EaP Panel on Mobility, Migration and IBM project completed

20 April was the official end date of the third phase of the EaP Panel on Mobility and IBM support project, implemented by IOM with funding from the European Commission and in coordination with the European External Action Service. We would like to thank you for the interest and active participation in the Panel’s activities and hope that they contributed to advancing the dialogue on migration, IBM and asylum policies between the Eastern Partners and the EU, as well as amongst the Eastern Partners, leading to strengthened migration and border management systems of Eastern Partners.

Information regarding the future format and activities of the Panel will be released soon by the European Commission.
European Commission invites Member States to prolong restriction on non-essential travel to EU

On 8 April, the European Commission invited Schengen Member States and Schengen Associated States to prolong the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU until 15 May.

The travel restriction, as well as the invitation to extend it, applies to the 'EU+ area', which includes all Schengen Member States (including Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, and Romania) and the four Schengen Associated States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland) – 30 countries in total.

Learn details at the link 📘

Armenia closes entry to foreigners through border crossing points

On 3 April, the government of the Republic of Armenia (RA) amended the Decision on Declaring a State of Emergency, according to which foreigners are prohibited from entering Armenia through the country’s border checkpoints, regardless of their place of departure. Any person who is not an RA citizen or a member of the family of an RA citizen, as well as has no right to lawfully reside in the RA is prohibited from entering the country throughout the state of emergency.

Learn more about exceptions and procedures at the link 📘

Foreigners restricted in movement within Azerbaijan

As part of the special quarantine regime in Azerbaijan, the government has decided to apply restrictions on movement in the country starting from 5 April. These restrictions will also be applied to foreigners and stateless persons. To get permission to go out, a foreigner has to send an SMS to the short number provided by the state. It is necessary to indicate corresponding index, series and ID number in the message.

Find details on the information that should be submitted at this link 📘
Belarus completes ratification of visa facilitation, readmission agreements with EU

Belarus has completed the ratification of the visa facilitation agreement and the agreement on readmission of individuals staying without an authorization with the European Union. The corresponding laws dated 9 April were officially published on the National Legal Internet Portal, which means they were signed by the Belarusian head of state.

Learn main provisions of the agreements here 🌐

Nearly seven thousand Georgian migrants returned home

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia helped 6,747 migrants to return to their homeland and provided various assistance to 8,410 Georgian citizens around the world, the press service of the ministry reports. The ministry reminds that in order to return to homeland, a citizen must submit a special electronic application on the website of the ministry or diplomatic missions.

Find more information at the following link 🌐

Moldovan citizens returned from abroad can receive unemployment benefits

To get the unemployment benefit, Moldova’s citizens who returned from abroad must receive the official status of jobless person and register at the territorial subdivision of the National Employment Agency at the place of their residence.

Find more information at the link 🌐
Ukraine tightens restrictions on border

As of 7 April, Ukraine's state border will be allowed to cross only by motor vehicles and exceptionally through 19 checkpoints. Other 115 border crossing points are temporarily closed, and at 28 border crossing points pedestrian traffic is temporarily suspended.

Find more details on the closed and open border crossing points the following link 🌐

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