



IOM marks 20 years of Counter-Trafficking Programme in Ukraine

12 October – UN Migration

IOM Ukraine Counter-Trafficking programme is the biggest of its kind in Europe, and to mark 20 years of helping vulnerable migrants and trafficking victims, IOM gathered national and local state officials, civil society partners and international practitioners for a conference in the capital Kyiv. The conference was aimed at sharing best practices and discussing new challenges.

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Over 200,000 Ukrainians trafficked since 1991

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According to international experts, over 200,000 Ukrainians fell victim to human traffickers over the period of Ukraine's independence, Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Social Policy Natalia Fedorovych said. According to Ms. Fedorovych, the most popular form of trafficking in Ukraine is labour exploitation.

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Number of Ukrainian labour migrants in Poland decreases

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Poland anticipates an outflow of the Ukrainian migrant workers to the Western Europe countries. The rapidly developing Polish economy requires labour force, which is mostly met by Ukrainians. According to the estimations by the Polish HR company *Work Service*, up to 59 per cent of Ukrainian labour migrants might leave Poland. The migrants, who are already working in Poland, considering moving to Germany and other EU states for a job.

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Ukrainian citizens receive highest number of residence permits in EU in 2017

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Last year, 662,000 Ukrainians received residence permits in the EU Member States, according to the press release issued by Eurostat. "In 2017, citizens of Ukraine – 662,000 beneficiaries, of which almost 88 per cent in Poland – continued to receive the highest number of permits in the EU, reads the report. Syria became the second in terms of the number of residence permits issued in the EU with 223,000 permits, of which almost two-thirds were issued in Germany.

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Belarus and Ukraine sign a readmission agreement

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During the working visit of President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko to Belarus, an agreement between Ukraine and Belarus on readmission was signed. On the reciprocity basis, the agreement determines fast and effective procedures for the identification and safe and organized return of persons who have violated the rules of stay in Ukraine and Belarus.

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Bulgaria and Ukraine draft an agreement on labour migration

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Ukraine and Bulgaria agreed to negotiate on the conclusion of a bilateral agreement on the regulation of labour migration between the two states. The agreement should ensure the protection of the social and labour rights of Ukrainian citizens who work on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and citizens of the Republic of Bulgaria who work on the territory of Ukraine.

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Ukraine to simplify travel rules with Georgia

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Ukraine and Georgia simplify border crossing procedures, enabling their citizens to travel between the two countries with an ID card. The relevant agreement was signed by the heads of governments Volodymyr Groysman and Mamuka Bakhtadze in Chisinau within the framework of the GUAM Summit.

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