



Council of Europe's GRETA urges Ukraine to continue fighting human trafficking

22 November 2018 – Council of Europe

In a new report GRETA assesses developments since the publication of its [first evaluation report](#) on Ukraine in 2014. Despite the number of positive steps taken by Ukraine for combating human trafficking, the Council of Europe urges the Ukrainian authorities to step up efforts to prevent trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, in particular by recruiting and training a sufficient number of labour inspectors, strengthening the supervision of recruitment agencies and reviewing the legislative framework for any loopholes that may limit protection.

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IOM launches online course to foster countering trafficking in Ukraine

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The new e-course developed by IOM, the UN Migration Agency jointly with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine will help to identify and assist more trafficking survivors, providing a modern and cost-effective alternative to traditional seminars and workshops. The course was designed specifically for frontline practitioners – central and local social services, law enforcement officials, the State Migration Service and the State Employment Service, NGOs, teachers, medical staff and others who might help identify trafficking survivors.

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Law on criminal responsibility for illegal border crossing takes effect

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The law on criminal liability for illegal crossing of the state border came into force in Ukraine, providing the criminal responsibility for border crossing beyond checkpoints or with forged documents. The new law is applicable for the representatives of the security forces of the Russian Federation or for those willing to harm the interests of the state. The document stipulates up to three years in prison.

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Council of Europe calls on Ukraine to uphold voting rights of IDPs

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A new report on the relevance of voting rights for the integration of IDPs and foreigners in Europe's municipalities and regions was adopted by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe at its 35th Plenary Session. COE has called on Ukraine to uphold the voting rights of the internally displaced persons from the non-government controlled areas of Eastern Ukraine and Crimea. The current Ukrainian law provides no grounds for IDP voting at local level.

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Deputy Minister Tuka: There can be 30-40 per cent less IDPs than registered

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According to Heorhii Tuka, Deputy Minister for Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs, the Ukrainian authorities have lost control over the real number of internally displaced persons on the government-controlled territories of Ukraine. Mr. Tuka noted that according to the estimates of the Donetsk Military and Civil Administration, the number of registered IDPs varies by about 30-40 per cent compared to the actual number.

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Black Sea border cooperation Forum was held in Odesa

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The heads of the border guard services of Ukraine, Turkey, Romania, Georgia and Bulgaria discussed in Odesa the cooperation in countering international terrorism, irregular migration, drug and arms smuggling. It is the third time when Ukraine has organized such a meeting within the framework of the agreement on cooperation between the border guard services of the Black Sea region countries.

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Cost of Ukraine's e-visas goes up

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The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved changes to the rules for issuing entry and transit visas. In particular, starting from January 2019, the cost of an electronic visa will rise from USD 65 to USD 85.

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Ukraine-Qatar visa-free travel deal comes into force

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From 2 November 2018, the citizens of Ukraine may visit Qatar without visas, however, it is possible to stay in the country under such conditions for a maximum of 90 days within a 180-day period. The citizens who intend to stay in Qatar for a period exceeding 90 days, regardless of the purpose of their trip, must obtain a valid visa.

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Slovakia to provide Ukraine with humanitarian aid worth EUR 125,000

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During a joint briefing with President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko in Kyiv, President of the Slovak Republic Andrej Kiska stated that Slovakia is ready to provide Ukraine with humanitarian assistance in the amount of EUR 125,000.

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