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On 13–14 June 2019, the Panel meeting on Integrated Border Management will take place in Minsk, Belarus. The general thematic focus proposed for this meeting is information exchange while the specific attention will be given to “green” border surveillance, based on the national experience of Belarus, developments in adopting and implementing respective integrated border management strategies both at the EU and country level, as well as to the EU support to cross-border cooperation in the EaP region.

For further information please follow the link.

EU SPOTLIGHT

14/05/19

Eastern Partnership celebrates 10-year anniversary

On 14 May, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker hosted a high-level conference on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Eastern Partnership. The conference brought together EU high-level officials, Heads of State or Government of the Eastern partner countries, foreign ministers of the EU Member States, civil society representatives, business leaders, young people and journalists from across the 34 countries. The conference’s participants discussed the developments of the partnership during this first decade and exchanged views on its future.

You may find the top 10 Eastern Partnership achievements at the link.

EaP COUNTRY NEWS

ARMENIA | 22/05/19

EU–Armenia Partnership Implementation Report released

On 21 May, the EU issued a report on developments in Armenia and EU–Armenia relations covering the period from June 2018 until early May 2019. The report comes ahead of the EU–Armenia Partnership Council to take place on 13 June. It finds that Armenia has stepped up its efforts to reinforce and enhance its partnership with the EU, and that Armenia has consistently acknowledged the significant role the EU can play in the smooth implementation of the country’s reform agenda. However, the reform process remains at an early stage.

Read the full report here.

AZERBAIJAN | 17/05/19

Azerbaijan to issue multiple electronic visas

The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan plans to introduce multiple-entry short-term tourist e-visas as part of a strategy to expand tourism.

According to the Head of the Azerbaijan’s E-Government Development Centre, new multiple entry visas will be issued for 180 days. During this period, a tourist will be eligible to visit the country several times. Single entry e-visas, which are currently issued, allow visitors from 94 countries to stay for a maximum of 30 days.

For further information, please follow this link.
Number of Georgian asylum seekers in Germany decreased by more than a quarter

The number of asylum seekers from Georgia in Germany has decreased by 26.5 per cent. The Federal Service for Migration and Refugees of Germany recorded 1,628 asylum applications filed by citizens of Georgia during January–April 2019. During the same period last year as many as 2,215 applications were registered.

Find the detailed statistics at the following link

European Union External Action presented factsheet on EU–Moldova relations

Over 1.5 million Moldovan citizens have benefitted from the visa free regime so far. In the previous 10 years, nearly 1,900 students and academic staff exchanges have taken place between Moldova and the EU with the support of Erasmus+. Also, over 3,600 young people and youth workers from Moldova have been involved in EU-funded joint exchanges, training and volunteering projects.

Eager to learn more about the state of EU–Moldova relations? Read the full factsheet at the link

EU Council extends EU Advisory Mission in Ukraine

On 13 May, the EU Council extended the mandate of the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine until 31 May 2021. It also approved a budget of EUR 54 million for the next two years – an increase of more than 25 per cent – which reflects the intensification of the mission’s activities, including through the establishment of a second mobile unit, which will be deployed in the East and South-East of Ukraine.

More information is available at the link

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