
Mobility Partnership Moldova-EU, launched on June 5, 2008 is offering actions in all three major areas of the Global Approach to Migration:
- Migration and development;
- Promoting legal migration;
- Fighting illegal migration.

MP is conceived as an open-ended instrument based on political dialogue.

**Partners:**
European Commission, FRONTEX, European Training Foundation and 15 EU member states: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Hungary
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ADDED VALUE OF THE MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP

National dimension

- Mobility Partnership constitutes an efficient framework for insuring the rights and interests of the Moldovan migrants’ abroad;
- fully corresponds to the Moldova’s interests in managing the migration policies, in compliance with the actions undertaken under the National Action Plan in the field of migration and asylum for the years 2010-2011 and the Action Plan on stimulating the return of the Moldovan migrants working abroad, approved on 09.10.2008;
- offers possibilities to articulate the partners cooperation regarding visa policies and contributes to the initiation of the dialogue for free visa regime with EU;

Regional dimension

The Mobility Partnership, as a new initiative of the EU (Moldova and Cape Verde being the first pilot-countries, and from 2009 Georgia signed a MP with EU as well), constitute:
- a successful model of regional cooperation, an „umbrella” for actions at both bilateral and multi-lateral level in the migration field;
- an innovative and promising tool in creating an efficient framework, aimed to increase the transparency, to consolidate the cooperation between the destination countries and countries of origin;
- an exercise of sharing responsibilities, which equally rely on European institutions, member-states, at Bruxelles, in capitals and first of all, locally.

Impact of the Mobility Partnership EU-Moldova

Moldova has enhanced its administrative capacity by creating a National Steering Committee for the monitoring of the implementation of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership and feel confident enough to promote this tool on the international level. In 2009, the Republic of Moldova representatives shared their experience at the Global Forum for Migration and Development (in Athena) and at the Working Group in Georgia.

Financing sources of MP:

- European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument;
- Thematic Programme for Cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum;
- Bilateral financial assistance from EU Member States.
Since the launch of the MP, the partners have implemented 23 initiatives, started the implementation of 47 projects and considered the possibility of launching other 10 new initiatives during the next period. The most important achievements and projects, implemented under the MP on all 3 dimensions of the Global Approach to Migration are the following:

**MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Objectives:*
- Strengthening the diaspora and its contribution to the development of the country of origin;
- Efficient management and investment of remittances;
- Promoting voluntary return and reintegration schemes;
- Developing the small and medium-sized enterprises/training programmes;
- Developing of the Moldovan labour market.

*Implemented activities / activities under implementation:*

- improving the communication channels and modernising the websites of the diplomatic missions of MFAEI of the Republic of Moldova, by developing a new design of the websites, which will offer Moldovan citizens abroad online consular registration and will provide more information on issues of interest for the diaspora. These activities started under the project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership”, implemented by the IOM and funded by the European Commission under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, with an estimated budget of EUR 2 million.

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- training of the consular personnel aimed to improve the relationships with the diaspora and provide consular services to the Moldovan citizens abroad (with the support of the Hungarian MFA in 2009);
- arranging meetings for representatives of the Moldovan public authorities with the diaspora associations in order to identify their needs and to promote support programs for the Moldovan citizens living abroad.

The following activities were carried out under the “Strengthening the Moldova capacity to manage labour and return migration” project, implemented by the Swedish Public Employment Service in cooperation with the National Employment Agency of the Republic of Moldova (NEA):

- establishment of the Call Centre - Job Market (on 26 March 2010);
- elaborating the analysis of the labour market (in 2009) and developing forecasts for the Moldovan labour market, which later will be developed on an annual basis;
- developing the labour market information system by installing the Clickview software in the NEA;
- strengthening the NEA institutional capacities by organizing training seminars (with the support of partners from Sweden, Cyprus, Romania) in areas related to the labour market;
- organisation of two job fairs (Germany and Italy), where Moldovan employers presented their various job offers in competitive financial conditions.

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The following activities were carried out under “Development of the Vocational Education and Training System in Moldova”, project for 2009-2011, implemented by the European Training Foundation (ETF) in partnership with the Moldovan Ministry of Education:

- partial mapping of the qualifications in Moldova;
- overview of training practice in Moldovan private companies;
- pilot testing of adult workers’ skills in the construction sector;
- establishing two core teams (Reference Group and Policy Dialogue Group), which include representatives of the concerned Government institutions; (Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economy, NEA), as well as representatives of businesses community, who are monitoring and coordinating the activity of this project.
- providing services to fill the database with information about the procedures of recognition and equivalence, used in some European states;
- launching of the „Clearing House Function”, in July 2009, by the ETF, with the purpose to ensure transparency and compatibility of the migrants’ skills and qualifications.

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**PROMOTING LEGAL MIGRATION**

**Objectives:**

- Effective monitoring of migration flows;
- Strengthening the National Migration Management System (including legal migration and asylum policy);
- Informing about the possibilities of legal migration and assistance for returned migrants;
- Promotion of labour migration schemes;
- Social protection of migrants and their families;

**Implemented activities / activities under implementation:**

We can mention a few important initiatives related to monitoring of migration flows:

- preparatory activities for the establishment of an Extended Migration Profile of the RM (EMP) that will serve as a tool for accumulation of relevant information to develop and manage effectively the migration policies. A Technical Working Group, comprising the representatives of relevant national institutions was created at the national level.
- carrying out by the MITC specialists, jointly with MIA, MFAEI, NEA, BGS, National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, of works within the Automated Information Integrated System “Migration and Asylum”.
  - supporting the Moldovan authorities in the process of negotiation and signing of the Bilateral Agreements on Social Security and Labour Migration, which will have a positive impact on the welfare of future pensioners from the category of migrant workers. During the reference period such an Agreement was signed with Romania (27 April 2010). It is planned for the upcoming period to negotiate similar agreements with the Czech Republic, Poland, Greece, Italy;
  - implementation of the returned migrants re-integration programs during 2009 by the IOM Mission in Moldova in cooperation with the IOM Prague Mission, with the financial support of the Czech Republic. The IOM Missions in Chişinău and Prague intend to carry out similar activities in 2010:
    - providing professional training for returned migrants and supporting them in establishing their own business (the „Beyond Poverty Alleviation: Developing a Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework for Leveraging Migrant Remittances for Entrepreneurial Growth in Moldova”);
• strengthening the national agencies’ capacity to manage the labour migration (the “Supporting Migration Management with Emphasis on the Labour Management” project);

• inform on ways of legal migration to the EU, legal employment in EU Member States, on return and re-integration in the RM (there is a close cooperation in this area with the Republic of Cyprus, Hungary, and Romania);

• develop „information packages“ that contain data on the migrants’ country of destination and facilitate their integration. There have been already developed draft „information packages“ for Italy, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Germany, Romania; they will be published soon and distributed through the Moldovan consular sections abroad.

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FIGHTING ILLEGAL MIGRATION

Objectives:

• Cooperation on border management, identity and travel documents, fighting illegal/irregular migration and trafficking of human beings;

• Strengthening the National Migration Management;

• Border control and document security;

• Dialogue and cooperation on issues related to visas and readmission.

Implemented activities/activities under implementation:

• enhanced actions aimed at implementation of the EU requirements related to visa liberalisation for the RM, such as document security, management of migration flows and integrated border management;

• organisation of training seminars for the employees of MIA of the RM on the approximation of the national legislation to Acquis Communautaire with the view to familiarize them with the EU legislation on immigration, asylum, admission, visas, residence regime of foreign citizens, travel documents, combating illegal migration, procedures of detention, readmission, return, and repatriation (with the support of Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Germany);

• trainings for the Border Guard Service employees on risk analysis, screening fake or forged documents; possibilities of participation in joint operational activities on the basis of a bilateral training plan are being examined;

These activities are carried out under the Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border thematic project, implemented with the assistance of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in cooperation with MITC, MIA, MFAEI, MJ, BGS. For more details, please access: http://www.icmpd.org

• signing of the Cooperation Plan between the Border Guard Service of the RM and FRONTEX (2009);

• a study visit of the German Federal Police delegation to the RM with the view to be informed about the structure of the Moldovan Border Guard Service; as a result of which the German party came with a proposal to carry out Training courses for Trainers on document forging;

• preparatory activities for the signing of the Cooperation Protocol between the BGS of the RM and Immigration and Borders Service of Portugal.
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PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- launching, on 21 May 2010, the project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership”, which will be implemented by the IOM with the support of the EU Delegation and will be funded under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. Project period is 2009-2011, with an estimated budget of EUR 2 million;
  - implementing the TORINO process that aims at analysing the efficiency of the Vocational Education and Training System (VET) and contribution of the vocational education policies in every partner country to the promotion of economic and social development sustainability objectives. The ETF initiative TORINO Process was launched in the RM on 30 March 2010;
  - establishing a Migration Technical Facility, by recruiting a MTF Consultant, under the general supervision of the EU Delegation in the RM and the MFAEI, in order to facilitate the monitoring of the project implementation mechanism under the Mobility Partnership;
  - implementing the main joint curriculum for border guards in the National College of Border Guards in cooperation with the Border Guard Service and FRONTEX Agency;
  - developing a comprehensive research of the needs of children and elderly left behind in vulnerable families and provide support depending on their needs. Extending the National Referral System, operated by the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family of the Republic of Moldova;
  - identifying short-term solutions for children and elderly from vulnerable families through the Assistance and Protection Centre.

NEW PROJECT INITIATIVES

- „Better managing the mobility of health professionals in the Republic of Moldova“, Project that will have the purpose to mitigate the negative impact of the migration in the medical system, using the international experience and taking into account the peculiarities of the National Health System (with financial support from the European Commission);
  - “Supply of equipment for issuance of biometric passports”, Project in cooperation with the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communication (with the EU financial support), aiming at facilitating the implementation of the EU rules and standards on biometric passports, which will have a direct impact on the legal mobility and enhance the visa liberalisation dialogue;
  - considering the possibility to launch some projects on circular migration with some states and initiate some pilot projects to test this new mechanism on a limited number of migrants.
Monitoring:
The monitoring of the Moldova–EU Mobility Partnership implementation is performed by means of a “score board” permanently updated by partners, which includes 70 initiatives/projects.

Reference documents:
- EC Global Approach to Migration, 2007;
- EU — Moldova joint declaration on a Mobility Partnership, June, 5 , 2008;
- The National Action Plan for protection of Moldovan citizens abroad and for stimulation of migrants’ return;

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