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The agreement on border management cooperation between Montenegro and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) was signed on 7 October. This agreement allows Frontex to assist Montenegro in border management, carry out joint operations and deploy teams in the regions of Montenegro that border the EU, subject to Montenegro’s agreement.

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Monitoring report on the Armenia-EU agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas released


The report includes a comprehensive overview of the process of obtaining short-term EU entry visas (only visas with a validity of up to 90 days), irregular migration, the readmission of persons residing without authorization, reintegration, passports, personal data, and other aspects.

Read the full Report at the following [link](#)

Over 2 mln tourists from 191 countries visited Azerbaijan

Over 2.4 million tourists from 191 countries visited Azerbaijan from January through September 2019, which is 9.5 per cent more than in the same period of 2018. The number of visitors from EU member-states increased by 24 per cent and reached 110,300 people, from the CIS countries – by 8.3 per cent and reached 880,900 people from January through September 2019.

Find out more about tourism in Azerbaijan [here](#)

Belarus to step up assistance to migrants with voluntary return to home countries

The State Border Committee of Belarus, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the International Organization for Migration Office, Mission in Belarus, signed a protocol of intent to cooperate in the voluntary return of foreign nationals to home countries or to permanent-residence countries.

The protocol defines a mechanism of cooperation in voluntary orderly and humane return based on the personal decision of the migrant. The document draws on the relevant international experience.

Find more details on the voluntary return programme for migrants at the [link](#)
**Number of Georgian asylum seekers in Germany down by ten per cent**

The number of Georgian asylum seekers in Germany has decreased by ten per cent. 2,953 Georgian citizens applied for asylum in Germany in January-September. Last year the number of applications was 3,257. Germany’s Federal Office for Migration and Refugees informs that the agency made a negative decision on most of the applications.

Find more statistics at the [link](#) 📊

**Campaign countering human trafficking launched in Moldova**

A national campaign, *Week of Fight Against the Trafficking of Human Beings*, was launched in Chisinau. Within the campaign, more actions will be organized on combating modern-day slavery and informing the residents about its dangers. Within the campaign roundtables, discussions and public lessons, exhibitions, workshops and training sessions were held in Moldova. The participants had a chance to share experience, learn and analyze real stories of victims of human trafficking.

Read more about the campaign [here](#) 📚

**Ukrainians receive the highest number of first residence permits in EU**

In 2018, the EU countries issued over 3 mln first residence permits to citizens of other countries, of which 527,000 were issued to the Ukrainian nationals. Thus, Ukraine took first place in terms of residence permits in the EU countries. Ukrainians benefitted from residence permits mainly for employment reasons (65% of all first residence permits issued to Ukrainians in 2018).

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