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## Panel Meeting on Integrated Border Management to be held in Odessa

The EaP Panel on Migration, Mobility and IBM meeting on Integrated Border Management will take place on 27-28 September in Odesa, Ukraine.

The meeting will focus on the contribution of the Panel to implementation of the relevant EaP 20 Deliverables for 2020, to consider cooperation between the EU and Partner Countries as regards the European Border Surveillance systems (EUROSUR), as well as cooperation in the field of customs, notably, through the Customs Eastern and South-Eastern Land Border Expert Team (CELBET) initiative. Furthermore, it is planned to organize the exchange of best practices based on Ukrainian experience in inter-service cooperation on border security and smart border approaches. Also, different modalities of continued EU support to the EaP countries in the area of Integrated Border Management will be discussed.

For more information, please follow the [link](#) →

## EU SPOTLIGHT

01/08/18



### European Commission to improve reception conditions for migrants in Greece

The European Commission has awarded an additional 37.5 million euro in emergency assistance under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) to improve reception conditions for migrants in Greece. The funding decision comes on top of more than 1.6 billion euro of funding support awarded by the Commission since 2015 to address migration challenges in Greece.

**Eager to learn the main targets of this emergency assistance?**

Please follow the [link](#) →

03/08/18



### EU to support education and health of Syrian refugees

On 28 July, the European Commission adopted the Special Measure worth over 1.4 billion euro in support of refugees who fled from the war in Syria and to assist their host communities. With this accelerated implementation under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, the Commission is delivering on the commitment from the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March and since then has already mobilized 2.155 billion euro out of foreseen 3 billion euro for this and next year.

**The Special Measure provides for three strands of funding to address urgent needs of refugees and host communities in Turkey. Which ones? The answer is [here](#) →**



ARMENIA | 17/08/18

## Monitoring Report on the Armenia-EU agreement released

The Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation (ACGRC) with financial support from Open Society Foundations-Armenia (OSF-Armenia) published the fourth monitoring report on the agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas.

The report focuses on the implementation of the aforementioned agreement as well as the Armenia-EU agreement on the readmission of persons residing without authorization.

Interested in learning the details? Access full report by the [link](#) ➔



AZERBAIJAN | 07/08/18



## Azerbaijan introduces new tariffs for customs registration of goods and vehicles

New tariffs for customs registration of goods and vehicles imported into Azerbaijan to come into force on 5 September 2018.

Changes should affect customs duties on goods and vehicles under the customs procedure (with the exception of transit customs procedure), including goods imported by individuals not for production or commercial purposes, for which a debt has formed and for storage of which aircraft reserves are used, and crew members and service personnel are involved.

Read the details on the tariff rates [here](#) ➔



BELARUS | 06/08/18



## Remittances to Belarus from abroad decreased by 20%

Remittances to Belarus via international payment systems accounted for more than 82.8 million dollars in the equivalent in the second quarter of 2018.

This is 18.2% less than in the second quarter of last year when the total amount of transfers amounted to 101.2 million dollars. At the same time, transfers from Belarus increased by 11.7% from 40.3 to 45 million dollars.

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



## 57 citizens of Georgia deported from Germany

57 Georgian nationals were expelled from Germany due to violation of the visa liberalization rules which allow Georgians to stay in the Schengen Zone for 90 days in a 180-day period. They were deported to Georgia by a special flight on 1 August.

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



## The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Moldova approves Diaspora Programme

On 1 August the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Moldova has approved the Diaspora Programme "DAR 1+3" for 2019-2025, which aims to mobilize the human and financial potential of the Diaspora for local socio-economic development.

The Programme beneficiaries will receive non-refundable funding for local development projects. The project financing will be based on "1+3" partnership; the contribution of the Diaspora will be supplemented by the Government jointly with local public authorities, development partners/donors.

To find out the main objectives and technicalities of the Programme, please follow [this link](#) ➔



## National Statistics Bureau of the Republic of Moldova presented statistics on Moldovans abroad

About 32.7 per cent of the 283 thousand citizens of Moldova declared as those who reside abroad by family members were aged 20-29 years, and another 27.2 per cent – aged 30-39 years, according to the Population and Housing Census conducted in 2014, released by the National Statistics Bureau of the Republic of Moldova. The estimated number of Moldovan citizens living abroad, according to the diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Moldova, amounts to over 800 thousand.

More detailed stats are available [here](#) ➔



## New train route to connect Kyiv, Minsk, Vilnius, and Riga

A new international train route is to take travellers through Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, and Latvia. Ukrainian Railways is also reportedly in talks with its Estonian counterpart over the possible extension of the route to Tallinn.

You can find the train schedule [here](#) ➔



## The Government of Ukraine approves plan for implementing migration policy strategy

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved and published an action plan for implementing the Strategy of the State Migration Policy of Ukraine for the period up to 2025. The relevant resolution has been posted on the government's portal.

Learn which two stages are planned for implementation at the following [link](#) →

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