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of the EU Mobility Partnership in Georgia through targeted  
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## Project Newsletter

### Issue N3.

Welcome to our third newsletter!

Our newsletters will 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 regional conference event to be held in Georgia in October 2015. We will come back with more information about the event in the next issue. In the meantime enjoy our third newsletter.

More information about the project you can find here:

[Project factsheet \(ENG\)](#)

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### Circular migration scheme - health-care and hospitality professionals currently working in Germany

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After having taken part in language courses and preparatory meetings back home, the circular migration participants are now fit to make next step in their career abroad.

You can find more information about the trainings and information events offered for circular migration participants [here](#).



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Furthermore, on July 17, 2015 the consulate general of Georgia in Frankfurt hosted a welcoming reception for the nursing and hospitality professionals currently employed in Germany in the frame of the project. 25 Georgian nurses and tourism sector specialists, employed in Germany within the framework of the project, as well as their employers in Germany, were welcomed by Mr. Ioseb Chkhikvishvili, Consul General and addressed by Mr. Ralf Sanftenberg, Director “migration and diaspora” (CIM), Ms. Liselotte Heckmann, Placement Officer (CIM), Mr. Benjamin Woesten, Program coordinator (CIM) and Mr. Mikheil Sarjeladze, “Young Ambassador” of Georgia in Germany.

Read more about the reception event [here](#)

You can find photos of the reception [here](#)

### Winter school on migration policy and development



From 10 to 12 February, 2015 the “Winter school on migration policy and development” was held at Kvareli Training Center of Justice, in Georgia. The 3 day event was part of the migration policy advice activities of the project “Strengthening the development potential of the EU mobility partnership in Georgia through targeted circular migration and diaspora mobilization”.

Read more about the event [here](#).

You can find photos of the event [here](#)



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## Workshop on Return & Reintegration Facilitation



Return and reintegration of Georgians residing abroad are perceived to be of exceptional importance when implementing labor migration programs and projects in Georgia. For this reason, a 2-day workshop within the EU-financed project was held on 19-20 March in Tbilisi, Georgia and was dedicated to this thematic field.

Representatives of the public and private organizations working on the above-mentioned issues participated in the workshop. An expert from Germany, Mr. Steffen Angenendt, shared international experience on formulating the policy on return and successful reintegration.

You can read more about the event [here](#).

You can read the policy paper presented by expert here:

[Return and Reintegration Facilitation for Georgians Abroad: Challenges, Obstacles, Options \(ENG\)](#)

[Return and Reintegration Facilitation for Georgians Abroad: Challenges, Obstacles, Options \(GE\)](#)

## Securing skilled labour - visit of representatives of German Federal Employment Agency in Georgia



You read more about the event [here](#)

You can find pictures of the event [here](#)

On May 18-22, 2015 the representatives of the Federal Employment Agency of Germany Ms. Brigitte Schmiege and Ms. Anja Block visited Georgia within the frames of the EU-funded project. During their visit to Georgia, the German Experts held bilateral meetings with the representatives of state and private organizations working on migration and employment related issues. The preparatory meetings were followed by 2 day long workshop, conducted in Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Tbilisi, on May 21-22. The experts presented German strategy and instruments about important topics for Georgia such as: matching labor market supply and demand, regulations of labor immigration etc.

You can find the consultancy report on skilled labour here:

[German approach to securing skilled labour and applicability to Georgian context \(ENG\)](#)

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## Start-up information events

Mobilising Georgians living abroad is one of the main tasks of the pilot project. Therefore, the start-up information events organized within the framework of the project support the interested persons to explore their ideas and receive information on current economic developments in Georgia.

- **Start-up information seminar in Frankfurt, Germany**



On March 6-7, 2015 Georgian participants interested to found an enterprise in Georgia attended a start-up-information seminar in Frankfurt.

The seminar was organized in the training premises of the start-up consultancy firm “KOMPASS Zentrum für Existenzgründungen”. In the frame of the seminar, participants had the opportunity to explore their potential in developing their own businesses as entrepreneurs.

You can find more information about the event [here](#)

- **Start-up information event in Tbilisi, Georgia**



On April 16, 2015, 45 Georgian returnees from Germany interested to found an enterprise attended the start-up information event “Get started! Geschäftsideen für die Entwicklung” in Tbilisi, Georgia.

“The path to startup success is not always easy and today’s event is an opportunity to get informed, to network, exchange best practices and get inspired for new startup ideas” – welcomed Martin Homola, Country Director GIZ office South Caucasus, the participants of the start-up information event. The event was organized in the premises of the [Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry \(GCCI\)](#).

You can read more about the event [here](#)

You can find pictures of the event [here](#)



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## Upcoming event – Regional Conference in Georgia

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The regional conference “Sharing experience with Armenia and Moldova” will take place in October, 2015 in Georgia. The conference is organized within the framework of the project. The regional conference will give the participants from Georgia, Moldova, Armenia and Germany the opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss best practices referring developing, negotiating and implementing development-oriented migration and diaspora policies. The main focus of the conference will be to share experience about the pilot circular migration scheme, which is currently being implemented by the project between Germany and Georgia. The conference will be structured around presentations, comment rounds and interactive discussion panels.

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