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GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

19/07/19



IOM released the 2018 Return and Reintegration Key Highlights

On 19 July, IOM released the 2018 Return and Reintegration Key Highlights, which provides trends and figures – as well as key initiatives – on the number of migrants assisted to return, voluntarily, to their countries of origin, as well as efforts IOM has made to assist and reintegrate these returnees into their communities during the past year.

In 2018, IOM assisted a total of 63,316 migrants in returning home through its Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programmes, representing a 12 per cent decrease as compared to 2017.

The 2018 Return and Reintegration Key Highlights is available in full here [➔](#)

23/07/19



IOM, European Asylum Support Office sign working arrangement

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have established a formal cooperation framework to guide the relevant areas of common work in the fields of international protection and migration management. The Working Arrangement was signed on 23 July by the EASO Executive Director, Nina Gregori, and the IOM Director General, António Vitorino, in Paris.

Learn main areas of cross-cutting cooperation at the [link](#) ➔

EaP COUNTRY NEWS

 **ARMENIA** | 24/07/19



Migration from Armenia reduces 32 times, compared to 2015

Migration from Armenia in the first half of this year has reduced 32 times, compared to the same period of 2015. Out-migration was estimated at 75,464 people in 2015, 66,629 people in 2016, 37,625 people in 2017, 6,110 people in 2018 and 2,334 people in the first half of 2019.

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

 **AZERBAIJAN** | 18/07/19



Number of foreigners arriving in Azerbaijan increased by six per cent

The number of foreigners who arrived in Azerbaijan during the first half of 2019 increased by six per cent compared to the same period last year, Chief of State Migration Service of Azerbaijan, Vusal Huseynov, said at a press conference.

Find more migration statistics [here](#) ➔

 **BELARUS** | 30/07/19



About 8,000 foreign nationals visit festival in Vitebsk without visas

About 8,000 foreign nationals attended the International Festival of Arts *Slavianski Bazaar* in Vitebsk, Belarus this year as part of the visa-free access program. The festival featured over 160 events which were attended by over 300,000 people.

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 **GEORGIA** | 05/07/19



Georgia complicates requirements for obtaining a residence permit

On 5 July, the new rules for obtaining a residence permit entered into force in Georgia. The procedures for foreigners who wish to start their own business in Georgia or buy a real estate became much more complicated. Also, a new type of permanent residence permit was introduced.

Learn new requirements in detail at the [link](#) ➔



MOLDOVA | 18/07/19



Beneficiaries of international protection in Moldova to receive around USD 60 of financial aid

The Cabinet of Ministers of Moldova approved the quantum of financial assistance provided to the beneficiaries of international protection in 2019 amounting to MDL1,046.25 (around USD 59.6). The size of financial aid provided to the beneficiaries of international protection accounts for 15 per cent of the average monthly salary.

Find more details at the [link](#) ➔



UKRAINE | 14/07/19



Less foreigners receive Ukrainian citizenship

Over the past five years, the number of persons who received Ukrainian citizenship has significantly decreased. This was reported by the Department of organizational support of the State Migration Service (SMS) of Ukraine. According to the SMS, last year 3,388 persons obtained Ukrainian citizenship by origin, compared to 3,639 in 2017 and 6,438 in 2014. Over the first five months of this year 1,199 persons received Ukrainian citizenship.

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