Project Newsletter

Issue N4.

Welcome to our fourth newsletter!

Our newsletters aim to keep you up-to-date with all our developments and interesting migration related policy papers or reports provided within the framework of the project.

In this issue we also inform you about the upcoming Diaspora Conference and Job Fair to be held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany in March 2016. We will come back with more information about the event in the next issue. In the meantime, enjoy the latest edition of our newsletter and on behalf of the project team we wish you a very successful 2016!

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Regional Conference: Sharing Experience with Armenia and Moldova



On 20-21 October, 2015 a two-day regional conference was devoted to the exchange among Georgian, Armenian and Moldovan policy makers, private sector representatives as well as other academic, international and non-governmental stakeholders on plans and experiences with regard to labour migration management "along the migration cycle". The conference took place in the frame of the project "Strengthening the Development Potential of the EU Mobility Partnership in Georgia through Targeted Circular Migration and Diaspora Mobilization" funded by











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the European Union and co-funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. It was organized at Lopota Lake Resort. The event drew majorly on the piloting of a circular migration scheme for nurses and hospitality professionals in the German-Georgian context, which is currently being implemented in the frame of the project. Preliminary results with regard to the approach and support provided throughout the major phases of the migration cycle were discussed from the perspective of policy makers, civil servants, participating migrants as well as from the perspective of Georgian and German employers. Besides having a possibility to get to know to Armenian and Moldovan experiences complementing the Georgian approach and experiences of developing a labour migration scheme, the conference in general also served as successful platform for networking among the stakeholders of the participating countries.

Following the panel discussion about the Before Migration phase, a video, featuring Georgian participants of the pilot circular migration scheme in their preparation for placement in Germany, was showed, as well as capturing Georgian employers' related assessment.

You can watch the video here.

Circular Migration between Georgia and Germany



You can find presentations of the conference here
You can find photos of the event here

News releases in the media about the regional conference: <u>EU Neighbourhood Info Centre</u> Newsday Georgia

The project mentioned in the MISMES project publication (case study: Georgia)

The circular migration project as well as PME program were positively mentioned in the publication provided within the framework of the <u>MISMES project</u> (Migrant Support Measures from an Employment and Skills Perspective) implemented by the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute and the European Training Foundation. You can read the Case study on Georgia here.

Circular migrants living in Germany - article about the project participants in CNE magazine

Georgian nurses, currently working in Germany within the framework of the project, have been interviewed by the German nursing magazine - CNE (Certified Nursing Education). You can read more about the article **here** (@copyright CNE magazine).











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Start-up information seminar in Frankfurt, Germany



On November 27-28, 2015 eight Georgian participants living in Germany and interested to found an enterprise in Georgia attended a start-up information seminar in Frankfurt am Main. Mr. Soso Mekvevrishvili, founder of *Aragvi Adventure Center* in Georgia, shared his practical experience to the participants. Mr. Archil Avalishvili representative of *Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association* discussed further business opportunities as well as current programs supporting new entrepreneurs in Georgia.

Moreover, Mr. loseb Chkhikvishvili, Consul General of Georgia in Frankfurt, addressed the participants and encouraged them to share their ideas.

More information you can find here.

Upcoming event - Diaspora Conference and Job fair in Frankfurt am Main, Germany

- Are you of Georgian origin, currently working or studying in Germany, and interested in return to Georgia for getting a job?
- P Or are you a member of a Georgian migrant organization interested in networking and learning more about different possibilities of non-profit engagement in Georgia?

If you can affirm either of these questions, you might be interested in taking part in our upcoming event entitled Building Bridges – Georgian Diaspora for Development, which will be held on the 11th and 12th of March 2016 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

This two day event consists of a diaspora conference on day one and an open Job Fair on day two. The diaspora conference will bring together Georgian migrant organizations from Germany, Austria and Italy as well as relevant representatives of Georgian state institutions mandated to deal with diaspora issues. While the diaspora conference focuses on different aspects of diaspora centered initiatives in Georgia, the job fair seeks to match qualified Georgians wishing to return to Georgia with Georgian employers for the purpose of encouraging the return of qualified Georgians and ensuring thought-out migration decisions.











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Georgians interested in attending the **Job Fair** on March 12th 2016 are kindly asked to fill out the **registration form,** which you can find below this post, and submit it to the same address: <u>migration-georgia(at)cimonline.de</u>.

Please keep in mind that participation in the diaspora conference is only open to representatives of Georgian diaspora organizations, while all Georgians currently residing in Germany are heartily invited to partake in the Job fair.

Please check back regularly for updated information on the event! You can **download the registration form** <u>here</u>.

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