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MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

“YOUTH AND DIASPORA” PILOT PROJECT RESULTS PRESENTED IN NEW YORK

On the margins of the fourth intergovernmental consultations on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, held in New York from 24 to 25 July 2017, there was a side event “Innovative approaches to the use of potentials of the transnational communities for development”, dedicated to the engagement of the diaspora and its contribution in the context of harmonization with the Agenda for Sustainable Development and the impact on social changes.

The event in question was organized in cooperation with the governments of the Republic of Serbia, Morocco, Moldova and Kyrgyzstan, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNDP within the Program “Mainstreaming migration into national development strategies”, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

There were informal discussions organized aimed at exchanging experiences and best practices on effective partnerships in order to increase the human and professional capital of the diaspora for development at the local, national and international level.

The Republic of Serbia was represented by Ms. Smiljka Živanović from the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Mr. Aleksandar Jakovljević from the Organization of Serbian Students Abroad. They presented the realized activities in the context of using and developing the potential of the diaspora to transfer knowledge and skills and fostering mobility of young people. The results of the pilot project “Youth and Diaspora” were presented during the very event, implemented by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and five youth offices and their diaspora during 2016.

Also, as part of this event, IOM has launched a new online platform, “iDiaspora”.



Participants discuss increasing the human and professional capital of the diaspora



Ms. Smiljka Živanović presents results of the project “Youth and Diaspora”

WORKSHOP ON DATA COLLECTION FOR THE MIGRATION PROFILE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

The Commissariat for Refugees and Migration together with the International Organization for Migration, organized a workshop from 27-28 July 2017, on data collection for the development of the Migration Profile of the Republic of Serbia in the framework of the Project supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

The workshop was attended by representatives of relevant institutions (Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, National Employment Service and Cabinet of Minister without a portfolio in charge of demography and population policy) involved in the development of this document, which consolidates data on all categories of migrants in the country.

The Commissariat for Refugees and Migration produces the Migration Profile for the seventh consecutive year. The aim of the workshop was to improve cooperation between institutions and to exchange experiences on how to obtain the most precise data that are necessary for the planning and implementation of adequate measures aimed at providing comprehensive management of migration flows.



Workshop participants after the discussion on the data collection



Institutions' representatives exchanged experiences and improved collaboration

“ANALYSIS OF THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR DIASPORA IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA” PRESENTED

The study “Analysis of the National Investment Framework for Diaspora in the Republic of Serbia” was presented on 5 July 2017 in the United Nations House in Belgrade. The study in question was prepared within the Project in cooperation with the Serbian Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia (MFA), which is in charge of diaspora issues.

On behalf of the UNDP and the SDC, the meeting was addressed by Ms. Steliana Nedera, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, and Ms. Ursula Laubli, SDC Director in Serbia.

Keynote speakers included: on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Dr. Ljiljana Niksic, Head of Migration Policy, Diaspora and Social Security Agreements Department, whose theme was the “Role of Economic Diplomacy in Attracting Foreign Investment from the Diaspora”, and Mr. Aleksandar Kemives, Advisor to the President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, who spoke on the theme “Promotion and reinforcement of local action and engagement of the IPAS system”.

The study provides the basis for the future program aimed at contributing to the improvement of institutional and donor connectivity in Serbia, in respect of diaspora and the perception of migration policy as a development factor in Serbian economy and science.



The study elaborates the Serbian academic and business diaspora’s cooperation potential in 9 chapters

RELEVANT LINKS

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