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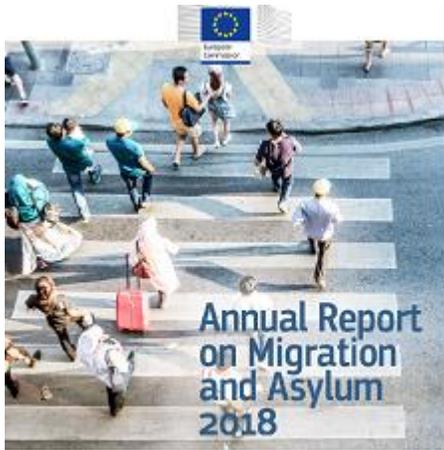
On 13-14 June the Panel Meeting on Integrated Border Management was held in Minsk. The event was hosted by Belarus (State Border Committee of Belarus) with the support of the European External Action Service, DG HOME and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission in Ukraine under the framework of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management.

The Panel Meeting provided an occasion to discuss recent developments in the European IBM; approaches to IBM strategies both at the EU level, including Technical and Operational European IBM strategy recently developed by Frontex, and the country level (in the EU Member States and Partner countries); integrated approach to "green" border surveillance; as well as continuous EU support to cross-border cooperation in the EaP region.

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

EU SPOTLIGHT

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Report on migration and asylum trends across EU released

The European Migration Network presented its Annual Report on Migration and Asylum. The report provides an overview of the most significant EU and national policies as well as legislative developments in the fields of migration and international protection that were developed in 2018.

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

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EU allocates additional EUR 25 mln to Armenia

The second EU–Armenia Partnership Council took place in Brussels on 13 June. The Council recalled that the EU had earmarked over EUR 160 mln for Armenia for the period 2017–2020. In recognition of Armenia's determination to pursue a reform agenda and to implement the CEPA effectively, the EU will allocate an additional EUR 25 mln in the context of its 2019 Annual Action Plan of assistance for Armenia.

Find out other statements of the Council [here](#) ➔



Azerbaijan, UNDP sign agreement on Red Bridge border checkpoint

On 11 June, an agreement on the extension of the project “Technical support for the development of Red Bridge customs checkpoint on the Azerbaijani-Georgian border” was signed. The project with budget of USD 3 mln supports the governments of Azerbaijan and Georgia in securing their borders and facilitating the legal passing of people and goods across the Red Bridge border crossing point. It also provides trainings on sanitary and phytosanitary controls and helps developing the necessary infrastructure and equipment for control on both sides of the border.

More information on Azerbaijan-Georgia border you may find at the [link](#) ➔



Nearly 900 people applied for refugee status in Belarus in 2018

In 2018 alone, a total of 895 people applied for protection in Belarus. The majority of them are nationals of Ukraine, Afghanistan and Syria. This is some 150 people more in comparison with the number in 2017.

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



Georgia receives nearly USD 146 mln of remittances in May 2019

Georgia received USD 145.8 mln from abroad in May 2019, which is 11.8% over the amount in May 2018, says the National Bank of Georgia.

93.9% of the total money transfers from abroad came from 18 largest donor countries, with the volume of transfers from these countries each exceeding USD 1 mln in May 2019.

Eager to know top sender of remittances to Georgia? Find it out at the following [link](#) ➔



Moldova to add a real estate option to its Citizenship Programme

Moldova's Citizenship by Investment Programme is about to launch new real estate investment option. According to the recent changes, acquisition of real estate priced at 250 thousand euros will give the right to obtain Moldovan citizenship. Off-plan investments are ineligible, and all sales agreements are subject to independent evaluation.

Find more details on the Citizenship Programme in Moldova at the following [link](#) ➔



Nearly three million Ukrainians benefited from visa-free regime with EU

Since the launch of the visa-free regime in 2017 Ukrainians have made 42.6 mln trips to the EU countries. Over nine million of Ukrainians crossed the border with biometric passports, almost three million used new biometric passports without visas taking advantage of the visa-free regime.

Learn more details [here](#) ➔

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