



UN Migration Agency calls on Ukrainians to fight child exploitation

22 May 2018 – UN Migration

To call on Ukrainians to see the reality in which children begging in the streets are living, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, and the international media arts competition Kyiv Lights Festival joined their efforts. From 18 to 20 May, in the framework of the festival, a thematic art installation was displayed in the heart of Kyiv, on Mykhailivska square.

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Ukrainian MPs create inter-faction union to deal with external labour migration

24 May 2018 – Ukrinform

The inter-faction deputy union “External Labour Migration” has been created in the Ukrainian parliament. People’s Front faction leader, Maksym Burbak, has been appointed its head, and another MP from the People’s Front faction, Mykhailo Khmil, has become a deputy head of the union.

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Lithuania to set quotas for foreign workers due to immigration from Ukraine

16 May 2018 – Kyiv Post

The Lithuanian Government decided to set quotas for foreign workers in some professions in connection with the intensive rise of immigration from Ukraine. According to Lithuanian Vice-Chancellor Deividas Matulionis, the process of ousting Lithuanian citizens from the labour market may begin due to the cheaper labour force. He noted the increase in the number of Ukrainian drivers and construction workers in Lithuania’s labour market. Quotas will not apply to professionals with high qualifications. Specific proposals will be put forward before October.

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Out-migration could affect fruit and berry harvest in Ukraine

15 May 2018 – Interfax-Ukraine

Extensive labour migration from Ukraine could affect the fruit and berry harvest in the country, according to experts from the Ukrsadprom association.

"This is hand labour, therefore, in addition to the weather, people are another important factor that can affect the harvest," Head of Ukrsadprom, Dmytro Kroshka, said at a press conference in Kyiv. According to the director of the Berry Nursery *Brusviana*, Liliانا Dmytriyeva, the current situation is more optimistic than in 2017. "Last year, as soon as the visa-free regime between the European Union and

Ukraine was introduced, a certain group of people left for Europe, and this year the main part of them returned, because working abroad is not so easy," she said.

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EU Commission proposes reforms to Schengen Visa Information System

16 May 2018 – European Commission

The European Commission proposed to upgrade the Visa Information System (VIS), the database containing information on persons applying for Schengen visas, in order to better respond to evolving security and migratory challenges and improve the EU's external border management. The proposed changes will allow for more thorough background checks on visa applicants; close security information gaps through better information exchange between Member States; and ensure full interoperability with other EU-wide databases.

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Foreigners in Ukraine to get electronic residence permits

3 May 2018 – Ukrinform

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved new samples of biometric forms for permanent and temporary residence, the State Migration Service of Ukraine reported. Foreigners and stateless persons who have arrived in Ukraine for the purpose of permanent or temporary residence will be issued certificates in the form of cards with contactless data carrier.

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EU is keen to provide assistance to Ukraine – Ambassador Mingarelli

27 April 2018 – Ukrinform

The European Union is extremely interested in providing assistance to Ukraine and ready to cooperate in implementing programmes on decentralization, energy saving and energy efficiency, vocational education, assistance to internally displaced persons, and cultural exchange. Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Hugues Mingarelli, said this during a meeting with Head of Zaporizhia Regional State Administration Kostiantyn Bryl.

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President Poroshenko signs law to step up border crossing rules

26 April 2018 – UNIAN

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko signed a law to amend certain legislative acts on state border security, stepping up control over the state border and introducing a 10-year travel ban for the violation of Ukraine's border crossing rules. The law improves measures taken by the State Border Guard Service to counter irregular migration through the state border and other offenses.

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