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## EU SPOTLIGHT

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### Nearly 17,000 migrants returned voluntarily from Greece in past three years

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported that 16,954 third-country nationals chose to return voluntarily from Greece to their country of origin over a period from June 2016 through 28 August 2019. Migrants from Pakistan (4,292) topped the list of 83 nationalities returning voluntarily with IOM assistance, followed by those from Iraq (4,187), Georgia (1,972), Algeria (1,308) and Afghanistan (1,295).

Learn more about reintegration assistance provided by IOM to some of those migrants [here](#) ➔



## Around 11,500 people deported from Germany in the first half of 2019

In the first half of this year, 11,496 people were deported from Germany, a slight drop from the same period in 2018 (12,261 cases). Migrants were mainly deported to Italy, Serbia, Georgia and France. Albanians, Serbs, Russians, Georgians and Nigerians topped the list.

Find detailed statistics at the [link](#) →

### EaP COUNTRY NEWS

 **BELARUS** | 22/08/19



## Number of tourists visiting Belarus visa-free soars

The number of tourists visiting Belarus through its visa-free system increased by 62 per cent during the first seven months of this year compared with the corresponding period of 2018. Around 174,000 tourists entered Belarus via Minsk National Airport or visa-free zones of the Brest and Grodno regions in the first seven months of this year.

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

 **GEORGIA** | 17/08/19



## Remittances to Georgia exceed USD 900 million in 2019

The volume of money transfers to Georgian commercial banks via electronic systems from January to July 2019 increased by 8.1 per cent compared to the same period in 2018 and amounted to USD 960.6 million. From January to July 2019, USD 128.2 million was transferred from Georgia abroad, which is 0.4 per cent less than in the same period of 2018.

Discover the top six countries in terms of remittances to Georgia at the [link](#) →

 **MOLDOVA** | 01/08/19



## Reintegration services for returned migrants to be set in Moldova

Several localities and territorial structures for employment will be supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Moldova and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in creating a new model of local economic development, as well as in providing high-quality services hiring and reintegrating returned migrants.

These are the results of the second stage of the UNDP project: Migration and local development. Thus, 25 out of 35 communities selected through the contest will benefit from financial support worth USD 60,000 each (50 per cent co-financing) for implementation of community economic development projects.

Find more details on the project at the following [link](#) →



## Citizens of more than 50 states obtained Ukrainian e-visa

According to the Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, during January–July 2019 citizens of 52 countries used the new mechanism of issuance of electronic visas to Ukraine.

The most active users of e-visa were citizens of China (12,125), Australia (2,368) and Saudi Arabia (1,787). Totally, over 20,000 e-visas were issued in 2019.

Find more statistics at the [link](#) 

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