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## The first revised draft of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration has been released

The 'Draft Rev 1' text reflects deliberations from the first and second rounds of intergovernmental negotiations, including on implementation and capacity building, follow-up and review procedures. It also explains the difference between irregular and regular migration, migrants and refugees.

If you are willing to read brief review of the revised compact, it can be found [here](#) ➔

## EU SPOTLIGHT

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## European Council confirms agreement with European Parliament on a new travel information and authorization system

The EU ambassadors confirmed an agreement reached between the Council Presidency and the European Parliament on the proposal for a European travel information and authorization system (ETIAS).

ETIAS will allow for advance checks and, if necessary, deny travel authorization to visa-exempt third-country nationals travelling to the Schengen area. It will help to improve internal security, prevent irregular immigration, protect public health and reduce delays at the borders by identifying persons who may pose a risk in one of these areas before they arrive at the external borders.

Details on how the new travel information and authorization system will work are available at the following [link](#) ➔

18/04/18



## Integration of migrants: European Commission and OECD publish checklist to support local, regional and national authorities

The European Commission and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) published a report that identifies the main challenges to the integration of migrants and sets out concrete policy recommendations.

Gathering best practice examples from large European cities including Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Paris, and Rome, the report highlights 12 key points for local, regional and national policy-makers and practitioners to consider in the course of developing and implementing local integration programmes.

Eager to learn 12 key points formulated in the checklist? Please find the full report at the following [link](#) ➔

13/04/18



## European Commission published immigrant integration survey findings

The European Commission published the results of the special Eurobarometer survey 469 on integration of immigrants in the European Union.

This survey was carried in the 28 Member States of the European Union in October 2017. Some 28,080 residents of the EU, including both EU and non-EU citizens from different social and demographic categories, were interviewed.

Interested to know the main results of the survey? Please follow [this link](#) →

### EaP COUNTRY NEWS

 ARMENIA | 12/04/18



## Armenia-EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement ratified unanimously

On 11 April, the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia ratified the Armenia-EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by a unanimous vote, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia informed.

The Agreement contains specific provisions regulating the EU-Armenian cooperation in the fields of migration, asylum and border management, including movement of persons and readmission.

Implementation of the agreement will bring a number of benefits to the Republic of Armenia. Anxious to learn which ones? If so, please follow [this link](#) →

 AZERBAIJAN | 23/04/18



## State Migration Service of Azerbaijan gets new chair

On 23 April 2018, Vusal Huseynov became the new Chair of the State Migration Service of Azerbaijan. He was appointed to this post under the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev's decree. Mr. Huseynov is a member of the Azerbaijani Parliament of the fifth convocation.

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

 BELARUS | 11/04/18



## EU supports Belarus with EUR 7.5 million for the modernization of two border checkpoints

According to representatives of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus, the EU is going to invest EUR 7.5 million in the modernization of the Belarusian border checkpoints "Berestovitsa" and "Urbany".

In the "Berestovitsa", an X-ray scanning transport control system to be installed by 2020, within the framework of the "Poland-Belarus-Ukraine" cross-border cooperation programme.

Curious to know what else will be modernized? Find the answer [here](#) →



## Georgia presents an interdisciplinary Textbook on Migration

The publication was produced in the framework of the EU-funded "ENIGMMA" project and as a result of productive cooperation between the Secretariat for the State Commission on Migration Issues and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development. It aims to introduce readers to a fascinating world of migration, explaining the impact migration has on all the aspects of life.

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



## IOM launches mother-tongue materials for Moldovan diaspora children

IOM Moldova released a set of educational materials to ensure children from Moldovan diaspora can learn Romanian while living with their parents abroad. A textbook, a guide for teachers and a curriculum have been developed and are currently being distributed among Moldovan diaspora groups.

The textbook and guides were elaborated jointly with the Ministry of Education, Research and Culture of the Republic of Moldova, the Diaspora Relations Bureau, and linguistic experts from the National Association of European Trainers.

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



## Moldova-Ukraine border: new crossing point to be launched with EU support by the end of 2018

The Palanca State Border Crossing Point, which is jointly administrated by the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, is being built with support provided by the EU. It is expected that the new facility will be launched by the end of 2018.

The crossing point is located on the south-eastern border of the Republic of Moldova, 150 km from Chisinau. The opening of joint border crossing points falls within the scope of the Association Agreement signed by the Republic of Moldova and the EU.

To find out the main characteristics of the new border crossing point, please follow [the link](#) ➔



## Experts from Moldovan Diaspora present public policy proposals

The Diaspora Relations Office of the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration, organized the final conference of the Diaspora Excellence Groups programme.

Policy proposals drafted by experts of the Diaspora excellence groups (GED) within sectors of the economy, medicine, justice, environment and Diaspora relations were presented during the event.

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

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 UKRAINE | 18/04/18



## Ukraine nearly doubles quota on immigration

The Government of Ukraine has determined the maximum possible number of immigrants for 2018 at the level of 4,388 people.

The corresponding instruction, elaborated by the State Migration Service of Ukraine, was approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on April 18. Last year, the quota was 2,223 people.

Curious to know which categories fall within the quota? Find the answer [here](#) ➔

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 UKRAINE | 10/04/18

## Eurostat: Ukrainians are among the largest groups of foreigners granted citizenship of the EU Member States in 2016

According to the news release issued by Eurostat on 9 April, in 2016, around 995,000 persons acquired citizenship of a Member State of the European Union (EU), an increase from 841,000 in 2015 and 889,000 in 2014. Of the total number of persons obtaining the citizenship of one of the EU Member States in 2016, 12% were former citizens of another EU Member State, while the majority were non-EU citizens or stateless.

Moroccans, Albanians, Indians, Pakistanis, Turks, Romanians, and Ukrainians represented together about a third (33%) of the total number of persons who acquired citizenship of an EU Member State in 2016.

More detailed stats are available by [this link](#) ➔

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 UKRAINE | 04/04/18

## Ukraine to start issuing e-Visas

Consular Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (MFA) launched the online registration for foreigners willing to obtain electronic visas (e-Visas) for entry into Ukraine for business or tourism purposes (<http://evisa.mfa.gov.ua>). E-Visa is a completely new project for Ukraine, which is being implemented in the country for the first time in order to modernize existing procedures in the visa sphere.

The MFA has developed the most simplified process of obtaining an e-Visa, which, at the same time, allows for effective migration control.

E-visas are available for citizens of several states. Learn what countries are on the list by following this [link](#) ➔

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