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European Commission reports on implementation of the European Agenda on Migration

The European Commission reported on the progress made over the past four years and set out the measures still required to address immediate and future migration challenges. The report notes that for three consecutive years, arrivals figures have been steadily falling, and current levels are a mere 10 per cent of what they were at their peak in 2015. In 2018, around 150,000 irregular crossings were detected across EU external borders.

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

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IOM presents statistics on migrant arrivals to Europe by sea in 2019

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency, reports that 8,956 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 27 February, a 12 per cent decrease from the 10,243 arriving during the same period last year. Through almost seven weeks of the current year 224 individuals died on the three main Mediterranean Sea routes– 50 per cent less than 439 deaths registered during the same period in 2018.

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EaP COUNTRY NEWS

**AZERBAIJAN** | 16/03/19

Azerbaijan ranks seventh in Europe for tourism development

According to the World Tourism Organization, Azerbaijan ranks seventh among European countries for the development of tourism.

In the global rating of competitiveness in tourism, Azerbaijan occupies the 39th place among 148 countries.

Last year, 2,849,600 tourists from 196 countries arrived in Azerbaijan, a 5.7 per cent increase compared to 2017, according to the State Statistics Committee of the country.

Find more statistics on tourism development in Azerbaijan [here](#) ➔

**BELARUS** | 01/03/19

Belarus, Ukraine sign plans on border maintenance

On 1 March, deputy heads of the border authorities of Belarus and Ukraine met in Brest Oblast to sign plans on border maintenance. The delegations signed a plan on engineer and technical maintenance of Belarus-Ukraine state border and a plan on the joint special border operation Polesye 2019. The parties also signed a document on cooperation during the border demarcation works.

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Georgian and Ukrainian citizens may use ID cards to visit both countries

Citizens of Georgia and Ukraine may freely visit both countries, using new internal biometric passports. An updated agreement between the governments of Ukraine and Georgia on the mutual abolition of visa requirements entered into force on 1 March 2019. In addition to the existing visa-free travel, mutual trips of citizens of both countries are now possible with the use of contactless national ID cards.

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



Over 4,000 residence permits requested in Moldova in 2018

According to the Migration and Asylum Bureau of Moldova, in 2018, over 4,000 residence permits were requested, which is 13 per cent more against 2017. Most often, foreign citizens come to Moldova for employment, study, starting a business or reuniting with their families.

Eager to know who requested permits to stay in Moldova most often? The answer is [here](#) ➔



Ukraine validates its Migration Governance Indicators

Ukraine made an additional important step forward to the best international practices in migration management with the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) Country Profile validated at an IOM-organized meeting in Kyiv on 13 March. The MGI Country Profile provides Ukraine with insights on policy levers that the country can use to further enhance and strengthen its migration governance.

More information on MGI is available at the [link](#) ➔

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