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Migration experts are being given the floor

The Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management starts collecting and publishing the best expert opinions on various migration-related topics. The first two pieces kindly prepared by Dr. Olena Maľynovska and Prof. Mario Carta are already available in the “Thematic Articles” section of our website. In the framework of its communication and visibility component, Panel plans to release op-eds and analytical overviews on a regular basis. Articles will usually be tied to the topic of the Panel meetings and written by our experts.

You may access our new rubric at the following link 🌐
Belgium and IOM collaborate to reduce high costs of money transfers to developing countries

IOM, the UN Migration Agency, joins forces with Belgium on the development of MigApp: an app that provides objective information to migrants and includes a price comparison tool for international money transfers. Belgium is one of the four pilot countries where the app has been launched. Other EU pilot countries include Greece, Ireland and the Netherlands.

Eager to learn about new features of MigApp? Please follow the link 😊

EU leaders plan secure migrant centres

Secure centres for migrants may be set up in EU Member States and in the third countries to process asylum claims under a deal reached after marathon talks at a summit in Brussels. The controlled centres would be set up by EU states on a voluntary basis. There were no details on which countries might set up the secure centres or take in refugees, but French President Emmanuel Macron said they would be in countries where migrants first arrived in the EU. The deal follows weeks of diplomatic wrangling over migrant rescue ships, and which country should take them in.

What other measures were agreed by the EU leaders? Find the answer here 😊

First Partnership Council meeting between EU and Armenia takes place in Brussels

On 21 June, the EU and Armenia held the first meeting of the Partnership Council under the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which entered into force on 1 June 2018.

The Council is the highest body established under the CEPA to supervise the implementation of the agreement and to discuss issues of mutual interest. Armenia and the EU expressed their willingness to expand and deepen cooperation within the framework of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement, as well as within the Eastern Partnership and the reviewed European Neighbourhood Policy.

For further information, please follow this link 😊

New e-service for foreigners and stateless persons launched in Azerbaijan

The State Migration Service of Azerbaijan has launched a new e-service that will allow foreigners and stateless persons to check the existence of ban on their entry to and exit from Azerbaijan.

For further information, please follow this link 😊
Belarus, EU will adopt partnership priorities till the end of 2018

Belarus-EU partnership priorities are to be adopted in 2018. The document is expected to boost cooperation between Belarus and the European Union. In particular, it will help improve economic relations and send a positive signal to European investors.

For further information, please follow this link 🌐

Georgia presents new generation of Migration Profile

The State Migration Commission on Migration Issues decided to introduce the third modification of Migration Profiles. The new visualized national Migration Profile is the complementary annex of Medium/Brief Migration Profiles.

You can find out the main features of different versions of Migration Profiles of Georgia here 🌐

Moldova signs labour migration agreement with Bulgaria

On 18 June Bulgaria, Moldova signed an agreement on the regulation of labour migration. The treaty was signed for a five-year term, with a subsequent automatic extension for a three-year period.

The main provisions of the agreement are available here 🌐

Belarus, Ukraine to finalize border demarcation by 2026

The long-term state border demarcation plan for 2018-2026 has been approved at the 17th session of the Ukrainian-Belarusian demarcation commission that gathered in Lutsk (Ukraine) on 26-27 June. It was also decided to begin demarcation of the Ukrainian-Belarusian state border in the exclusion zone of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in 2019.

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