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# MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

## ACCREDITED MASTER PROGRAM ON MIGRATION

**T**he Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of the Republic of Serbia accredited the first master program on migration in the Western Balkans. The studies will be led by the University of Belgrade and the lectures will be held by professors from six faculties (Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Political Science, Faculty of Security, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Geography), specialized in socio-economic, security, demographic and other aspects of human rights and migration.

This master program will include a module on migration and development (M&R), which is important for the future of M&R process in Serbia.

The first master program on migration was created as part of a pilot project of the Faculty of Political Science "Support to integrating migration in the academic curriculum: curriculum development for Master studies of migration". The curriculum for the master program was created by six faculties and the involvement of the Faculty of Political Science from Zagreb as a seventh partner gave this project a regional dimension.

# A STUDY VISIT TO GERMANY WAS ORGANIZED AS PART OF A COMMISSARIAT`S PILOT PROJECT

Project output 3 encompassed the pilot project of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (CRS) “Strengthening the capacity of local councils for migration”, within which a visit to Germany was organized.

The representatives of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, the local councils for migration and the International Organization for Migration attended the study visit in Germany from October 11-15, 2016, to get familiar with the best practices of integration of migrants, with the special focus on the local level.

The aim of the visit was to acquaint members of the Serbian delegation with the institutional and legal framework regarding the integration of asylum seekers and the different types of measures and programs to achieve this.

During the first and second day in Berlin, the Serbian representatives paid a visit to the State Office for Refugees, the Employment Agency, the Center for asylum seekers (“Tempelhof”), the Office of the Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Integration and Migration and the Ministry of the Interior - Department of Legal Affairs and Integration.

On the third day, the Serbian delegation visited the Nuremberg Chamber of Commerce (“IHK Fossa”), as well as the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees - Department of integration, language courses and political education.

After the study visit there were four round tables organized in Šid, Subotica, Sjenica and Dimitrovgrad, to share experiences and knowledge from Germany with the members of the councils for migration and other stakeholders involved in migration management at the local level.



The Serbian delegation in front of the building of the Ministry of Interior in Berlin



In a visit to the Nuremberg Chamber of Commerce

# CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

## Trainings for improving the work of youth offices

In order to strengthen the youth offices on the route, namely in communities where there are reception and asylum centers, there were meetings held with the Ministry of Youth and Sport so as to define the necessary trainings.

The aim of the trainings has been to improve the work of youth offices for dealing with migrants and vulnerable population, acquiring the necessary skills in the field of communication, promotion of cultural diversity and tolerance, as well as exploring the potential and benefits of migration.

Two trainings were held in May 2017 - in Novi Sad (11 and 12 May) and Pirot (25 and 26 May), with the participation of coordinators/assistants from 15 youth offices, among others from Sjenica, Tutin, Novi Pazar, Bujanovac, Pirot, Loznica, Niš etc.



Coordinators/assistants of youth offices were informed on the potentials of migration

## TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

### “MIGRATION AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT”

From 15 to 17 May 2017, there was a training for trainers held on “Migration and Local Development”, for the representatives of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Youth and Sport.

Lecturers and participants processed four modules and topics, such as the local development, local development and migration, data collection in relation to migration, the importance of integration and reintegration, transnational entrepreneurship in Serbia, importance of remittances for local development...

Upon training completion participants from the institutions in question will hold trainings on migration and local development in a number of municipalities in Serbia, for the actors involved in migration management at the local level.

The three-day training was held in the city of Šabac, in the presence of the media at the opening of the training.



Mr. Nenad Ivanišević, Ms. Svetlana Velimirović and Ms. Monika Petrović at the opening of training



Ms. Olga Mitrović presented the general objectives of the training

## THE FOLLOWING WAS SAID AT THE OPENING:

Migration is accepted in Europe and the whole world as a phenomenon which should not be fought against, but it should be used, especially when it comes to opportunities coming along with migration. Let me remind you that during the nineties Serbia received a large number of refugees and all these phenomena should be used so that Serbia and its citizens benefit from it.



Nenad Ivanišević, State Secretary in the Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs

The project should present to countries all the possibilities of migration, firstly when it comes to development. I am primarily referring to the capacities that migrants bring with themselves or take them somewhere abroad, which subsequently can be returned back to the country of origin as something that the local community will be able to use as a development opportunity and thus improve the life of the population.



Svetlana Velimirović, Deputy Commissioner for Refugees and Migration

# NOVI SAD HOSTED A SEMINAR IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PILOT PROJECT OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR

Seminar on the participation of social welfare institutions in providing support to migrants in the context of solving the migrant crisis in Serbia was held on 23 and 24 May 2017 in Novi Sad. The seminar was organized as part of a pilot project implemented by the Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs "Improving the role of the social welfare system in migration management in Serbia".

The seminar presented the instructions of the Ministry of Labor on the reaction of social welfare institutions when taking care of migrant children and guidelines for working with domestic violence cases, as well as the indicators for the preliminary identification of potential victims of trafficking in migrant population.

The seminar is intended for professionals of centers for social work, as well as for other professionals in the system of social protection participating in the response of the Republic of Serbia on the migrant crisis.



Training was provided for social welfare centers employees

## RELEVANT LINKS

[https://www.eda.admin.ch/deza/en/home/deza/organisation/bereiche/globale\\_zusammenarbeit/globalprogramm\\_migration.html](https://www.eda.admin.ch/deza/en/home/deza/organisation/bereiche/globale_zusammenarbeit/globalprogramm_migration.html)

[https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/dam/deza/en/documents/themen/migration/229271-flyer-migration-und-entwicklung\\_EN.pdf](https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/dam/deza/en/documents/themen/migration/229271-flyer-migration-und-entwicklung_EN.pdf)

<https://www.shareweb.ch/site/Migration/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://www.knomad.org/>

<https://serbia.iom.int/sr/projects/globalni-projekat-uklju%C4%8Divanje-migracija-u-nacionalne-razvojne-strategije-druga-faza>

<http://www.rs.undp.org/>