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Panel meeting on integrated border management took place in Odesa

On 27-28 September 2018, the meeting on integrated border management was held in Odesa. The event was hosted by Ukraine (the State Border Guard Service) with the support of the European Commission (DG HOME), European External Action Service and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission in Ukraine, under the framework of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management.

The importance of cooperation at intra-agency, interagency and international level for efficient Integrated Border Management became the cornerstone of the meeting.

For more information and meeting materials please follow the [link](#) →

EU SPOTLIGHT

12/09/18



President Juncker presents Commission initiatives on migration and border control

In the State of the Union Address 2018, President Jean-Claude Juncker presented three new and ambitious proposals to ensure full EU solidarity on migration and better protection of Europe's external borders. The proposals set a new level of ambition for the European Border and Coast Guard and the EU's Agency for Asylum, reinforcing both to ensure that Member States can rely on full EU operational support at all times. The Commission also proposed to improve the effectiveness of return procedures, through updating existing EU rules on return, and setting out the next steps on legal migration.

You may learn more details on the proposals at the following [link](#) →

EaP COUNTRY NEWS

 ARMENIA | 20/09/18



Russia remains the preferred destination for Armenian migrants

According to a new study conducted by the Ministry of Territorial Development and Administration of Armenia, more than 95 per cent of seasonal and 75 per cent of long-term migrants work in the Russian Federation. Annually, more than 200,000 Armenians go to Russia for seasonal employment.

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



AZERBAIJAN | 12/09/18



Population of Azerbaijan increases

According to the State Committee of Statistics of Azerbaijan, the country's population has increased by 45 141 people or by 0.5 per cent since the beginning of the year and reached 9,943,226 people as of 1 August 2018.

Population growth in Azerbaijan is ensured mainly by the excess of the number of births over the number of deaths. The impact of external migration on the change in the population size in Azerbaijan is insignificant.

Read the details on the migration balance in Azerbaijan [here](#) ➔



GEORGIA 12/09/18



65 Georgian citizens deported from Germany

Sixty-five Georgian citizens have been deported from Germany. According to German media, the Georgian citizens were seeking asylum in Saxony, a landlocked federal state of Germany, but their applications had been rejected. This is the first case when Georgian citizens were deported by a charter flight.

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MOLDOVA | 06/09/18



Agreement on recognition of Interpol travel document to enters into force in Moldova

The law on the ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Moldova and the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) on the recognition of the Interpol travel document and the decree by the Moldovan President on its promulgation were officially published. The agreement should facilitate the travel of Moldova's competent authorities to Interpol Member States, for the purpose of police cooperation and to fulfilling their official tasks. Under the agreement, the holders of the travel document will benefit from a special status of visas.

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



UKRAINE | 03/09/18



Over a million Ukrainians benefited from visa-free regime with EU countries

Since the introduction of the visa-free regime, 1 million 290 thousand Ukrainians have already visited the EU member states.

During the summer period of this year, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine registered at the checkpoints over 760,000 Ukrainians travelling to the EU countries with biometric passports without a visa.

 **UKRAINE** | 10/09/18



Ukraine ranked 24th in the Global Passport Power Rank 2018

Ukraine has moved up to the 24th place in the Global Passport Power Rank 2018, which ranks passports of the world by their total visa-free score. According to the ranking, the Ukrainian passport guarantees visa-free travel to 90 countries. Ukrainian citizens may also receive a visa upon arrival in another 41 countries, while a visa is required in advance to enter 67 states.

Learn which country has the most powerful passport at the [link](#) →

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Support team to the EaP Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management released two brief overviews to offer you a glimpse report.

You are welcome

- [to learn how to further build an effective evidence base on migrant smuggling based on seven clear suggestions, presented by IOM.](#)
- [to explore the situation in Southern Europe, a unique subregion for research on migrant smuggling.](#)

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