



IOM facilitates migrant and diaspora investment in Ukraine

14 June 2019 – UN Migration

With its new project, funded by the IOM Development Fund, UN Migration supports Government of Ukraine's efforts to boost economic development through attracting and facilitating investments by Ukrainian migrant workers and diaspora into local businesses. In partnership with *PricewaterhouseCoopers*, IOM will prepare policy recommendations and action plan on enabling migrant investments in Ukraine. Best investment mechanisms for Ukrainian migrants and diaspora will be identified.

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EU and IOM support integrated border management in Eastern Partnership countries

19 June 2019 – EaP

On 13-14 June, migration governance practitioners gathered in Minsk to share best practices of Integrated Border Management. The event was hosted by the State Border Committee of Belarus with the support of the European External Action Service, DG HOME and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission in Ukraine under the framework of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management.

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A research reveals top 5 causes of labour migration from Ukraine

14 June 2019 – The European Business Association

According to the latest research of the European Business Association (EBA), one of the key reasons for labour migration from Ukraine is the low standard of living and dissatisfaction with the state of the country's security system. This is shown by the results of the express study *Happiness Barometer of Ukraine* that EBA conducts for the second year in a row.

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Nearly 3 million Ukrainians benefited from visa-free regime with the EU

11 June 2019 – Government Portal

Since the launch of the visa-free regime in June 2017, Ukrainians have made 42.6 million trips to the EU countries. As many as 9.2 million citizens of Ukraine crossed the border with biometric passports, almost 3 million biometric passports holders took advantage of the visa-free regime. To date, 157 checkpoints across the state border of Ukraine are equipped with biometric control tools and connected to Interpol databases, and modern technical means allow them to check all types of biometric documents automatically.

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OSCE SMM records five-fold increase in shelling in the Donbas

22 June 2019 – OSCE

The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) recorded a sharp increase in ceasefire violations in the Donbas. The OSCE SMM informed this in a report, based on information received as 21 June, 2019. In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 380), compared with the previous reporting period (about 70 explosions); In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including, however, a similar number of explosions (165), compared with the previous reporting period (about 170 explosions).

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Ukraine and Costa Rica agree on visa-free regime

31 May 2019 – Ukrinform

According to the Consular Service Department of the Foreign Ministry of Ukraine, for the first time in the history of bilateral relations, two friendly countries held negotiations on consular issues. The delegations analyzed the state and prospects of cooperation in the migration and visa sectors, discussed the issue of protecting the rights and interests of citizens and legal entities of both countries, and discussed prospects for expanding the mutual consular presence. In addition, the parties reached an agreement on concluding a bilateral agreement on visa-free travel.

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At least 240,000 Ukrainians make their homes in Italy

7 June 2019 – KyivPost

Italy has long been one of the top destinations for Ukrainian labour migration in Europe. According to the Ukrainian Embassy in Italy, there are officially more than 240,000 Ukrainians living there, with unofficial estimates running as high as 500,000. But Ukrainians are ranked 20th place among Italy's foreigners by economic activity, according to the embassy. Most of them have service jobs that are not popular among locals: babysitting children, taking care of the elderly, cleaning and farm work.

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