner organizations (NGO "Vzaimodeistvie") and guests who came to share information with the beneficiaries of the return and reintegration programme. Mrs. Batushkina, representative of the

International Center for Promoting Women Entrepreneurs encouraged the returned migrants to use the available training opportunities and set up a small enterprise on the left bank of Nistru River.

The beneficiaries of the support programme also shared their experiences, and some of the struggles that they encounter in the process of reintegration. The struggles primarily have to do with the poor diversity of job opportunities in the region. Nonetheless, they expressed their gratitude for partaking in this programme and many of them recognized that the financial support offered by the programme is often as much as one family member on average makes per month, thus increasing the family's income by 1/3.





BROWSE FOR MORE!

Launch of the new “Business Portal” scheduled for autumn 2016

During the last couple of months an IT Company, commissioned by IOM and the Organization for Small and Medium Enterprise Sector Development (ODIMM), has worked on upgrading the web-based portal www.businessportal.md.

When the upgraded version is launched during autumn 2016, it will serve the needs of both male and female entrepreneurs from both banks of the River Nistru, as well as those of returning migrant workers and youth.

It is envisaged that the new “Business Portal” will become a key web platform for those who would like to develop their own businesses in Moldova. Entrepreneurs will easily be able to access information on the existing local institutions supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as establish links with institutions from other rayons.

Business representatives will also be provided with answers to questions posted on the website, alternatively be referred to the relevant institution which can offer answers to their questions. A sneak-peek of how the new website might look can be found below!



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Start a Business

Starting a business can be challenging. Being prepared with all the information you need will help you take the first steps.



Manage your business

Your business is growing, which means you need to manage it effectively. Use our local resources to help you succeed.



Grow Your Business

Business is good, but it's time to expand. Discover the local resources you need to grow your business and thrive!

UPCOMING EVENTS

I ▶ Enhancing the capacity of the national and local Small and Medium Enterprises support structures to comprehensively cater the needs of returning migrant workers entrepreneurs

1. Launch of the businessportal.md website to include also the relevant service providers based in the Transnistria Region and serve the needs of the entrepreneurs from that area and of returning migrant workers, youth and women entrepreneurs.

II ▶ Promoting the expansion of the PARE 1+1 Program to the Transnistria Region

1. Meeting and coordinating with Ministry of Economy and Organization for Small and Medium Enterprises the plans and the methodology of this activity;
2. Establishing the partnership and cooperation with Ministry of Economy and Organization for Small and Medium Enterprises, and their counterparts from the Transnistria Region;
3. Planning the conference for promoting the PARE program in the Transnistria Region.

III ▶ Ongoing Support Programs

1. Additional Re-launch of the Support Programs for returning migrants and young overseas graduates from Moldova;

2. Organizing the Networking Event for Returning Migrants Beneficiaries;

3. Publishing and disseminating of "Successful stories" brochures.

IV ▶ Enhancing Moldova's Channels of Communication with the diaspora

1. Undertaking a comparative analysis and content upgrading of several websites related to migration for the benefit of Moldovans residing abroad and those who wish to return or go abroad, including those originating from Transnistria Region.

V ▶ Work on Migration Data

1. Diaspora mapping in Portugal, Germany and Israel.
2. Steering Committee to present the progress made with the implementation of the planned activities of the project, along with the introduction of the upcoming actions to be taken.
3. Large Format Joint Research and Data Coordination Group Meeting on the development of the EMP to present and discuss the standardized indicators and EMP template for the left bank of the Nistru River;
4. Launching the call for papers for the 2nd edition of the Migration Youth Research Paper Contest.



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