

# SUPPORT FOR MIGRATION AND ASYLUM MANAGEMENT IN UKRAINE (IMMIS)



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### Main events and trends of the month

- According to Eurostat, Czechia, Belgium, Germany, and Austria take a lead among EU Member States by the number of vacancies.
- The EU has revised the format of a naval Operation Sophia. Its mandate is extended for 6 months, though it no longer envisages marine presence.
- The UN has officially recognized Ukrainian seamen captured by Russia as prisoners of war.
- The number of Russian and Turkish citizens who have been banned from entering Ukraine because of unconfirmed purpose of travel is decreasing, whereas that of banned Israeli citizens has substantially increased.
- The number of Ukrainians in Poland in 2018 was estimated at 1.27 million based on smartphone data.
- The number of officially registered IDPs in Donetsk, Kyiv, and Luhansk oblasts and in the city of Kyiv has decreased due to the deletion of double entries from the database.
- The Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) profile has been approved.
- The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has announced changes related to education of foreign students.
- The staff of the refugee accommodation center in Yahotyn and the temporary holding facility for irregular migrants in Mykolaiv region has increased.
- The active phase of preventive measures under the code name 'Migrant' has been launched. Kordon-2019 annual operation has been announced to be held in April–November.

## 1. FACTORS AFFECTING MIGRATION SITUATION AND MIGRATION POLICY IN UKRAINE

### 1.1. Social-political situation in the world

According to the latest statistics, Czechia, Belgium, Germany, and Austria are the leaders among the EU Member States by the number of vacancies<sup>1</sup>. As reported by Eurostat, the unemployment rate in Czechia is the lowest among the EU countries<sup>2</sup>. Polls in Germany have evidenced an increasing deficit of labor force: 49% of German businesses have problems with employees search<sup>3</sup>. Also, a record increase in salaries and wages since 2011 has been recorded in Germany<sup>4</sup>. Meanwhile, the European Commission is concerned about a sharp slowdown of the economy of Italy<sup>5</sup>, the government of which has officially launched a basic income program, which will cost the country EUR 7.1 billion this year<sup>6</sup>.

In early March, the French President has come forward with an open letter to EU citizens, speaking about a new, reformed Europe. Emmanuel Macron has called for more convergence, in particular, to provide social protection for workers throughout the EU, which will ensure equal pay for the same work and a minimum European wage. He has also urged to re-think the Schengen area — to strengthen border control and map out a unified international protection policy<sup>7</sup>. In response, the Czech Prime Minister, Andrej Babiš, has said that Czechia should decide on its own who will remain in its territory. In his words, despite that Czechia rejected the quota principle of the distribution of migrants, it remains solidary with the rest of the EU Member States, as it has received thousands of Ukrainian migrants, but legally, on the basis of work and residence permits<sup>8</sup>.

British MPs rejected eight nonbinding motions on possible alternatives to the EU withdrawal plan<sup>9</sup>, and voted for the third time against the Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal<sup>10</sup>. Brussels gave the UK time until 10 April to agree a new Brexit plan<sup>11</sup>. At the same time, the European Commission completed preparations for a 'hard' Brexit if Britain leaves the EU on 12 April without an agreement with Brussels.

The Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orbán, has continued a campaign against the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker<sup>12</sup>, by installing anti-Brussels billboards in Budapest<sup>13</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/9677735/3-18032019-BP-EN.pdf/e329011e-4f40-4ed8-a09f-bb8ab22db0f6>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/9628005/3-01032019-BP-EN.pdf/fdee8c71-7b1a-411a-86fa-da4af63710e1>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/13/7093898/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/22/7094285/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/25/7094337/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/6/7093643/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/articles/2019/03/6/7093621/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.parlamentnilisty.cz/zpravy/kauzy/Macron-je-uplne-mimo-Andrej-Babis-pro-PL-odpaili-prezidenta-Francie-572766>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/28/7094472/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/29/7094553/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/mar/29/donald-tusk-calls-emergency-eu-summit-over-brexit>

<sup>12</sup> <https://twitter.com/zoltanspox/status/1101829746931961857>



Members of the European People's Party that includes the Prime Minister's political force, Fides, have condemned Viktor Orbán<sup>14,15</sup> and temporarily deprived Fides of membership on 20 March<sup>16</sup>.

The situation with migrants arriving by sea has been tense. In March, the government of Italy has opposed the admission of 49 migrants rescued at sea<sup>17,18</sup>. With regard to Italy's stance, the EU has revised the format of a naval Operation Sophia. Although its mandate is extended for 6 months, it no longer envisages marine presence and the situation at sea will be monitored by air patrols. Activities on training coastal guards of Libya and combating smugglers will be continued<sup>19</sup>.

According to the recommendations of the report of the parliamentary committee on financial crime and tax evasion, the European Parliament has called on the EU Member States to stop the issuance of citizenship and residence permits to wealthy foreigners, as it encourages tax evasion while economic advantages do not compensate for security risks<sup>20,21</sup>. Meanwhile, Greece is considering a draft law that will allow obtaining residence permits in exchange for investment not only in local real estate, but also in Greek government bonds and companies<sup>22</sup>.

Some EU countries have considered changes in the rules for the acquisition and loss of citizenship. In Germany, adult ISIS fighters who have passports of another country and will participate in battles in the ranks of ISIS will be deprived of citizenship<sup>23</sup>. The government of Denmark will be able to deprive persons who are members of illegal formations abroad of Danish citizenship out of court<sup>24</sup>. The Latvian government has submitted a draft law, under which children of non-residents born in the country after 1 January 2020 will be automatically recognized as citizens of Latvia<sup>25,26</sup>. The Lithuanian Saeima has approved the date of a referendum on dual citizenship<sup>27</sup>. The United States is going to close foreign offices of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, which will affect the acquisition of citizenship of family members seeking to join their relatives in the U.S.<sup>28</sup>

The Romanian Foreign Minister has said that Romania is ready for a smooth entry into the Schengen area. Specifically, the country is already connected to the Schengen information exchange system and uses the most advanced technologies for border surveillance<sup>29,30</sup>.

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hungary-eu-epp-billboards/hungary-to-replace-anti-brussels-billboards-next-week-pm-aide-idUSKCN1QO19Z?il=0>

<sup>14</sup> <https://cutt.ly/3yJdIT>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hungary-eu-orban-apology/hungarys-orban-asks-european-conservatives-not-to-expel-his-party-idUSKCN1QV17Q>

<sup>16</sup> <https://cutt.ly/ryJgNP>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/19/7094121/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/20/7094170/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/libya/last-breath-operation-sophia-should-push-coalition-willing>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-eu-moneylaundering-parliament/european-lawmakers-urge-end-of-golden-visa-schemes-name-eu-tax-havens-idUSKCN1R71SM>

<sup>21</sup> [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0240\\_EN.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0240_EN.html)

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/9/7093742/>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/4/7093523/>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/28/7094506/>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/21/7094234/>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/6/7093635/>

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/11/7093765/>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.politico.eu/article/us-set-to-close-international-immigration-offices/>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article190273709/Teodor-Melescanu-In-Rumaenien-lebt-man-sicherer-als-in-Berlin.html?wtrid=onsite.onsitesearch>



On 5 March, 13 Poles and 3 Ukrainians were apprehended in Poland on suspicion of organizing a criminal group that issued fake EU residence permits to foreigners<sup>31</sup>. Also, Polish authorities have arrested 4 people on allegations of registering visa invitations for Ukrainians in 2015–2018 for monetary reward<sup>32</sup>.

In Greece, charges have been dropped against Ukrainian seamen, detained in January 2017 on suspicion of smuggling of explosives<sup>33</sup>. 2 Ukrainian sailors cannot leave a vessel in the port near Istanbul due to a dispute between the vessel owner and the charterer<sup>34</sup>.

An activist Liudmila Kozlovska, earlier deported from Poland, was granted a Belgium residence permit<sup>35</sup>.

## 1.2. Military conflicts and emergencies in the world

Clashes between government troops and insurgents have escalated in Yemen's Taiz and Hajja. Dozens of people are reported dead. In Sudan, the President has toughened repression against nationwide protesters. Dozens of opposition members are arrested. In Chad, Boko Haram killed more than 20 soldiers near Lake Chad. The government has closed the border with Libya to enhance security. Due to nationwide protests, the Algerian President has agreed not to run for the fifth term, postponed election for an indefinite term, and promised to carry out reforms. The army and the party in power have urged to recognize him incapable of governing the country. Over 10 million people have participated in the protests. The situation in Mali has considerably worsened. Violence by jihadists has increased. Hundreds of people are killed as a result of clashes and attacks. In Burkina Faso, the number of jihadists' attacks on security forces and civilians increased. Many people have died. Tensions between Uganda and Rwanda have risen following Rwanda's imposition of restrictions on trade across the common border and the closure of 2 out of 3 main border crossing points. Rwanda has reportedly destroyed all bridges along Uganda's borderline in Katuna. In the Comoros Islands, a victory of the President Assoumani in the disputed presidential election has caused protests, attempts to drive him out of the country, and clashes between dissidents and security forces. A group of soldiers, imprisoned for an attempted coup in 2018, has fled the prison and attacked a military base near the capital of the Comoros, Moroni. Since shooting between Hamas and Israel jeopardized a ceasefire, the U.S. President Donald Trump has signed a decree recognizing the sovereignty of Israel over the Golan Heights. Several Palestinians have been killed in clashes between Israel and Palestine<sup>36</sup>.

In March, heavy rains in Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan caused floods that have inflicted damages on 45,000 people in Syria, 60,000 in Iran, 250,000 in Afghanistan, and 328,000 in Iraq<sup>37383940</sup>. On 27 March, the government of Mozambique has confirmed the first 5 cases of cholera<sup>41</sup>.

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/15/7094015/>

<sup>31</sup> [https://www.rmfm24.pl/fakty/polska/news-przemycili-ponad-500-cudzoziemcow-zarobili-ponad-900-tys-  
eur,nld,2867977](https://www.rmfm24.pl/fakty/polska/news-przemycili-ponad-500-cudzoziemcow-zarobili-ponad-900-tys-eur,nld,2867977)

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/1/7093456/>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/9/7093737/>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/29/7094554/>

<sup>35</sup> [http://wyborcza.pl/7,75399,24516066,deportowana-z-polski-ludmila-kozlovska-z-prawem-pobytu-w-  
belgii.html?fbclid=IwAR1y-qRMMzhwj4rizrf8li7M5y5fdlcNIIqNi9tMvOn2ZOqCpjTy917Chfl](http://wyborcza.pl/7,75399,24516066,deportowana-z-polski-ludmila-kozlovska-z-prawem-pobytu-w-belgii.html?fbclid=IwAR1y-qRMMzhwj4rizrf8li7M5y5fdlcNIIqNi9tMvOn2ZOqCpjTy917Chfl)

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.crisisgroup.org/crisiswatch>

<sup>37</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/fl-2019-000031-syr>

<sup>38</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/fl-2019-000030-irq>

<sup>39</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/fl-2019-000022-irn>

<sup>40</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/ff-2019-000018-afg>

<sup>41</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/ep-2019-000026-moz>

In March 2019, the most tense situation has been reported in Burkina Faso, Yemen, Sudan, Chad, Algeria, Mali, Uganda, Rwanda, and the Comoros. The conflict potential in other countries and regions has remained at the same level as a month ago.

Other disturbances, in particular, in countries bordering Ukraine, which could affect the migration situation in the country, have not been reported.

### 1.3. Events in the JFO area and in occupied Crimea, and other emergencies in Ukraine

The situation in the area of the Joint Forces Operation (JFO) and in Russian-occupied Crimea has remained tense in March 2019. The latest key events over a month are available on the official website of the Information and Analytical Center for the National Security of Ukraine<sup>42</sup>. In March 2019, 209 ceasefire violations have been reported on the front line in the JFO area, 70 less compared to February 2019. More detailed information about ceasefire violations, the number of those killed and wounded, and incidents in the JFO area is available on JFO's official Facebook page<sup>43</sup>.

In February, hostilities have intensified in the east of Ukraine. 953 security violations and 12 civilian casualties, including 2 dead and 10 injured, are reported. Important civilian infrastructure facilities have come under fire. In February, a car with some 15 utility service employees has been shelled on its way to a pumping station. Also, within the initial 2 months of 2019, the number of incidents with education institutions has increased: 8 episodes<sup>44</sup>.

In March 2019, 5 events, classed as emergencies by the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, occurred. Their consequences however are not likely to result in migration<sup>45,46,47,48</sup>. No emergencies that could lead to migration have been found during monitoring of the official web page of Ukraine's National Police<sup>49</sup>.

## 2. MIGRATION SITUATION

### 2.1. Demographic situation

As of 1 February 2019, the number of Ukraine's population is estimated at 42,248,100 people, excluding the territory of the Russian-occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol<sup>50,51</sup>. In January 2019, the population has decreased by 30,500 people<sup>52</sup>. According to data of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, 45 newborns per 100 dead were recorded in January 2019, which has entailed a decrease in the population as a result of a natural population decline by 34,400 persons<sup>53</sup>.

<sup>42</sup> <http://mediarnbo.org/>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pressjfo.news>

<sup>44</sup> [https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/humanitarian\\_snapshot\\_20190320\\_ua.pdf](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/humanitarian_snapshot_20190320_ua.pdf)

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/91522.html>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/90674.html>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/90546.html>

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/90276.html>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/>

<sup>50</sup> [http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/ds/kn/kn\\_u/kn0219\\_u.html](http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/ds/kn/kn_u/kn0219_u.html)

<sup>51</sup> Calculations (estimates) of the population were made based on the existing administrative data on state registration of births and deaths and changes of the place of residences.

<sup>52</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/34.pdf>

<sup>53</sup> [http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/ds/pp/xls/pp0119\\_u.xls](http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/ds/pp/xls/pp0119_u.xls)



In January 2019, the number of incomers (44,800 people) was higher than the number of those who have left (40,900 people) and migration gain population has amounted to 3,900 people (according to registration/deregistration data)<sup>54</sup>. In January 2019, the largest population growth rate has been recorded in Kyiv (2,200 people) and Odesa (1,100 people) oblasts. The largest population decrease in January 2019 has been reported in Donetsk (-300 people), Luhansk (-300), and Vinnytsia (-200) oblasts<sup>55</sup>.

Data on the number of the able-bodied population, population under 15 years of age, as well as rural and urban population are provided in the report for June 2018.

## *Demographic risks*<sup>56</sup>

With regard to a moderate decrease in the number of the Ukrainian population, considerably growing death rate, reduction in the number of the able-bodied population and the population under the age of 15, and slowdown in urbanization, demographic risk can be classified as “critical”.

## **2.2. Social and economic situation**

According to the State Statistics Service, the real gross domestic product (GDP) in 2018 has grown by 3.3% compared to 2017. The nominal GDP in 2018 amounted to UAH 3,558.7 billion, and the GDP per capita — UAH 84.2 thousand<sup>57</sup>. In February 2019, the seasonally adjusted industrial production index has amounted to 99.4% compared to January 2019, and 98.2% compared to February 2018<sup>58</sup>.

The number of registered unemployed continued to decrease: in February 2019, this indicator amounted to 367,000 people or 1% of the able-bodied population, which is 2,700 and 25,300 people more compared to January 2019 (364,300) and December 2018 (341,700) respectively<sup>59</sup>. A demand for labour force in February 2019 increased (84,500 vacancies) compared to January 2019 (67,800)<sup>60</sup>. As a result, the load on one vacant position somewhat decreased and approximated just over 4 people per one vacant position. In January 2019, a total of 50,000 people got employed (including prior to getting the unemployed status), of whom 18,300 were placed to jobs by employment agencies<sup>61</sup>.

Based on the results of a selective survey of Ukraine’s population (households) on economic activity, the number of employed and unemployed in the number of the population aging between 15 and 70 totaled 16.2 and 1.7 million people respectively in the 4th quarter of 2018. The employment of the population aging between 15 and 70 has grown by 1.2% and reached the level of 56.6%. As for the able-bodied population, this indicator has increased by 1.9% and amounted to 65.8%. In the 4th quarter of 2018, the unemployment of the economically active population aging between 15 and 70 has been down by 0.6% compared to the same period of 2017 and made up 9.3%<sup>62</sup>.

The average nominal wage in February 2019 amounted to UAH 9,429 in February 2019, 2.3 times up the minimum wage (UAH 4,173). The average nominal wage in February increased by 2.2% compared to that

<sup>54</sup> Excluding the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Sevastopol and some temporarily occupied territories in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

<sup>55</sup> [http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/ds/mr/mr\\_u/mr0119\\_u.html](http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/ds/mr/mr_u/mr0119_u.html)

<sup>56</sup> Here and further in the text the risks are assigned one of the following grades: “critical”, “disturbing” or “acceptable”, where “critical” is a risk with the highest probability, and “acceptable” is the risk with the lowest probability.

<sup>57</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/38.pdf>

<sup>58</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/39.pdf>

<sup>59</sup> [http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/rp/sz\\_br/sz\\_br\\_u/kzbr\\_m\\_u2019.htm](http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/rp/sz_br/sz_br_u/kzbr_m_u2019.htm)

<sup>60</sup> [https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/inf/files/dodatky\\_pp\\_lyuty\\_2019\\_0.xls](https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/inf/files/dodatky_pp_lyuty_2019_0.xls)

<sup>61</sup> [https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/inf/files/dodatky\\_27.xlsx](https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/inf/files/dodatky_27.xlsx)

<sup>62</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/40.pdf>

in January, and by 20.4% compared to that over the past 12 months. The real wage index constituted 101.7% in February 2019 compared to that in January 2019 and 110.7% compared to that in February 2018<sup>63</sup>. Wage arrears equaled UAH 2,446,800 as of 1 March (6.4% down compared to 1 February 2019) or 3.3% of the wages fund, 0.3% down compared to the previous reporting period<sup>64,65</sup>.

In February 2019, inflation in the consumer market was 0.5% compared to the previous month and 1.5% compared to 1 January 2019. In February 2019, basic inflation was 0.2% compared to the previous month and 0.5% compared to 1 January 2019. Annual inflation somewhat decreased in February 2019 and reached the level of 8.8% compared to 9.2% in January 2019<sup>66,67</sup>.

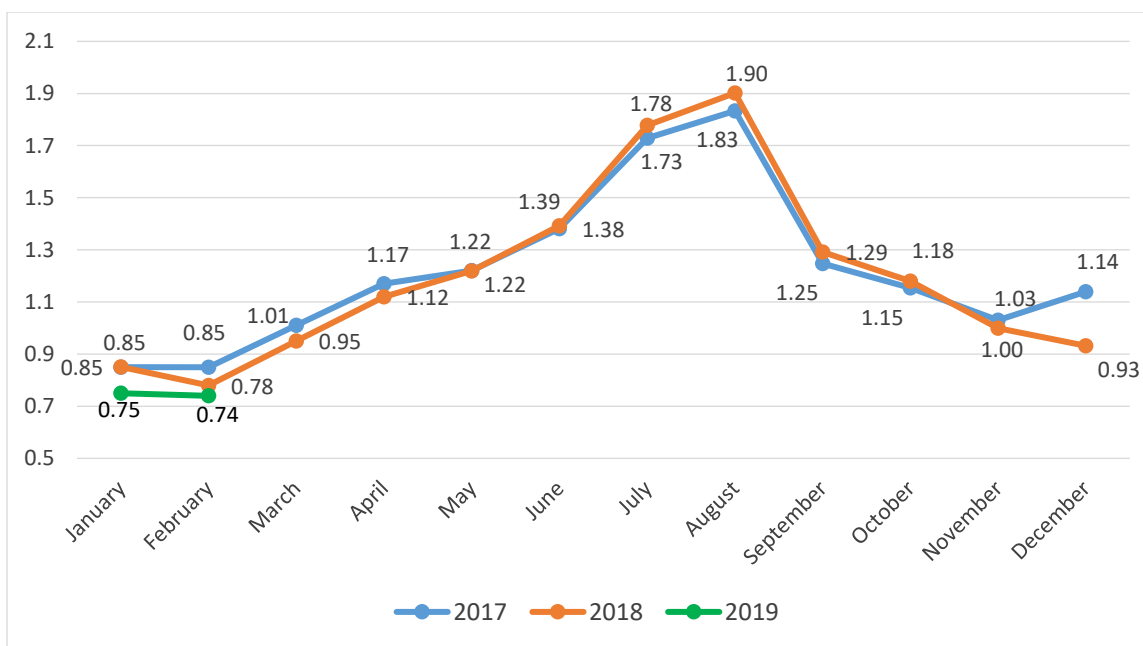
In February, 3,735,100 households received subsidies to compensate for utility expenses. In January–February, subsidies were granted to 549,100 households, 1.7% up from the same period of 2018<sup>68</sup>.

### Social-economic risks

The GDP growth, creeping inflation, moving up in the Doing Business rating, growing industrial sales, high rating of the human development index, and increase in private money remittances to Ukraine make it possible to conclude that the level of social-economic risks is ‘acceptable’.

## 2.3. Border crossings

**Number of border crossings by foreigners and stateless persons (FSPs) at the entry to Ukraine (million times, January 2017–February 2019)<sup>69</sup>:**



<sup>63</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/43.pdf>

<sup>64</sup> [http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/gdn/Fop\\_ed/Fop\\_ed2019\\_u.xlsx](http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/gdn/Fop_ed/Fop_ed2019_u.xlsx)

<sup>65</sup> [http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/gdn/zvz/zvz\\_19\\_u.htm](http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2019/gdn/zvz/zvz_19_u.htm)

<sup>66</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/02/14.pdf>

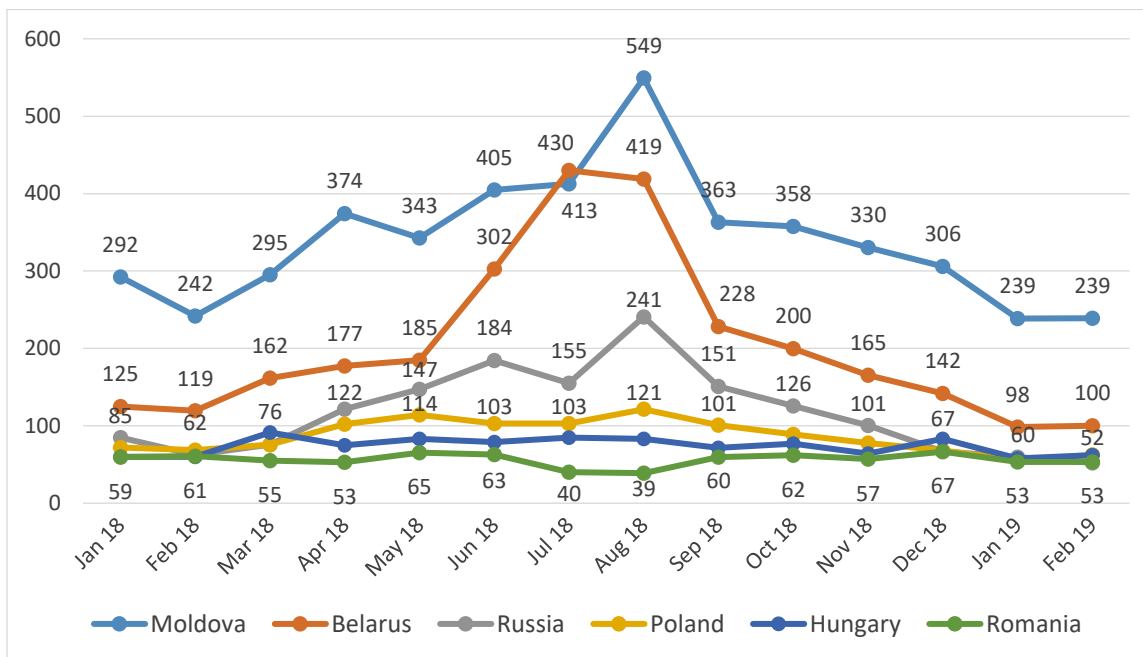
<sup>67</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/31.pdf>

<sup>68</sup> <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2019/03/35.pdf>

<sup>69</sup> Based on the data received from the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine on request.

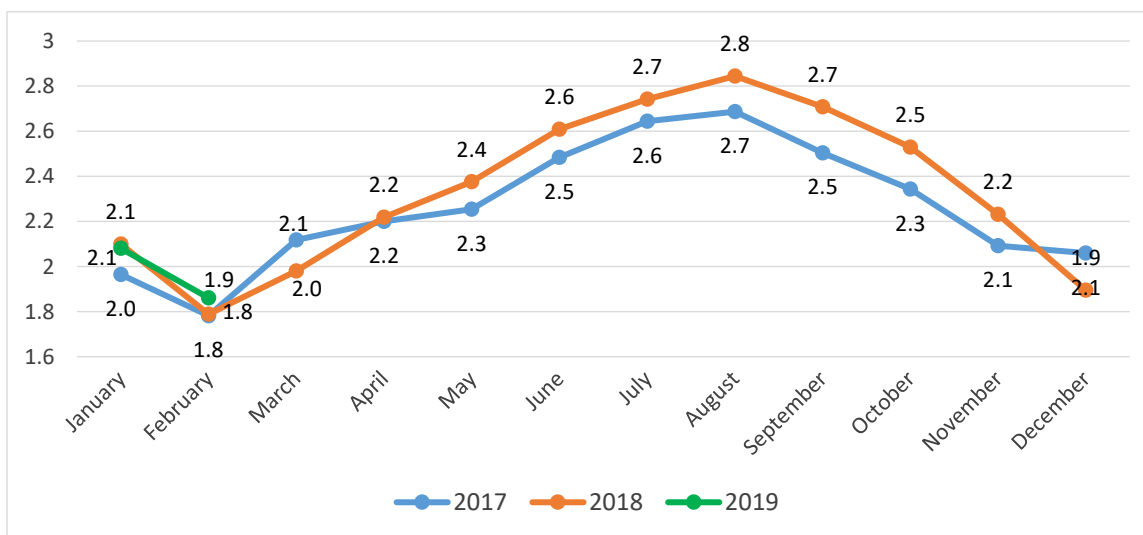
In February 2019, most border crossings were made by the citizens of Moldova – 239,000 times, Belarus – 100,200, Poland – 62,400, and Hungary – 62,100<sup>70</sup>.

**Number of border crossings by citizens of Moldova, Belarus, Russia, Poland, Hungary, and Romania at the entry to Ukraine (thousand times, January 2018–February 2019)<sup>71</sup>:**



According to the SBGS, Ukrainian citizens have crossed the border 3,602,200 times in February 2019, including 1,860,000 times while exiting the country. 78.6% of Ukrainians traveled from the country by land, 21.2% by air, and 0.2% by sea<sup>72</sup>.

**Number of outbound border crossings by Ukrainians (million times, January 2017–February 2019)<sup>73</sup>:**



<sup>70</sup> Ibid.

<sup>71</sup> Ibid.

<sup>72</sup> Ibid.

<sup>73</sup> Ibid.

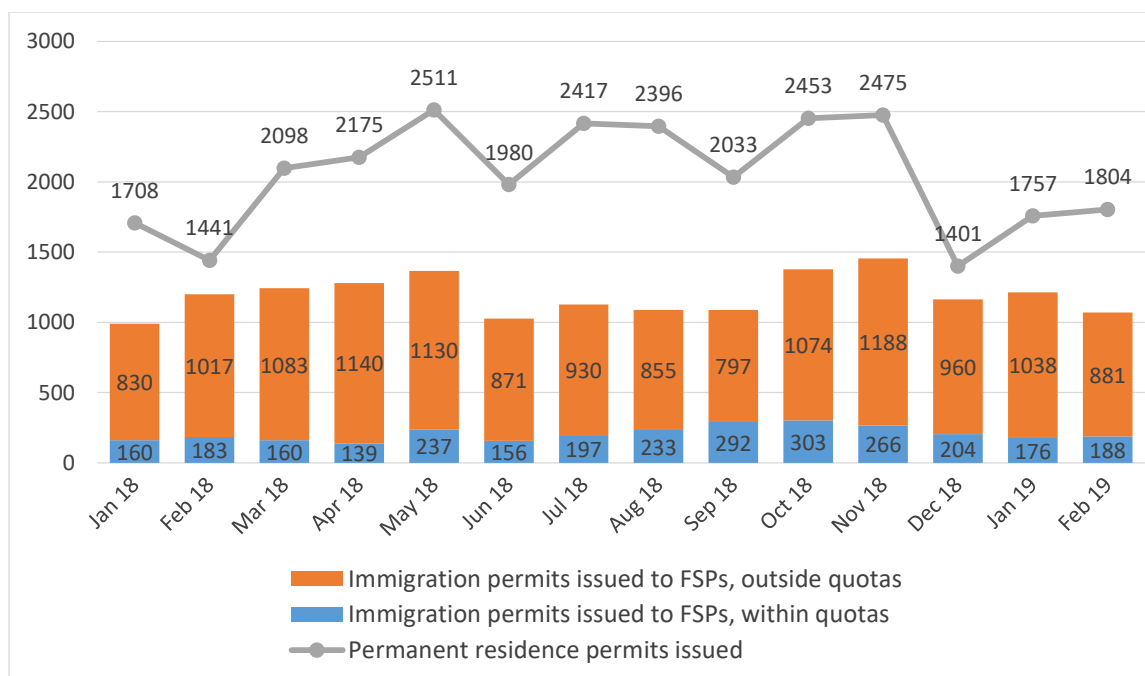


Based on the SBGS data, the UNHCR monthly monitors the number of civilians crossings the ‘contact line’ between Ukraine and Crimea as well as between Ukraine and the temporarily uncontrolled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. In February 2019, the contact line was crossed in both directions by 1,076,000 people, including 539,000 entering and 537,000 exiting the government-controlled territory of Ukraine<sup>74</sup>. A 4% increase in the total number of contact line crossings was recorded in February 2019 compared to January 2019. As of 29 March 2019, a total of 286 FSPs applied to the State Migration Service of Ukraine (SMS) for special entry permits to enter the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine. Permits have been issued to 283 FSPs, whereas 2 applications have been declined<sup>75</sup>. Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine said in March that since the start of the election campaign, a high level of activity was recorded at entry-exit checkpoints with the temporarily occupied territories, which is probably due to intentions of Ukrainians to take part in the elections<sup>76</sup>. As of 25 March, 315,725 Ukrainians temporarily changed the place of voting to participate in the next presidential elections at a place different from their place of registration, including 63,900 voters from Donetsk oblast, 28,800 from Luhansk oblast, 20,400 from Dnipropetrovsk oblast, and 18,900 from Kyiv<sup>77</sup>.

## 2.4. Foreigners temporarily and permanently residing in Ukraine

In January–February 2019, 2,027 immigration applications were processed, 37 rejected<sup>78</sup>.

**Immigration permits and permanent residence permits issued (pcs, January 2018–February 2019)<sup>79</sup>:**



<sup>74</sup> <https://bit.ly/2ipWCBf>

<sup>75</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/assets/files/statistic/week/immi-29-03-2019.pdf>

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<sup>78</sup> Based on the data received from the State Migration Service of Ukraine on request.

<sup>79</sup> Ibid.



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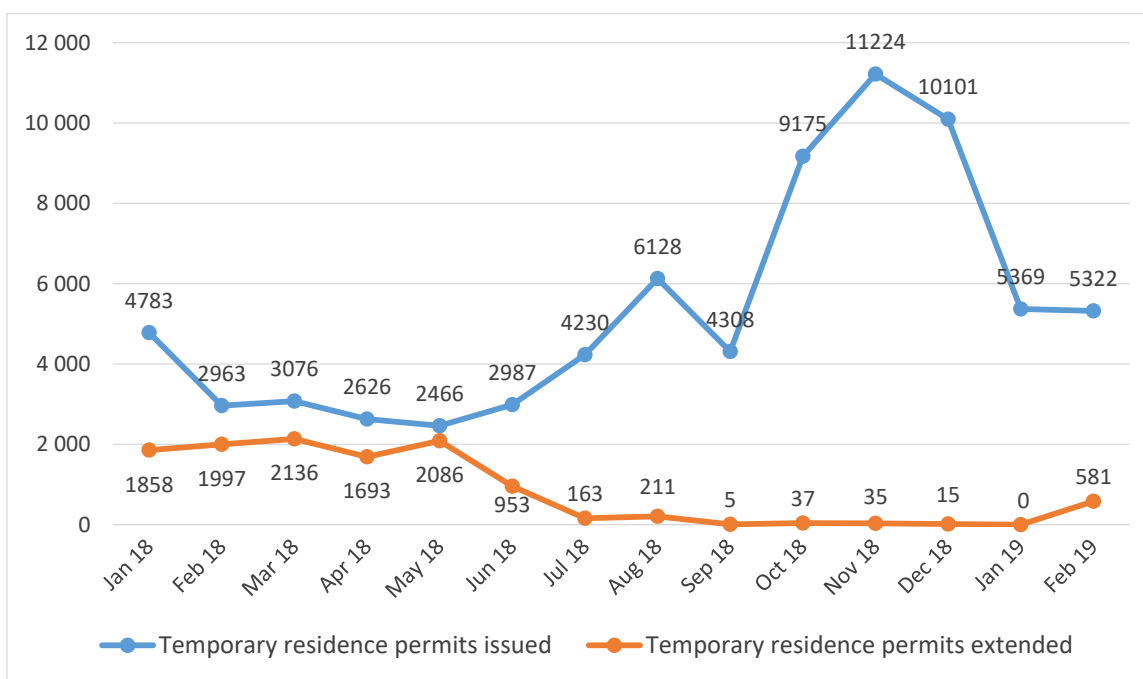
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Most immigration permits have been issued to FSPs outside quotas on the basis of marriage with citizens of Ukraine for over two years, to children and parents of citizens of Ukraine, and to persons entitled to Ukrainian citizenship by their territorial origin. Since the beginning of the year, four immigration permits have been issued to ‘foreign Ukrainians,’ their spouses and children<sup>80</sup>.

In February 2019, 276,610 immigrants or 0.66% of the total population resided in Ukraine. The largest number of them are citizens of Russia (151,952 persons), Moldova (18,837), Azerbaijan (12,660), Armenia (11,950), Georgia (10,608), Belarus (8,877), and stateless persons (5,034)<sup>81</sup>.

In January–February 2019, 10,691 temporary residence permits have been issued and 581 extended.

**Temporary residence permits (pcs, January 2018–February 2019)<sup>82</sup>:**



As of February 2019, 105,871 FSPs or 0.25% of the population resided in Ukraine based on temporary residence permits. The largest number of them were citizens of India (15,091 persons), Russia (8,764), Morocco (7,122), Turkey (7,078), Azerbaijan (4,551), and Turkmenistan (4,451), as well as stateless persons (610)<sup>83</sup>.

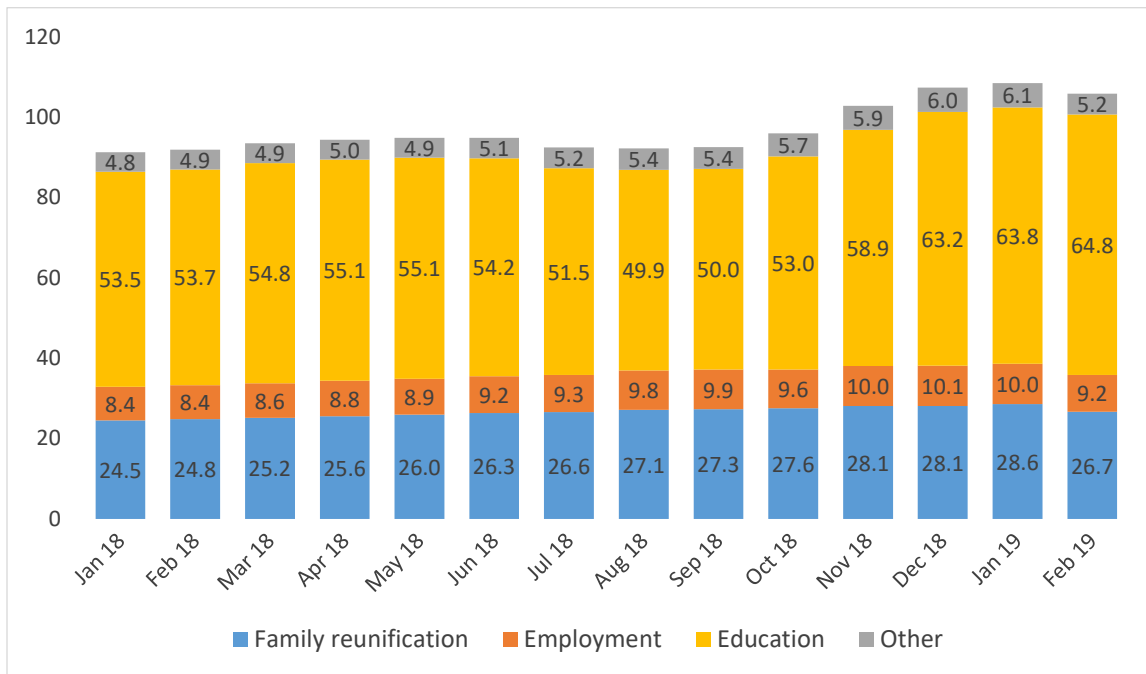
<sup>80</sup> Ibid.

<sup>81</sup> Ibid.

<sup>82</sup> Ibid.

<sup>83</sup> Ibid.

Reasons for temporary residence of FSPs in Ukraine (thousand persons, January 2018 – February 2019)<sup>84</sup>:



Also, in February 2019, SMS received 274 applications for acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship. Within this period, 1,083 persons acquired Ukrainian citizenship by birth, 156 by territorial origin, and 141 by a relevant presidential decree<sup>85</sup>. Six persons have been deprived of citizenship by a presidential decree.

### Immigration risks

An increase in the number of migration risk countries whose citizens enjoy visa-free entry to Ukraine, decrease in the number of FSPs entering Ukraine, essential increase in the number of foreign students studying in higher education institutions of Ukraine, minor changes in the number of FSPs permanently and temporarily residing in Ukraine, reduction in the number of immigration permits issued to FSPs, growing number of open criminal cases against FSPs, and reduction in the number of persons brought to administrative responsibility under Article 203 of the Administrative Offenses Code of Ukraine compared to the previous month make it possible to conclude that the level of immigration risks is ‘disturbing’.

## 2.5. Ukrainian nationals permanently or temporarily residing abroad

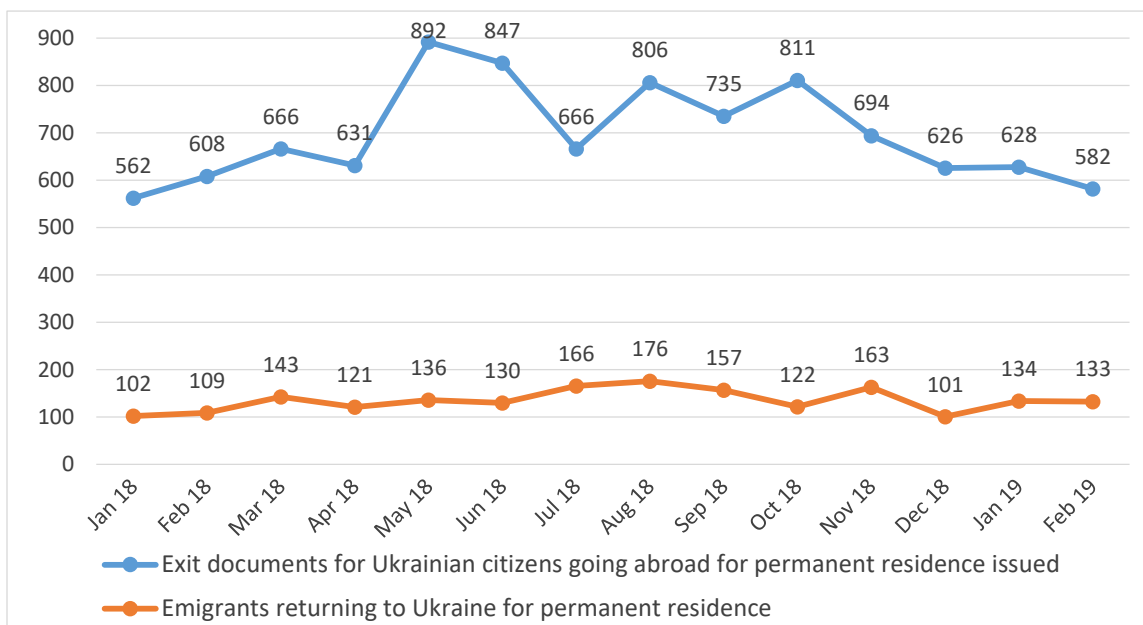
In January–February 2019, the State Migration Service of Ukraine processed and issued 582 permanent emigration permits to Ukrainian citizens<sup>86</sup>.

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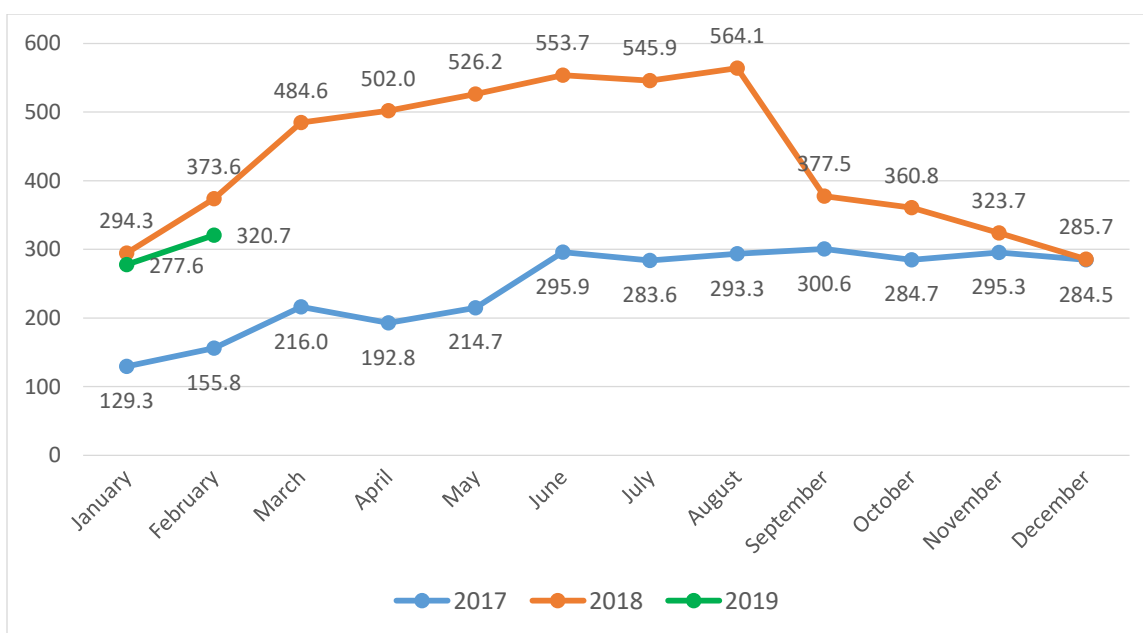
<sup>86</sup> Ibid.

**Emigration data (January 2018–February 2019)**



In February 2019, Ukrainians mostly moved for permanent residence to the USA (211 people), Russia (64), Lithuania (63), Germany (63), Poland (31), and Hungary (27), and returned mostly from Russia (22), Germany (21), and Israel (19). A tendency of emigration of Ukrainian pensioners to Hungary (74.1% of the total number of emigrants to this country) and Russia (60.9% of the total number of emigrants to this country) retained<sup>87</sup>.

**Processing and issuing passport of a citizen of Ukraine for travelling abroad (thousand pcs, January 2017–February 2019)<sup>88</sup>:**



<sup>87</sup> Ibid.

<sup>88</sup> Ibid.

In January–February 2019, a total of 598,274 Ukrainian passports for traveling abroad have been processed and issued<sup>89</sup>. The passport of a citizen of Ukraine has been ranked 40th in the 2018 Henley Passport Index, climbing one place from last year’s position<sup>90</sup>. The Ukrainian passport has been ranked as the most attractive among the Eastern Partnership countries<sup>91</sup>.

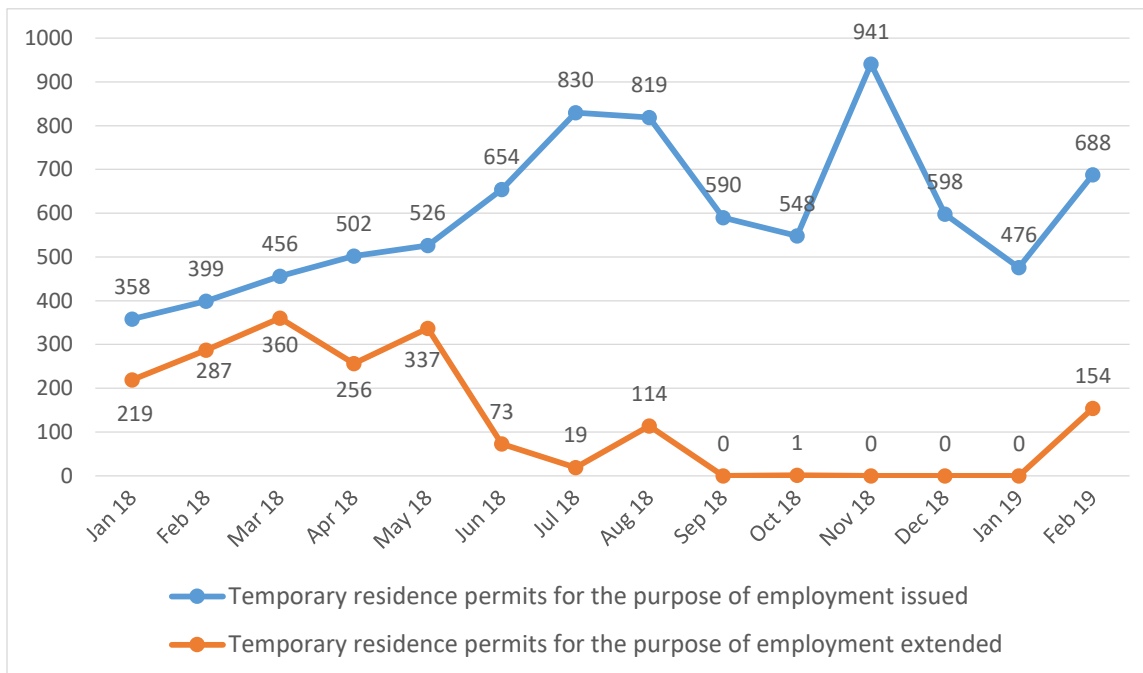
### Emigration risks

The extension of the list of countries with developed economies that Ukrainian citizens are allowed to visit visa free, decrease in the number of Ukrainians’ trips abroad, slight reduction in the number of emigration permits issued to Ukrainian citizens, and decline in the number of return permits make it possible to claim that the level of emigration risks is ‘disturbing’.

## 2.6. Labour migration and money remittances to and from Ukraine

As of February 2019, 9,198 FSPs were staying in Ukraine for the purpose of employment, 836 up from January 2019<sup>92</sup>.

### Temporary residence permits for the purpose of employment (pcs, January 2018–February 2019)<sup>93</sup>:



As of February 2019, most FSPs temporarily residing in Ukraine for the purpose of employment are citizens of Turkey (1,652 persons), Russia (1,061), China (492), the United States (466), Belarus (429), Azerbaijan (339), and Poland (335). The overwhelming majority of these FSPs are registered in the city of Kyiv – 58.6% as well as in Kyiv oblast – 58.6%, Odesa oblast – 9.4%, and Lviv oblast – 7.1%<sup>94</sup>.

<sup>89</sup> Ibid.

<sup>90</sup> [https://www.henleyglobal.com/files/download/HPI2019/Full\\_Q2\\_2019\\_Ranking.pdf](https://www.henleyglobal.com/files/download/HPI2019/Full_Q2_2019_Ranking.pdf)

<sup>91</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/26/7094410/>

<sup>92</sup> Based on the data received from the State Migration Service of Ukraine on request.

<sup>93</sup> Ibid.

<sup>94</sup> Ibid.



In 2018, 511 commercial entities provided services of employment abroad compared to 427 in 2017. In 2018, entities, licensed to provide services of employment abroad, ensured employment for 97,100 Ukrainians, 16% up from 2017. Most Ukrainians (72.9%) have been employed through intermediaries that operated in Odesa oblast<sup>95</sup>. 21% of citizens who, at the time of departure abroad, worked in Ukraine were engaged in passenger and maritime freight transport. Therefore, main countries of employment for Ukrainians, through the services of licensed intermediaries, have included Cyprus (19.8%), Poland (12.9%), Germany (10.9%), UK (8.1%), Greece (7.2%)<sup>96</sup>.

Based on smartphone data, Selectivv has estimated the number of Ukrainians in Poland as 1,270,000 in 2018 and 830,000 in 2017<sup>97</sup>. Detailed information on distribution of Ukrainians in Poland based on mobile phone data is available under the link<sup>98</sup>. In 2018, Poland's Social Insurance Administration (ZUS) has issued over 23,000 A1 employment permits to Ukrainians, seconded by Polish companies for work abroad<sup>99</sup>. Such documents certify that only provisions of Polish social insurance are applied to these employees abroad, thus excluding double contributions<sup>100</sup>.

According to the National Bank of Ukraine, the country has received USD 2,833 million in money remittances in the 4th quarter of 2018 (which is equal to 7.6% of the GDP in the 4th quarter of 2018), around 4.1% up compared to the 3rd quarter 2018 and 8.5% up compared to the 4th quarter of 2017. Largest shares of money remittances have come to Ukraine from Poland (USD 955 million), Czechia (USD 248 million), the U.S. (USD 239 million), Russia (USD 182 million), and Italy (USD 126 million). The net pay (with the deduction of expenses of migrants in the countries of their stay) in the 4th quarter of 2018 has totaled USD 2,056 million. Detailed statistics on dynamics and volumes of private money remittances to Ukraine is available on the official web site of the National Bank of Ukraine<sup>101</sup>.

## *Labour migration risks*

Taking into account a moderate decline in the number of able-bodied Ukrainians, increase in the amount of the average monthly wage exceeding growth rate of the consumer prices index, moderate increase in the number of unemployed people of working age, moderate increase in the unemployment level, decline in wage arrears, reduction in the ratio of wage arrears in relation to wages fund, increased demand of employers for workers, and decrease in the number of FSPs who temporarily work in Ukraine, it is possible to conclude that the level of labour migration risks is 'disturbing'.

## **2.7. Educational migration to and from Ukraine**

As of February 2019, 64,826 FSPs were registered as those who stay in Ukraine for the purpose of employment, 1,011 up from January 2019. Education migrants are registered in Ukraine's largest education centers: Kharkiv oblast (26.5%), the city of Kyiv and Kyiv oblast (18.5%), Odesa oblast (14.4%), and Dnipropetrovsk oblast (6%)<sup>102</sup>.

<sup>95</sup> [https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/infofiles/analytyka\\_2.doc](https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/infofiles/analytyka_2.doc)

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<sup>98</sup> <https://selectivv.com/czy-ukraincy-wiaza-swoja-przyszlosc-z-naszym-krajem-najnowsze-badanie-selectivv/>

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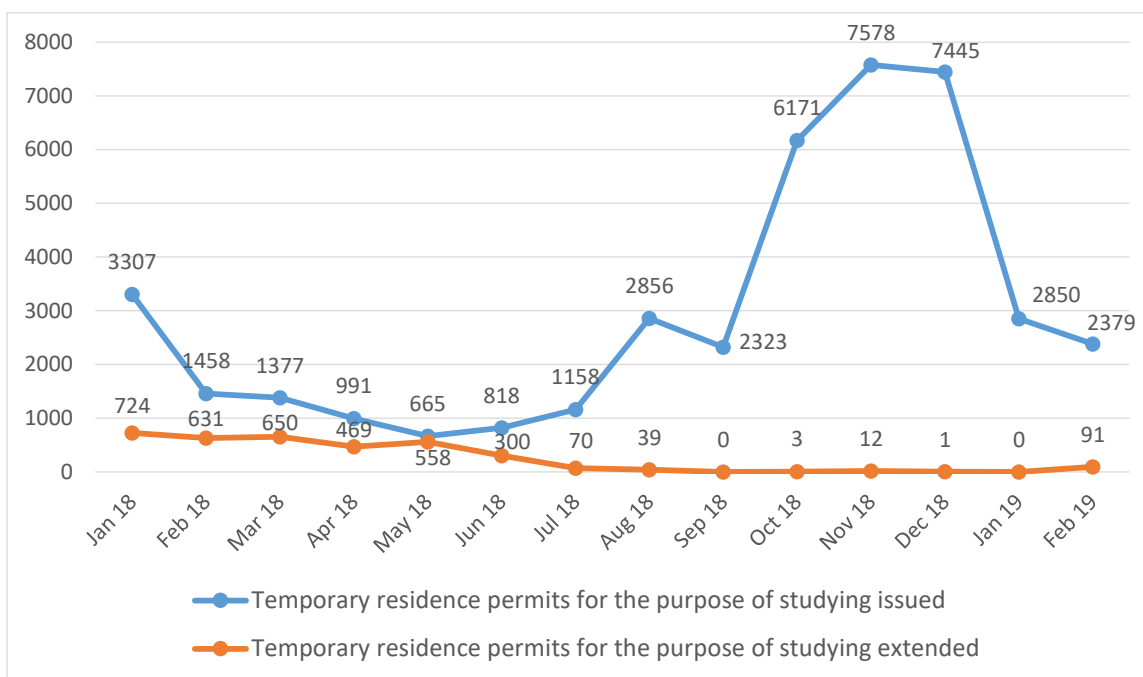


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Temporary residence permits for the purpose of studying (pcs, January 2018–February 2019)<sup>103</sup>:



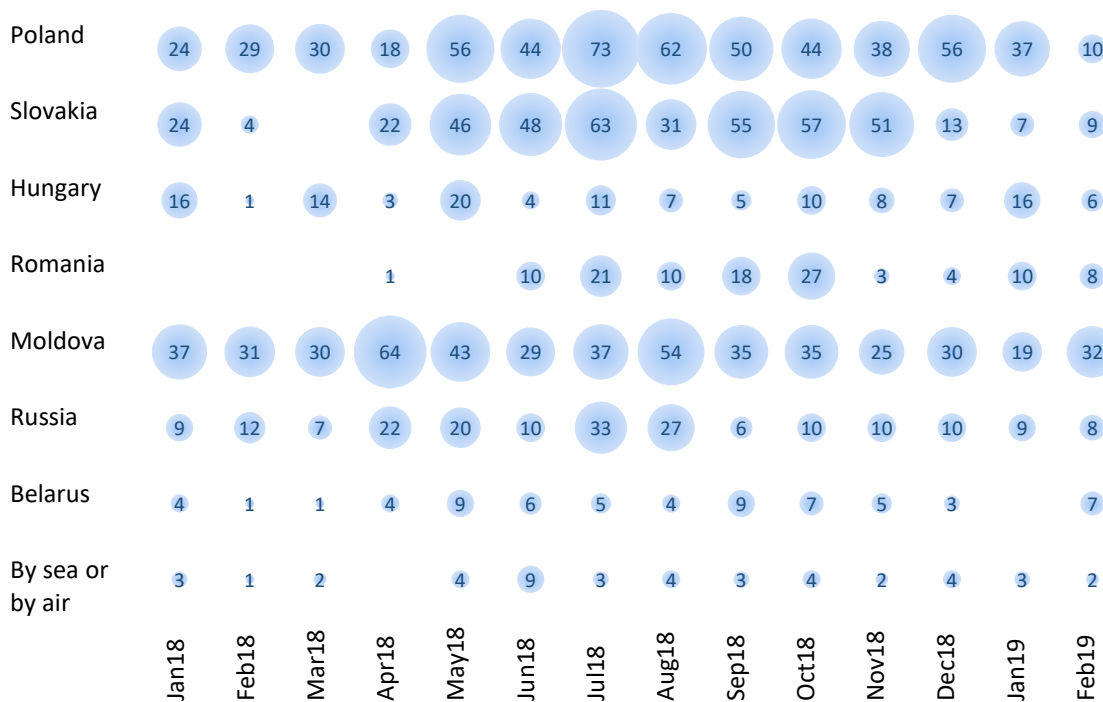
The list of the top-10 countries of origin of migrants coming to Ukraine for the purpose of education has not changed since the previous month: India (14,627 persons), Morocco (6,964), Turkmenistan (4,192), Turkey (4,062), Nigeria (3,600), Egypt (3,209), China (2,745), Israel (2,230), Jordan (2,205), and Iran (1,807). The number of students from the EU Member States is small, the highest number of them, 99 persons, are from Germany. The only exception is Poland: 543 Poles, temporarily residing in Ukraine, have come to the country to receive education<sup>104</sup>.

<sup>103</sup> Ibid.

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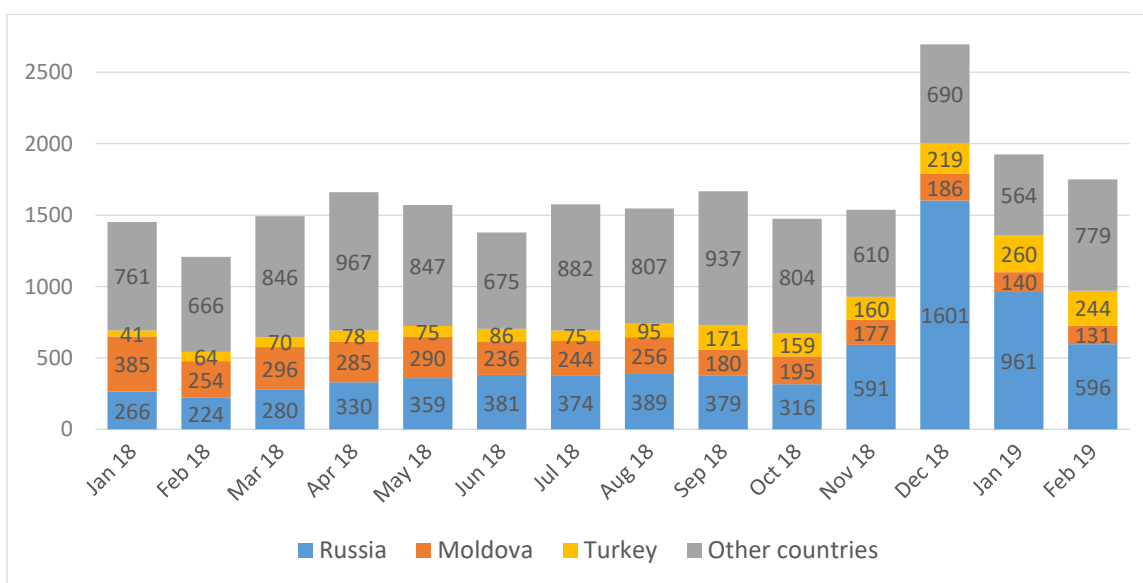
## 2.8. Irregular migration

FSPs detained for illegal border crossing, by border section (persons, January 2018–February 2019)<sup>105</sup>:



In February 2019, citizens of Moldova were most often apprehended for illegal border crossing (20 out of 82 apprehended FSPs)<sup>106</sup>.

FSPs denied entry to Ukraine, by main countries of citizenship (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>107</sup>:



<sup>105</sup> Based on the data received from the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine on request.

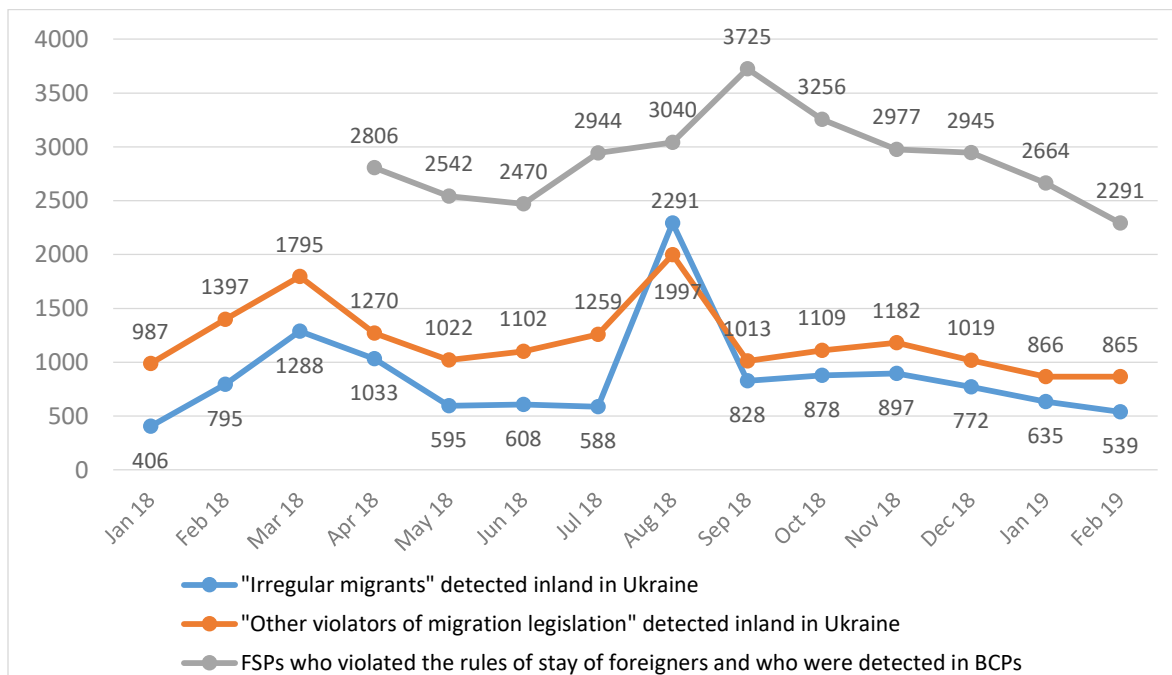
<sup>106</sup> Ibid.

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Despite that citizens of Russia less often cross the Ukrainian border compared to those of Moldova and Belarus, they are more frequently denied entry to Ukraine, mainly because of unconfirmed purpose of travel (84.1% of cases in February 2019), no proof of sufficient means to cover expenses (4.5%), entry/exit restrictions (4%), and invalid documents (3.5%)<sup>108</sup>. Turkey ranks second by the number of entry denials for three consecutive months: in February, 244 Turkish citizens were denied entry to Ukraine, mostly because of unconfirmed purpose of travel (77.9% of cases). The number of Israeli citizens, denied entry to Ukraine because of unconfirmed purpose of travel, has essentially increased: 135 people in February compared to 35 in January 2019.

**Detected irregular migrants<sup>109</sup> (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>110</sup>:**



In February 2019, most irregular migrants were detected by SBGS at border crossing points. Main reason was violations of the rules of stay of foreigners in Ukraine. The majority of those 2,291 violators were nationals of Hungary (13.2%), Moldova (12.1%), Russia (10.2%), Azerbaijan (9.3%), Romania (5.5%), Georgia (5.4%), Turkey (4.2%), and the U.S. (3.6%)<sup>111</sup>.

Within the same period, the State Migration Service detected 1,404 irregular migrants and held them administratively liable under Part 1, Article 203 “Violation of the Rules of Stay and Transit Passage

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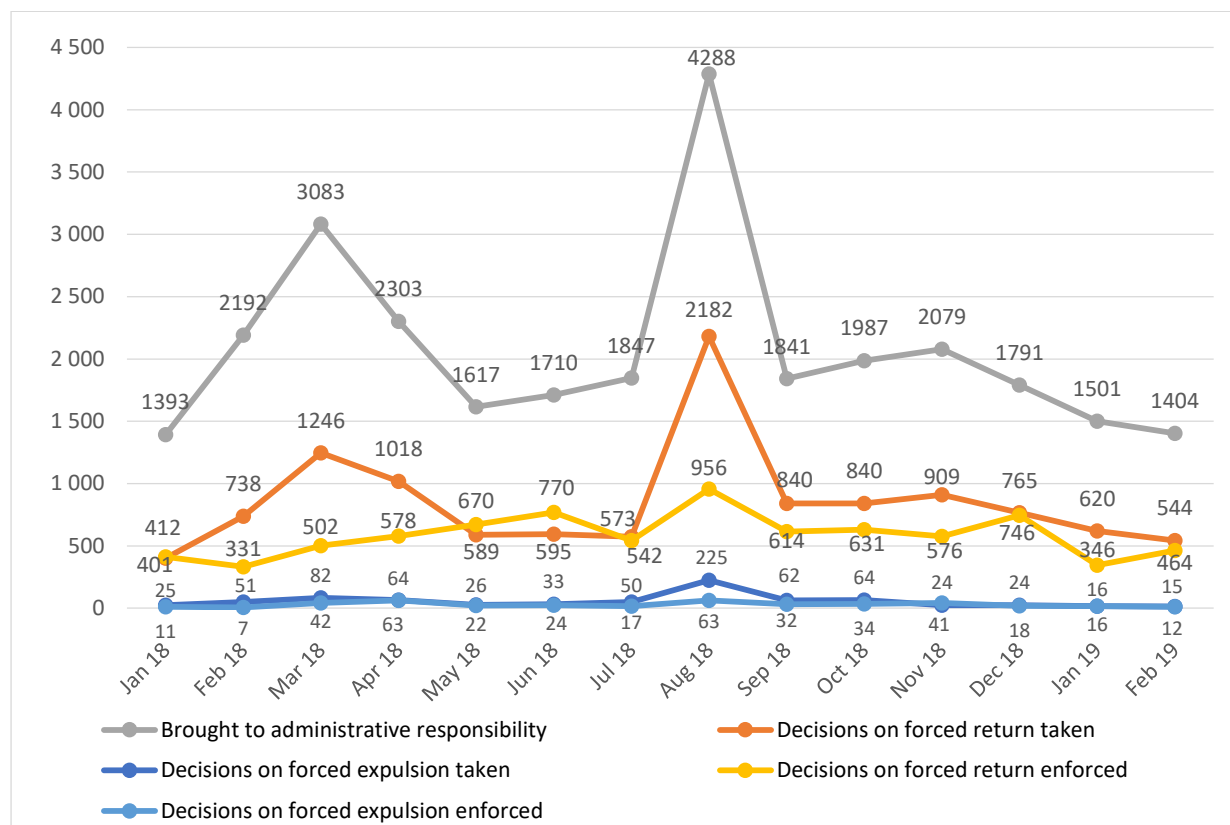
<sup>109</sup> In this monitoring report, the term ‘irregular migrant’ is used in accordance with the practice of the International Organization for Migration to indicate the following terms used in Ukraine’s legislation, reports of and publications of state authorities: ‘illegal migrant’ (a foreigner or stateless person who entered the territory of Ukraine without legal grounds as well as a foreigner or stateless person who legally arrived to Ukraine but avoided leaving Ukraine after expiration of the relevant period of stay), ‘other violator of the migration legislation’ (a foreigner or stateless person who stayed in Ukraine without documents allowing stay, stayed based on invalid documents or documents that have expired, was employed without due employment permit, or failed to comply with the established rules of movement and change of place of residence).

<sup>110</sup> Based on the data received from the State Migration Service of Ukraine and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine on request.

<sup>111</sup> Ibid.

through the Territory of Ukraine by Foreigners and Stateless Persons” of the Administrative Offences Code of Ukraine. In February 2019, SMS has drawn up administrative offence reports against citizens of Russia (22.5%), Azerbaijan (12.9%), Moldova (6.8%), Uzbekistan (6.4%), Georgia (5.8%), Armenia (4.9%), Belarus (3.1%), and Bangladesh (2.7%)<sup>112</sup>.

**Irregular migrants brought to responsibility (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>113</sup>:**



In February 2019, 544 decisions on forced return of FSPs were taken, 99 of those FSPs were issued re-entry bans for a term of three years. Decisions on forced expulsion of 15 FSPs accompanied by re-entry bans were taken by courts. 9 migrants were placed to temporary holding facilities for irregular migrants by court decisions, and another 7 – by decisions of local branches of SMS. Since the start of the year, 8 applications for readmission of FSPs have been approved, and 11 are pending. None FSP has been readmitted from Ukraine.

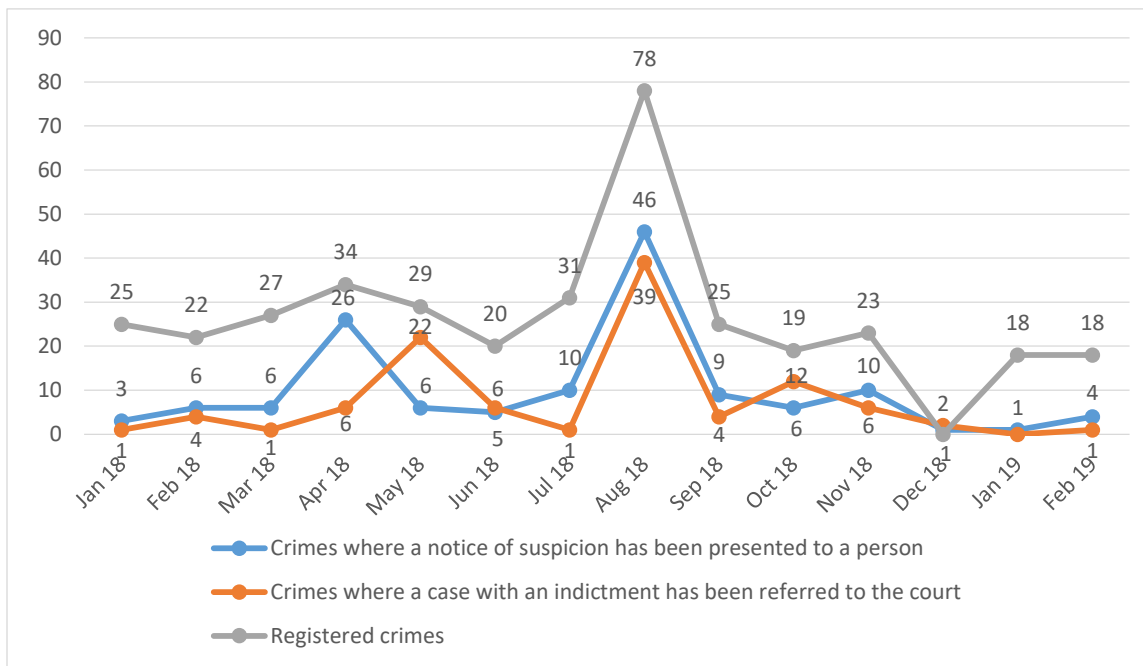
According to monthly monitoring of the European Border Agency Frontex, Ukrainians have committed 6 attempts to illegally cross the border with EU countries from January to February 2019, same as in the same period of 2018<sup>114</sup>.

<sup>112</sup> Ibid.

<sup>113</sup> Based on the data received from the State Migration Service of Ukraine on request.

<sup>114</sup> <https://frontex.europa.eu/along-eu-borders/migratory-map/>

**Crimes investigated under Article 332 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine “Illegal transfer of persons across the state border of Ukraine” (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>115</sup>:**



In January–February 2019, only one case (out of all those entered to the Unified Register of Pre-Trial Investigations) were sent to the court. In 2018, 31.2% of the total number of criminal cases entered to the Unified Register of Pre-Trial Investigations reached the court. In 2017, this indicator was 20.1%, in 2016 — 18.6%, in 2015 — 31.6%, in 2014 — 44.5%, and in 2013 — 38.6%.

### *Irregular migration risks*

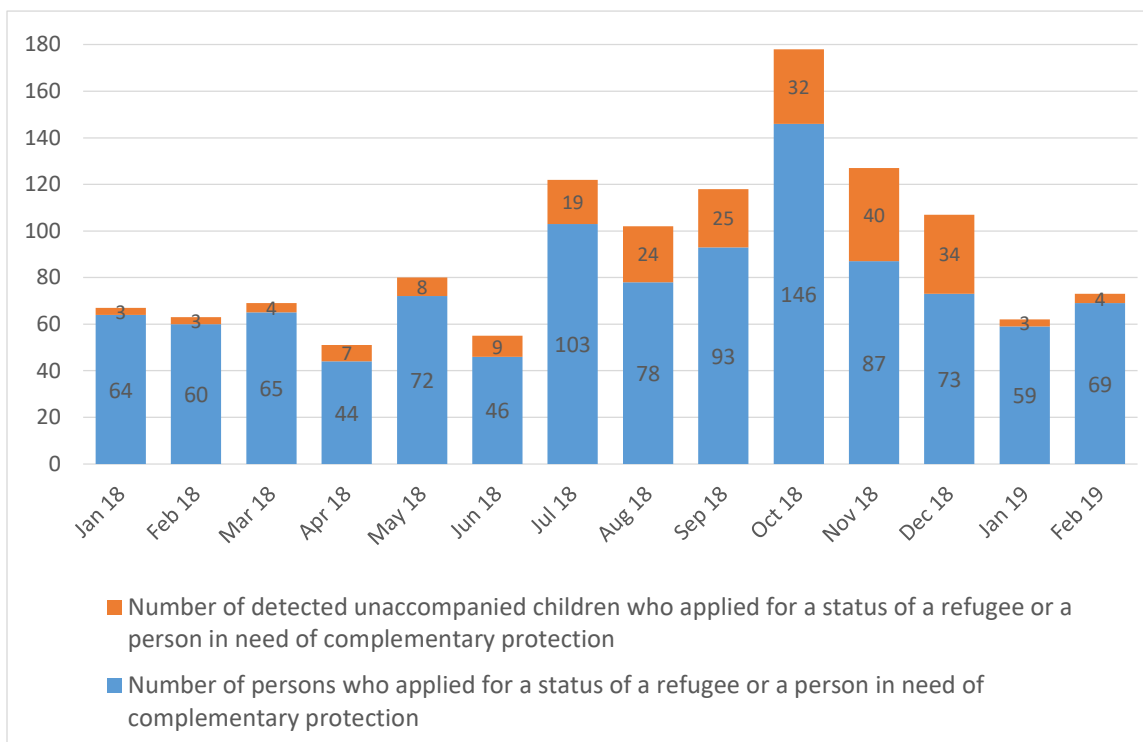
A drop in the number of FSPs apprehended for illegal border crossing, existence of irregular migration routes to and through Ukraine, decrease in the number of detected irregular migrants and the number of FSPs denied entry to Ukraine, reduction in the number of detected cases of trafficking in human beings, decrease in the number of victims of human trafficking, and decrease in the number of persons handed over by territorial authorities for readmission make it possible to conclude that the level of irregular migration risks is ‘acceptable’.

## **2.9. People seeking international protection**

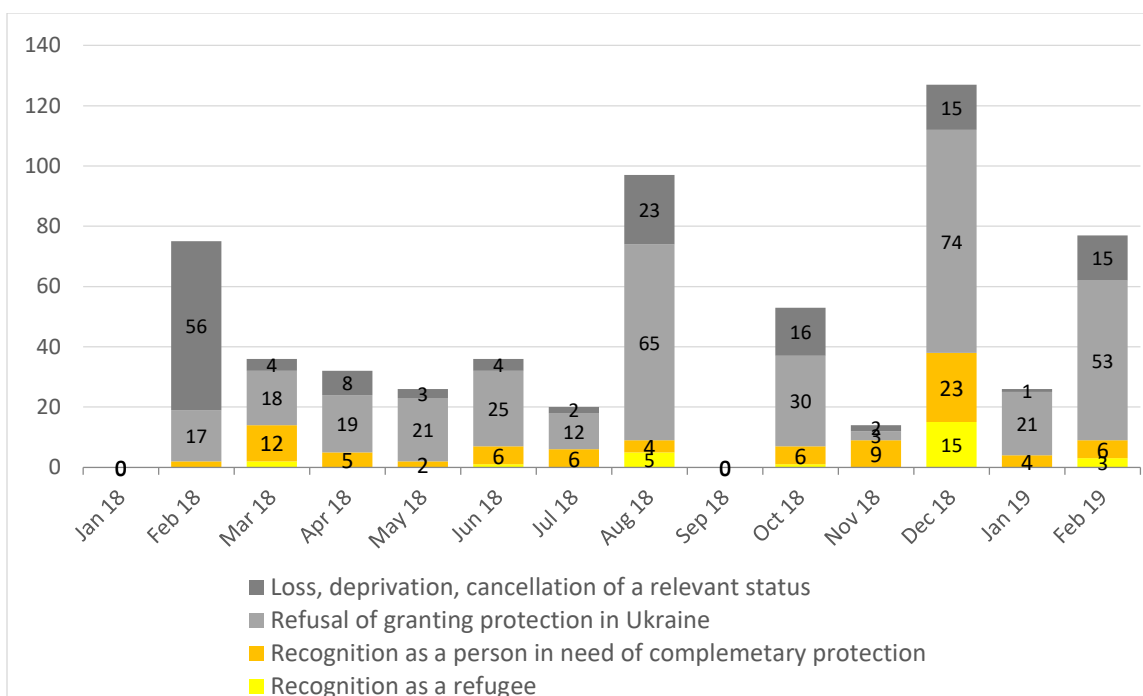
As of the end of the 4th quarter of 2018, 1,799 refugees and 768 persons in need of complementary protection had international protection in Ukraine.

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**Submitted applications for international protection (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>116</sup>:**



**Decisions taken by the SMS as regards applications for international protection (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>117</sup>:**



<sup>116</sup> Based on the data received from the State Migration Service of Ukraine on request.

<sup>117</sup> Ibid.



On 14 March, Eurostat published data according to which in 2018 there were 580,800 international protection seekers who filed first-time applications. The number of Ukrainians seeking international protection in the EU Member States decreased: 8,500 in 2018, 8,900 in 2017, over 11,000 in 2016, nearly 21,000 in 2015, 13,500 in 2014<sup>118</sup>.

### *Risks related to international protection seekers*

A moderate increase in the number of persons who applied to the SMS for the status of a refugee or a person in need of complementary protection, increase in the number of FSPs who were granted protection in Ukraine, and increase in the number of decisions on refusal of granting protection make it possible to state that the level of risks related to international protection seekers is 'disturbing'.

## **2.10. Internal forced migration and internally displaced persons**

As reported by social protection departments of oblast state administrations and Kyiv City State Administration, 1,363,754 people displaced from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea have been registered as of 25 March 2019, 0.06% less than in late February<sup>119</sup>. Based on data of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the Slovo i Dilo web portal published infographics on regional distribution of internally displaced persons as of March 2019. The largest number of IDPs was reported in Donetsk (487,500 people) and Luhansk (269,700) oblasts and in the city of Kyiv (141,200). The smallest number of IDPs was recorded in the western part of the country, including Volyn (3,000 people), Chernivtsi (2,400), and Ternopil (2,100) oblasts<sup>120</sup>. Compared to January 2019, the number of IDPs registered in Donetsk oblast (51,300 people), the city of Kyiv (33,700), Kyiv oblast (14,800), and Luhansk oblast (10,600) decreased. As indicated in the January report, a considerable decrease in the number of IDPs is linked to the full-fledged launch of the Unified Database of Internally Displaced Persons, which made it possible to delete double entries<sup>121</sup>. More detailed statistical data on internally displaced persons are available in materials published by the UNCHR<sup>122</sup>.

<sup>118</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/9665546/3-14032019-AP-EN.pdf/eca81dc5-89c7-4a9d-97ad-444b6bd32790>

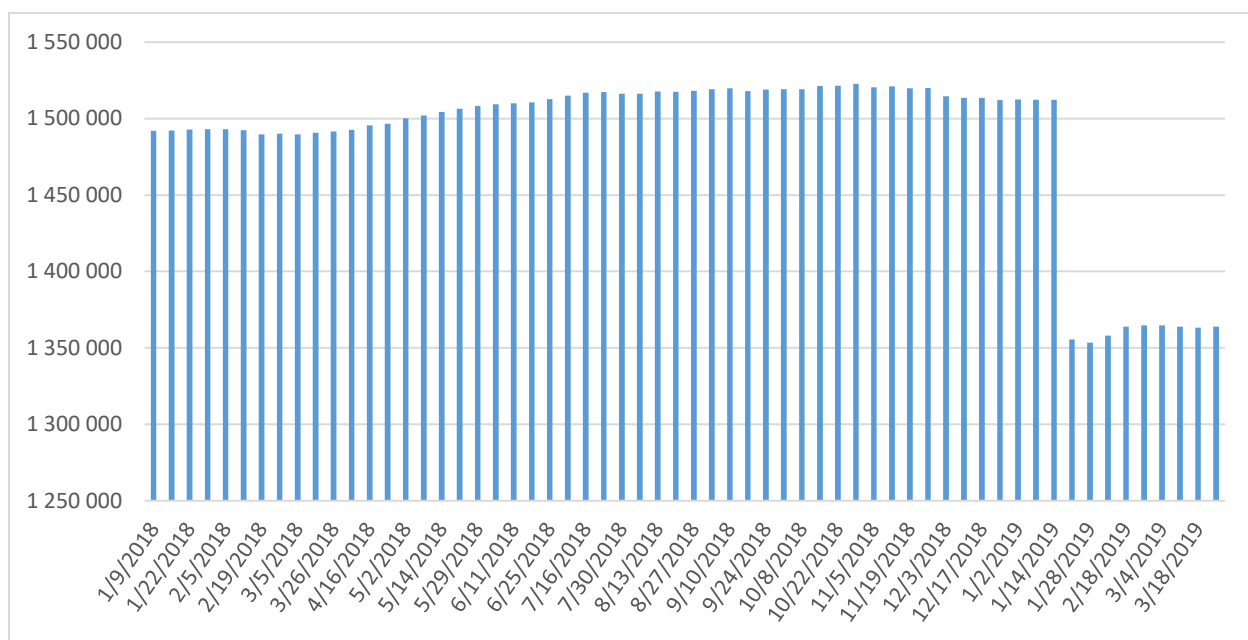
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<sup>121</sup> [http://krymsos.com/files/e/0/e006d74-----\\_.pdf](http://krymsos.com/files/e/0/e006d74-----_.pdf)

<sup>122</sup> <https://bit.ly/2CZaLzr>

Number of registered IDPs (persons, January 2018–March 2019)<sup>123</sup>



### Internal migration risks

Permanent gunfire in the JFO area, reduction in the number of internally displaced persons, and moderate increase in internal migration allow concluding that the level of risks related to internal migration is ‘disturbing’.

### 2.11. Trafficking in human beings

According to IOM, over 230,000 Ukrainians became victims of human trafficking since 1991<sup>124</sup>.

According to the report on the implementation in 2018 of the ‘State Social Counter-Trafficking Program until 2020’, in 2018, the Ministry of Social Policy has granted the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings to 221 citizens of Ukrainian (compared to 198 in 2017), including 99 women, 98 men, and 24 children (13 boys and 11 girls). By types of trafficking in human beings, 92 people became victims of labor exploitation, 86 — sexual exploitation, 7 — forced begging, 1 — mixed exploitation, 1 — removal of organs. 6 children were sold and 28 people were involved in criminal activities. In 2018, the share of victims of labor exploitation decreased (41.6% compared to 60.1% in 2017), while that of sexual exploitation increased (38.9%, compared to 23.2% in 2017). In 2018, 148 people applied for one-off financial assistance to victims of human trafficking<sup>125</sup>.

The main destination countries for people who became victims of human trafficking in 2018, were Ukraine — 65 persons, Russia — 54, Turkey — 21, Poland — 16, Germany — 13, and the United Arab Emirates — 12<sup>126</sup>.

<sup>123</sup> <https://www.msp.gov.ua/timeline/Novini.html>

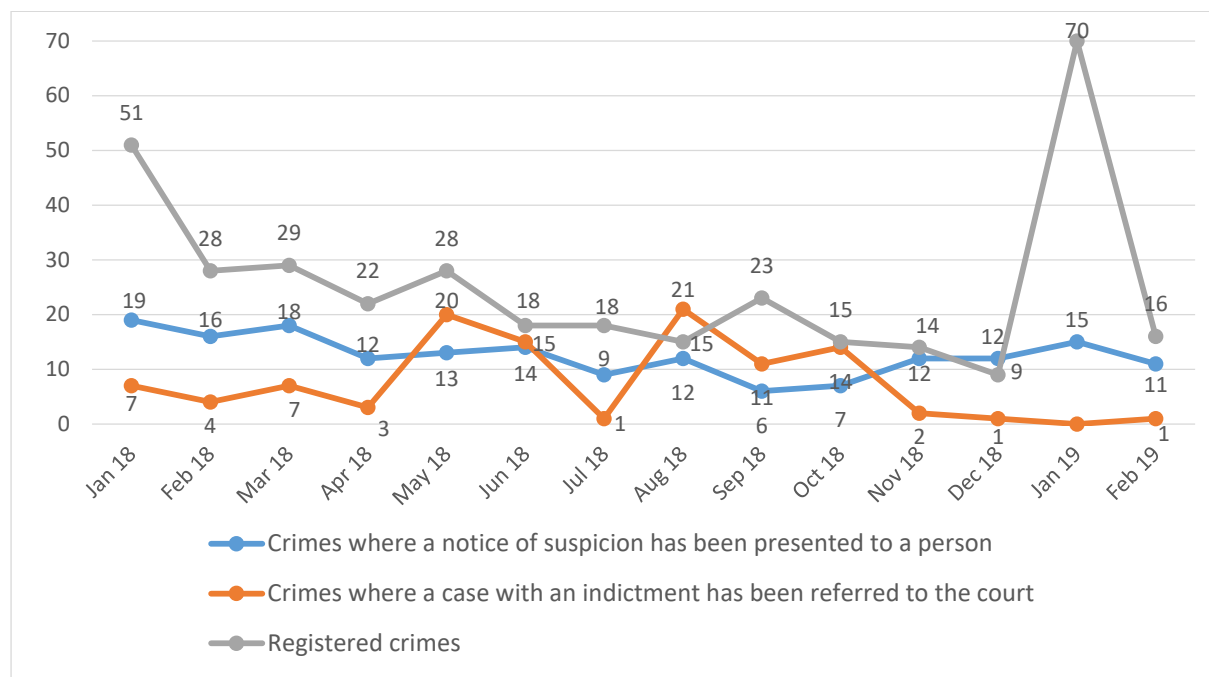
<sup>124</sup> <http://iom.org.ua/en/node/2356>

<sup>125</sup> [http://www.msp.gov.ua/files/tl/zvit\\_2018.doc](http://www.msp.gov.ua/files/tl/zvit_2018.doc)

<sup>126</sup> Ibid.

A total of 86 episodes of human trafficking have been detected by the National Police of Ukraine in January–February 2019. 71 people have been recognized as victims of trafficking in human beings, including 22 women and 1 minor child (under 14 years of age)<sup>127</sup>.

### Crimes investigated under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine “Trafficking in human beings” (January 2018–February 2019)<sup>128</sup>:



In 2018, territorial bodies of SBGS halted activities of 9 criminal groups of 20 people who committed crimes related to trafficking in human beings, closed 9 channels of human trafficking, detained 14 perpetrators and 6 accomplices in human trafficking-related crimes, and prevented moving of 24 persons from Ukraine for sexual and labour exploitation abroad<sup>129</sup>.

<sup>127</sup> [https://www.gp.gov.ua/ua/stst2011.html?dir\\_id=113653&libid=100820#](https://www.gp.gov.ua/ua/stst2011.html?dir_id=113653&libid=100820#)

<sup>128</sup> Ibid.

<sup>129</sup> [http://www.msp.gov.ua/files/tl/zvit\\_2018.doc](http://www.msp.gov.ua/files/tl/zvit_2018.doc)



## 3. MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

### 3.1. Migration policy and legislation of Ukraine, court practice

On 12 March, the first meeting of the interdepartmental working group on integrated border management (IBM) has been conducted under the chairmanship of Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze<sup>130,131</sup>. The meeting approved the composition of the working group: it will consist of representatives of 14 state institutions, one NGO, and four European organizations. In the words of Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, the development of IBM is currently prioritized by the government of Ukraine<sup>132</sup>. The working group is to present the government with a draft IBM strategy by the end of June<sup>133</sup>.

The Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) profile has been agreed and approved in March with support from IOM Ukraine. SMS will be responsible for the application of the MGI profile in Ukraine and plans to periodically update it. The profile consists of more than 90 indicators describing processes in migration and related areas, which makes it possible to compare the level of migration management around the globe<sup>134</sup>.

On 6 March, the government of Ukraine has simplified the procedure for obtaining long-term visas by foreign citizens for employment in Ukraine as part of the improvement of the business climate. From now onwards, employment visa applications could be filed with the Department of Consular Services of the MFA, without leaving Ukraine<sup>135</sup>.

On 12 March, the concept of combating terrorism in Ukraine has come into effect. Among other things, the document prioritizes enhanced control of migration processes, increased efficiency of measures for combating 'illegal migration,' detection of channels of cross-border transportation of persons, suspected of the involvement in terrorist activities and/or put on the international wanted list<sup>136</sup>.

The Ministry of Education and Science is going to make some changes in the process of education of foreign students. Before the end of the year, the following changes will be made in license terms of educational activities regarding education of FSPs: a simplified bureaucratic procedure for obtaining a license of a higher education institution (HEI); members of the academic staff responsible for work with students must have at least B1 level of English or French; they will be responsible for the issuance of temporary residence permits, register residence, provide information and consultations on routine

<sup>130</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-ukraini-triva-zaprovdzhennya-krashchih-praktik-derzhav-s-shchodo-realizacii-principiv-integrovanogo-upravlinnya-kordonami/>

<sup>131</sup> [https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19034\\_DPSU\\_Vidbulos\\_pershe\\_zasidannya\\_Mizhvidomchoi\\_robochoi\\_grupi\\_z\\_pit\\_an\\_integrovanogo\\_upravlinnya\\_kordonami\\_.htm](https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19034_DPSU_Vidbulos_pershe_zasidannya_Mizhvidomchoi_robochoi_grupi_z_pit_an_integrovanogo_upravlinnya_kordonami_.htm)

<sup>132</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/ivanna-klimpush-cincadze-rozvitok-integrovanogo-upravlinnya-kordonami-na-sogodni-odnim-iz-prioritetiv-diyalnosti-uryadu-ukraini/>

<sup>133</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/ivanna-klimpush-cincadze-upovnovazheni-vidomstva-protyagom-misyacya-mayut-pidgotuvati-propozyciyi-do-proektu-nacionalnoyi-strategiyi-upravlinnya-kordonami>

<sup>134</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4219.html>

<sup>135</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/uryad-skasuvav-maksimalnu-nadbavku-na-medobladnannya-knigu-vidgukiv-i-propozycij-ta-obovyazkove-oformlennya-dovgostrokovich-viz-za-mezhami-krayini>

<sup>136</sup> <https://www.president.gov.ua/documents/532019-26178>





issues<sup>137</sup>. The Ministry plans to toughen requirements for intermediaries that cooperate with Ukrainian HEIs for the attraction of foreign students, and introduce a practice of paying for tuition of foreign students directly to a HEI that will then settle accounts with an intermediary<sup>138</sup>. This fall, the first test exam — the External Independent Testing in the language of teaching — will be carried out for foreign students. From 2020 onwards, this exam will be mandatory for all first-year foreign students<sup>139</sup>.

A number of Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers on internally displaced persons have come into force. The procedure and conditions for granting medical subventions from the state budget to local governments have been brought in line with the legislation in force regarding the distribution of expenses for the provision of health care services to IDPs between local budgets<sup>140</sup>. The mechanism for compensation for the purchase of housing by IDPs who defended Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity has been amended<sup>141</sup>. Specifically, the amendments will enable IDPs to move from district to district and within the borders of the oblast during the year, compensation will be calculated with regard to parents not capable of working and children who study full-time in HEIs and are under 23 years of age. IDPs whose housing in the government controlled territory was destroyed during the ATO/JFO will be entitled to compensation as well<sup>142</sup>.

On 19 March, the Resolution of the National Security and Defense Council<sup>143</sup> on sanctions to be applied to individuals and legal entities threatening the national interests of Ukraine entered into force. The Resolution lists individuals to whom restrictive measures are applied, in particular the refusal and termination of visas and imposition of entry bans<sup>144</sup>.

Kordon–2019 annual operation has been announced to be held in April–November 2019 in 15 border oblasts, save the JFO area. The purpose of the operation is to reduce the level of crimes at the border, in particular, through counteracting 'illegal migration,' illicit movement of excisable goods, smuggling of narcotic substances, weapons, and ammunition across the state border<sup>145</sup>.

In March, a draft law on strengthening state support for Ukrainians abroad has been submitted to the Verkhovna Rada for familiarization by a group of MPs, led by O. Bilozir. The document proposes to set up a central executive body to implement state policy in the area of external labor migration. Activities of the body will be funded from contributions of labor migrants to the Ukrainian Migrant Welfare Fund<sup>146</sup>.

A group of MPs, led by O. Vilkul, has registered a number of legislative initiatives on raising state budget expenses to implement the Housing for IDPs project<sup>147</sup>, pay pensions and other social benefits irrespective of the status of internally displaced person, verification results, and actual residence,

<sup>137</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/zmina-licenzijnih-umov-na-pidgotovku-inozemnih-studentiv-byurokratiyi-menshe-vimogi-do-yakosti-osvitnih-poslug-vishchi>

<sup>138</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/mon-posilit-vimogi-do-firm-poserednikiv-yaki-spivpracyuyut-z-ukrayinskimi-vishami-dlya-zaluchennya-inozemnih-studentiv-na-navchannya-liliya-grinevich>

<sup>139</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/liliya-grinevich-z-2020-roku-vsi-inozemni-studenti-pislya-1-kursu-budut-zdavati-zno-z-movi-navchannya>

<sup>140</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/provi-kabinetu-ministriv-ukrayini-vid-23-sichnya-2015-r-11>

<sup>141</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/225-2019-%D0%BF>

<sup>142</sup> <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/16852.html>

<sup>143</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/82/2019>

<sup>144</sup> <https://mtot.gov.ua/ua/vvedeno-v-diju-rishennja-rnbo-pro-zastosuvannja-sankci-pidgotovlenih-mtot>

<sup>145</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-administracii-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-vidbulas-mizhvidomcha-narada-z-pitan-organizacii-ta-provedennya-spilnoi-prikordonnoi-operacii-kordon-2019/>

<sup>146</sup> [http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4\\_1?pf3511=65678](http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=65678)

<sup>147</sup> [http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4\\_1?pf3511=65610](http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=65610)



increase the amount of monthly targeted aid to cover living expenses<sup>148</sup>, and strengthen responsibility for non-payment of wages, scholarship allowances, pensions or other benefits payable to IDPs<sup>149</sup>.

On 14 March 2019, Lviv's Sykhyvsky District Court has held a closed trial<sup>150</sup> on the attack on a Roma camp, which caused death of a Roma youth, David Papa. In this case, three persons are accused of murder (of hooligan motives and by prior arrangement with a group of people) and hooliganism, and seven people are accused of hooliganism<sup>151</sup>. As reported by Hromadske, a prosecution representative has said at a closed court session that although the criminal proceedings were launched under charges with racial discrimination, the prosecution would not insist that the murder is motivated by racial intolerance, since no evidence was found<sup>152</sup>.

On 26 March 2019, Kyiv's District Administrative Court has sustained a claim, filed by the TV and Radio Company 'Studio 1+1' and the Kinokvartal LLC, regarding the invalidation and termination of the Resolution of the Security Service of Ukraine of 21 November 2017 to ban a Russian citizen Fiodor Dobronravov from entering Ukraine for a term of three years. Fiodor Dobronravov is an actor of Russia's series 'Svaty' who, according to SSU, supports the annexation of Crimea, and visited the occupied peninsula to participate in the Russian propaganda movie 'Crimea'. The court has also declared illegal and cancelled the Order of Ukraine's Ministry for Culture on adding a citizen of the RF, Fiodor Dobronravov, to the list of individuals posing a threat to national security and the Order of the State Agency for Cinema on the cancellation of state certificates for distribution and demonstration of some movies, banned in compliance with the Order on adding Dobronravov to the list<sup>153</sup>.

On 12 March 2019, SSU officers have detained a citizen of the U.S. and the State of Israel who is internationally wanted on charges of managing a criminal organization that sells on a mass scale narcotic substances through social networking sites<sup>154</sup>. The court has ruled that the detainee will be remanded in custody in a pre-trial detention center until a decision on his extradition is made.

### 3.2. Allocation and distribution of resources, infrastructure developments

The government has decided to redistribute expenses of the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons under the budget program 'Pilot Measures to Respond to Development Challenges Caused by the Displacement of Persons and the Return of Combatants' by decreasing consumption expenditures and increasing development expenditures worth UAH 10,038.6 thousand<sup>155</sup>. Information on measures for which funding will be increased is absent<sup>156</sup>.

In March, a tender, announced by SMS, for the procurement of services to develop special software for the National Biometric Identification and Verification System has been closed<sup>157</sup>. Due to the absence of competition in the market, it is decided to apply the procedure of negotiations with the State Enterprise

<sup>148</sup> [http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4\\_1?pf3511=65654](http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=65654)

<sup>149</sup> [http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4\\_1?pf3511=65655](http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=65655)

<sup>150</sup> <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/80468234>

<sup>151</sup> <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/81351916>

<sup>152</sup> <https://hromadske.ua/posts/ubivstvo-roma-u-lvovi-vidbulos-pershe-sudove-zasidannya-u-spravi-rasovi-motivne-doluchatimut>

<sup>153</sup> <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/80692617>

<sup>154</sup> [https://kyiv.gp.gov.ua/ua/news.html? m=publications& c=view& t=rec&id=247370&fbclid=IwAR057bXplnM62zdimMCRYwxfP48j75EQ\\_pflJyAfzfSBe9ncu72nc\\_bgPw](https://kyiv.gp.gov.ua/ua/news.html? m=publications& c=view& t=rec&id=247370&fbclid=IwAR057bXplnM62zdimMCRYwxfP48j75EQ_pflJyAfzfSBe9ncu72nc_bgPw)

<sup>155</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-pererozpodil-deyakih-vidatkiv-derzhavnogo-byudzhetu-peredbacheni-ministerstvu-z-pitan-timchasovo-okupovanih-teritorij-ta-vnutrishno-peremishchenih-osib-na-2019-rik>

<sup>156</sup> [https://www.unhcr.org/ua/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2019/05/2019-03-Legislative-Update\\_UKR.pdf](https://www.unhcr.org/ua/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2019/05/2019-03-Legislative-Update_UKR.pdf)

<sup>157</sup> <https://www.dzo.com.ua/tenders/3481354>



‘Dokument’ in tenders for the purchase of services for the digitalization of paper registration cards of SMS (applications for the issuance of a passport of a citizen of Ukraine of 1994 and a passport of a citizen of the USSR of 1974)<sup>158</sup>, and services for administering the Unified State Demographic Register<sup>159</sup>.

In March, new centers for the issuance of biometric documents have opened in the village of Sokolivske, Kirovohrad district<sup>160</sup>, Mamayivtsi, Chernivtsi oblast<sup>161</sup>, Ternopil<sup>162</sup>, Avdiivka, Donetsk oblast<sup>163</sup>, and Pryluky, Chernihiv oblast<sup>164</sup>. On 28 February, the building of Kramatorsk city branch of SMS has been completely equipped with all necessary facilities to provide unimpeded access of mobility impaired people<sup>165</sup>.

Kropyvnytskyi City Council has decided to allocate UAH 500,000 for the overhaul of premises of the local branch of SMS, since fees for administrative services of SMS came to the local budget for long<sup>166</sup>.

The Coordination Council on public administration reform has backed the proposal of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to allocate funds for the purchase of 210 sets of equipment for issuing passports in 105 centers for provision of administrative services<sup>167</sup>. Within nine months, 112 centers for provision of administrative services will be established or upgraded in communities and as part of U-LEAD with Europe programme<sup>168,169</sup>.

Since 1 March, works on the development of engineering infrastructure of the Ukrainian-Russian border have been resumed in Kharkiv and Luhansk oblasts due to better weather conditions<sup>170</sup>. In March, changes<sup>171</sup> in the procedure for the use of budget funds intended for the demarcation and delimitation of the state border have come into force, which, according to the government, will help ensure their targeted and efficient use<sup>172</sup>.

Since 1 March, entry-exit checkpoints in the JFO area have switched over to the spring schedule<sup>173</sup>. On 17 March, Novotroitske checkpoint was closed for crossing by people and vehicles in connection with scheduled high-risk installation operations with the use of heavy special-purpose equipment as part of the checkpoint reconstruction<sup>174</sup>. After the reconstruction, Zolote checkpoint, Luhansk oblast, has been

<sup>158</sup> <https://www.dzo.com.ua/tenders/3572481>

<sup>159</sup> <https://www.dzo.com.ua/tenders/3571253>

<sup>160</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4211.html>

<sup>161</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4218.html>

<sup>162</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4229.html>

<sup>163</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4239.html>

<sup>164</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4355.html>

<sup>165</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4143.html>

<sup>166</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4288.html>

<sup>167</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/blizko-150-regionalnih-cnep-zmozhut-zakupiti-dodatkove-obladnannya-dlya-vidachi-dokumentiv-oleksandr-sayenko>

<sup>168</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/vidibranih-151-novij-uchasnik-programi-zi-stvorenniya-suchasnih-cnep>

<sup>169</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/chez-devyat-misyaciv-u-gromadah-ukrayini-zapracyuyut-122-nalezhni-centri-nadannya-adminposlug-za-pidtrimki-programi-u-lead-z-yevropoyu>

<sup>170</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/roboti-z-inzhenerno-tehnichnogo-oblashtuvannya-ukrainsko-rosiyskogo-kordonu-trivayut/>

<sup>171</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/243-2019-%D0%BF>

<sup>172</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-vnesennya-zmin-do-poryadkiv-zatverdzenih-postanovami-kabinetu-ministriv-ukrayini-vid-28-lyutogo-2011-r-218-i-vid-9-bereznya-2011-r-219>

<sup>173</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/1551593440-situaciya-v-kontrolnih-punktah-vizdu-viizdu-v-rayoni-provedennya-operacii-obdnanih-sil/>

<sup>174</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/17-bereznya-na-odnu-dobu-na-rekonstrukciyu-bude-zakrito-kpvv-novotroicke/>



opened in one direction, since breakaway authorities refused to open a checkpoint on the opposite side of the border<sup>175,176</sup>.

In an interview to Priami TV Channel, SBGS Head Petro Tsygalka said that vehicle lines at the border significantly decreased after the passage of amendments to the law on cars with EU license plates<sup>177</sup>.

In March, the Ministry for Infrastructure has reported on Hungary's intention to build a bridge over the Tysa River near Chop<sup>178</sup> and on EU's support for two railway and highway infrastructure projects, Zaporizhzhia–Mariupol and Mariupol–Mykolaiv respectively<sup>179</sup>. At a meeting of the Ukrainian-Polish Intergovernmental Coordination Council on Interregional Cooperation, the progress of the development of engineering infrastructure of border crossing points has been discussed. It was recommended to speed up works on the delineation of passenger and freight traffic paths at Krakovets–Korchova and Ustylug–Zosin BCPs, advance the launch of the construction Nyzhankovychi–Malhowice BCP and complete the introduction of pedestrian traffic there, analyze a need and feasibility of the construction of new BCPs, Lopushanka–Michnowiec and Adamchuki–Zbereze, and consider the development of train routes Khyriv–Zagush and Nyzhankovychi–Przemysl<sup>180</sup>. On 20 March, Lviv authorities adopted a roadmap for improving the functioning of border infrastructure on the EU-Ukraine border<sup>181</sup>.

Twelfth Honorary Consulate of Ukraine has opened in Poland's Katowice<sup>182</sup>.

On 31 March, the terminal F of Boryspil airport started operating<sup>183</sup>. SkyUP airlines has obtained a license for three flights per week from Kyiv to Paris, France, starting 31 March<sup>184</sup>. Ryanair has rescheduled the launch of a flight from Kyiv to Madrid, Spain, from 27 October to 3 October<sup>185</sup>. Ryanair plans to launch new flights from Odesa and Kharkiv to Wroclaw and Krakow, Poland, and Vilnius, Lithuania, starting June<sup>186</sup>, from Kyiv to Valencia, Spain, starting 29 October<sup>187</sup>, and from Kyiv to Katowice, Poland, starting 30 October<sup>188</sup>. On 16 March, Ernest Airlines has launched flights from Kyiv to Genoa, Italy<sup>189</sup>. In March, WizzAir made first flights from Kyiv to Bremen, Germany; Riga, Latvia; and Bilund, Denmark; and from Lviv to Copenhagen, Denmark<sup>190</sup>; and announced a flight from Kyiv to Leipzig, Germany, starting July<sup>191</sup>.

<sup>175</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pressifo.news/photos/a.364697644022858/560110031148284/?type=3&theater>

<sup>176</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/kontrolniy-punkt-vizdu-viizdu-zolote-rozpochav-robotu-shchodo-propusku-gromadyan-cherez-liniyu-rozmezhuvannya/>

<sup>177</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/na-kordonah-mayzhe-znikli-chergi-cherez-zmenschennya-aktivok-na-inozemniy-restracii/>

<sup>178</sup> [https://mtu.gov.ua/news/30718.html?fbclid=IwAR1DYPX3sMSb-UEs56PcD8y2zx6M\\_td-6y2nXtXvoGd7K6XlnzCze-BxnxE](https://mtu.gov.ua/news/30718.html?fbclid=IwAR1DYPX3sMSb-UEs56PcD8y2zx6M_td-6y2nXtXvoGd7K6XlnzCze-BxnxE)

<sup>179</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/21/7094249/>

<sup>180</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/yaki-punkti-propusku-cherez-derzhkordon-z-polshcheyu-modernizuyut-i-de-planuyut-pobuduvati-novi-podrobici-zasidannya-mizhuryadovoyi-koordinacijnoyi-radi>

<sup>181</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/prijnyato-dorozhnyu-kartu-z-pokrashchennya-funkcionuvannya-prikordonnoyi-infrastrukturi-na-kordoni-ukrayina-yes>

<sup>182</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/30/7094575/>

<sup>183</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/mizhnarodniy-aeroport-borispil-rozpochav-eksploataciyu-terminalu-f/>

<sup>184</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/29/7094562/>

<sup>185</sup> [https://www.avianews.com/ukraine/2019/03/28/ryanair\\_ Kiev\\_madrid\\_launch\\_change/](https://www.avianews.com/ukraine/2019/03/28/ryanair_ Kiev_madrid_launch_change/)

<sup>186</sup> [https://www.avianews.com/ukraine/2019/03/26/ryanair\\_in\\_odessa/](https://www.avianews.com/ukraine/2019/03/26/ryanair_in_odessa/)

<sup>187</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/27/7094461/>

<sup>188</sup> [https://www.avianews.com/ukraine/2019/03/14/ryanair\\_ Kiev\\_katowice/](https://www.avianews.com/ukraine/2019/03/14/ryanair_ Kiev_katowice/)

<sup>189</sup> [https://cfts.org.ua/news/2019/03/15/loukoster\\_ernest\\_16\\_marta\\_zapuskaet\\_reys\\_kiev\\_genuya\\_52234](https://cfts.org.ua/news/2019/03/15/loukoster_ernest_16_marta_zapuskaet_reys_kiev_genuya_52234)

<sup>190</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/4/7093551/>

<sup>191</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/26/7094396/>

### 3.3. Organizational and managerial changes

The presidential elections on 31 March has influenced the work of state migration authorities. On 30 and 31 March, officers of territorial branches and departments of SMS have worked by relays to issue passports, delivered to territorial branches and departments of SMS<sup>192</sup>. In March, SBGS has carried out measures to strengthen border control through maneuvering forces to prevent provocations associated with the presidential elections in Ukraine. Additional 1,300 officers were to be selected for routine control from among heads of state border guard authorities, heads of regional border guard departments, fighters of the DOZOR rapid response unit, and voluntary community groups<sup>193</sup>. The Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons has published detailed infographics on what IDPs and population of the temporarily occupied territories should do to vote in the presidential election in Ukraine<sup>194</sup>.

SMS has reported that information about processing and issuance of biometric temporary and permanent residence permits could be found through an electronic service 'Checking the state of processing of documents' on the official website of SMS. Earlier, only Ukrainian nationals could use the electronic service, whereas now, it is available for foreigners, since the English-language version of the website has been launched<sup>195</sup>. As of late February, more than 60,000 documents of this kind have been issued in Ukraine.

From 12 March onwards, consultation on the issuance of all biometric documents by SMS, including ID cards, passports for traveling abroad, as well as permanent and temporary residence permits for foreigners and stateless persons could be provided online using chat bots in Viber and Telegram<sup>196</sup>.

Starting 2 April, documents for the extension of the period of stay and for the issuance of immigration permits to foreigners will be accepted and considered through the 'Registration of Foreigners and Refugees' subsystem, modernized under the EU and IOM project. This novelty will offer FSPs an opportunity to monitor the state of consideration of their applications through electronic services of SMS. In late March, heads of sectors of territorial departments of SMS<sup>197</sup> and staff of SMS branches in Zaporizhzhia<sup>198</sup>, Kirovohrad<sup>199</sup> and Chernihiv<sup>200</sup> oblasts have been trained to operate the system.

In March, staff of SMS branches in Vinnytsia<sup>201</sup>, Donetsk<sup>202</sup>, Zakarpattia<sup>203</sup>, Ivano-Frankivsk<sup>204</sup>, Kyiv<sup>205,206</sup>, Poltava<sup>207,208</sup>, Rivne<sup>209</sup>, Sumy<sup>210</sup>, Kherson<sup>211</sup>, Khmelnytskyi<sup>212,213,214,215</sup>, Cherkasy<sup>216,217,218,219</sup>,

<sup>192</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/pidrozdili-derzhavnoyi-migracijnoyi-sluzhbi-pracyuvatimut-u-peredden-ta-den-vivoriv-30-ta-31-bereznja>

<sup>193</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/oleg-slobodyan-derzhprikordonsluzhba-zdiysnyu-zahodi-posilenoi-ohoroni-kordonu-u-zvyazku-z-pidgotovkoyu-ta-provedennyam-vivoriv-prezidenta-ukraini/>

<sup>194</sup> <https://mtot.gov.ua/ua/jak-progolosovati-na-chergovih-vivorah-prezidenta-ukraini-31-bereznja-2019-roku-vnutrishno-peremischenim-osobam-ta-meshkancjam-timchasovo-okupovanih-teritori>

<sup>195</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/pereviriti-stan-oformlennya-biometrichnoyi-posvidki-na-prozhivannya-inozemci-mozhut-na-sajti-migracijnoyi-sluzhbi>

<sup>196</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4202.html>

<sup>197</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4285.html>

<sup>198</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4377.html>

<sup>199</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4369.html>

<sup>200</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4383.html>

<sup>201</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4152.html>

<sup>202</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4156.html>

<sup>203</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4165.html>

<sup>204</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4168.html>

<sup>205</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4180.html>



Chernivtsi<sup>220,221</sup>, and Chernihiv<sup>222</sup> oblasts as well as in the cities of Kyiv<sup>223</sup>, Kropyvnytskyi<sup>224</sup>, and Uzhhorod<sup>225</sup> continued the ‘#ID\_Is\_Simple’ awareness campaign for obtaining ID cards, in particular, for school children who need to get registered for the External Independent Testing. The importance to continue the campaign against discrimination of Roma minorities has been stressed by the Deputy Interior Minister of Ukraine, Tetiana Kovalchuk, at a meeting of the interdepartmental working group<sup>226</sup>.

In March, a number of trainings and workshops aimed at enhancing professional qualifications of SMS officers took place, including a workshop on forced expulsion of foreigners from Ukraine — Poltava oblast<sup>227</sup>, a workshop on human trafficking risks and assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings — Khmelnytskyi oblast<sup>228</sup>, and a workshop on administrative services to foreigners — Volyn oblast<sup>229</sup>.

This month, training sessions were held for SMS representatives to enhance the institutional capacity of the agency. In March, anti-corruption trainings and workshops on declaring property and income were held for SMS officers in Donetsk<sup>230</sup>, Zhytomyr<sup>231</sup>, Kirovohrad<sup>232</sup>, and Sumy<sup>233</sup> oblasts, and a civil protection workshop was held in Vinnytsia<sup>234</sup> oblast. The need to change approaches to the work with applicants has been addressed at a working session for branches of SMS in Zaporizhzhia oblast<sup>235</sup>.

Officers of the State Border Guard Service have participated in a series of workshops and trainings to improve their activities. Odesa has hosted a three-day training and methodological meeting for the staff

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<sup>206</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4184.html>

<sup>207</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4154.html>

<sup>208</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4189.html>

<sup>209</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4150.html>

<sup>210</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4181.html>

<sup>211</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4145.html>

<sup>212</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4147.html>

<sup>213</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4166.html>

<sup>214</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4171.html>

<sup>215</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4182.html>

<sup>216</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4283.html>

<sup>217</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4177.html>

<sup>218</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4194.html>

<sup>219</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4164.html>

<sup>220</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4149.html>

<sup>221</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4170.html>

<sup>222</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4187.html>

<sup>223</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4265.html>

<sup>224</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4353.html>

<sup>225</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4162.html>

<sup>226</sup> <https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19436> Tetiana Kovalchuk Informaciyna kampaniya shchodo protidii diskriminacii romskih menshin dopomozhe zruynuvati negativni stereotipi v suspilstvi.htm

<sup>227</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4297.html>

<sup>228</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4299.html>

<sup>229</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4153.html>

<sup>230</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4237.html>

<sup>231</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4246.html>

<sup>232</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4222.html>

<sup>233</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4148.html>

<sup>234</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4317.html>

<sup>235</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4142.html>



of mobilization departments of SBGS<sup>236</sup>. On 29 March, a training session on preventing illegal border crossing and containment of a non-standard situation during attempt to enter a BCP has been conducted for border guards at Boryspil BCP<sup>237</sup>.

The Ministry of Social Policy, with the technical support of IOM Ukraine, conducted a seminar on 'Counteraction to Trafficking in Human Beings' for representatives of local state administrations responsible for carrying out the procedure for granting the status of a victim of human trafficking<sup>238</sup>.

In March, branches of SMS in Lviv<sup>239</sup>, Odesa<sup>240</sup>, Chernihiv<sup>241</sup>, and Cherkasy<sup>242</sup> oblasts have continued taking stock of 2018 progress and setting key goals and objectives for 2019. Interim results are summed up in Zhytomyr<sup>243,244</sup>, Kherson<sup>245</sup>, Khmelnytskyi<sup>246</sup>, and Cherkasy<sup>247</sup> oblasts.

On 12 March, the presidential Decree has entered into force, under which, the Central Interregional Department of SMS in the city of Kyiv and Kyiv oblast will be able to use in its work the Procedure for processing of applications regarding Ukrainian citizenship and implementation of the taken decisions<sup>248</sup>.

The government has increased the maximum number of staff of the SMS central office by 29 persons and reduced this number in relation to territorial branches and departments of SMS by 161 persons<sup>249</sup>. This has made it possible to increase the staff of the refugee accommodation center in Yagotyn and the temporary holding facility for irregular migrants located in Mykolaiv oblast<sup>250</sup>.

SMS has posted for public discussion on its website a draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers on amendments to the Model Regulation on a temporary holding facility for irregular migrants<sup>251</sup>. The Resolution brings the Model Regulation in line with laws in force and regulates terms and conditions of keeping FSPs in temporary holding facilities<sup>252</sup>.

The following issues of the diplomatic service have been regulated: a standard template for a diplomatic service contract is approved<sup>253</sup>, employment of the service staff in the diplomatic missions<sup>254</sup>, the procedure for paying apartment rentals and utility bills of diplomatic staff members sent to long-term

<sup>236</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-odesi-vidbuvsya-navchalno-metodichniy-zbir-personalu-mobilizaciynih-pidrozdiliv-derzhprikordonsluzhbi/>

<sup>237</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-borispoli-prikordonniki-proveli-trenuvannya-z-lokalizacii-nestandardnih-situacij/>

<sup>238</sup> <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/16906.html>

<sup>239</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4134.html>

<sup>240</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4234.html>

<sup>241</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4135.html>

<sup>242</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4144.html>

<sup>243</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4206.html>

<sup>244</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4174.html>

<sup>245</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4223.html>

<sup>246</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4244.html>

<sup>247</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4157.html>

<sup>248</sup> <https://www.president.gov.ua/documents/562019-26190>

<sup>249</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/200-2019-%D0%BF>

<sup>250</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-vnesennya-zmini-u-dodatok-1-do-postanovi-kabinetu-ministriv-ukrayini-vid-5-kvitnya-2014-r-85->

<sup>251</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/diyalnist/konsultacij-z-gromadskisty/gromadske-obgovorennya/proekt-postanovi-kabinetu-ministriv-ukrayini-pro-vnesennya-zmin-do-tipovogo-polozhennya-pro-punkt-timchasovogo-perebuвання-inozemciv-ta-osib-bez-gromadyanstva.html>

<sup>252</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2147a-19>

<sup>253</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z0167-19>

<sup>254</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z0134-19>



work trips is amended<sup>255</sup>, as well as the calculation and payment of single social tax by a non-employed spouse of a diplomatic staff<sup>256</sup>.

Following a Cabinet Resolution, the 'Cadet Corps' state-run lyceum and boarding school with intensive military-physical training named after Kharytonenko has been officially transferred from the administration of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to that of the SBGS Administration<sup>257,258</sup>. At a conference on gender issues in curricula of higher education institutions of security and defense sector, the rector of the National Academy of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine has shared experience of inclusion of gender issues into training programs for border guards<sup>259</sup>.

On 13 March, Yegor Bozhko has been appointed as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine<sup>260</sup>. The Wrocław Mayor has appointed Olha Khrebor to a newly created post of Commissioner for Ukrainians<sup>261</sup>. The competition to fill the vacancies in SMS branches in Donetsk oblast has been completed; 18 candidates are recommended for appointment according to a staff schedule<sup>262</sup>. The Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons has announced a competition to fill the vacancies of two public servants<sup>263</sup>.

### 3.4. Interagency cooperation

In March, representatives of relevant authorities have been preparing for the elections of the President of Ukraine. On 1 March, a three-day interdepartmental training session for officers of the National Guard, SBGS, State Emergency Service, SMS, and territorial branches of the police has been completed in Kyiv oblast. The action has been targeted at strengthening coherence and working out joint actions to ensure security during the presidential elections<sup>264</sup>. At a conference in Zaporizhzhia on 21 March, high-ranking officials of MoI, SMS, and police have tackled the issue of readiness of law enforcement agencies for policing during the presidential elections<sup>265</sup>.

In some districts of Kyiv<sup>266</sup> and Khmelnytskyi oblast<sup>267</sup>, heads of SMS branches met with representatives of local departments of the State Register of Voters to timely exchange information as part of preparations for the presidential elections. Representatives of SMS branches in Chernivtsi<sup>268</sup> and Ternopil<sup>269</sup> oblasts discussed the use of passports of citizens of Ukraine of new type during vote. SMS

<sup>255</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/196-2019-%D0%BF>

<sup>256</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-zatverdzhennya-poryadku-narahunannya-ta-splati-yedinogo-vnesku-za-nepracyuyuchogo-inshogo-z-podruzzhzha-pracivnika-diplomatichnoyi-sluzhbi->

<sup>257</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/54-2019-%D1%80>

<sup>258</sup> <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/343-2019-%D1%80>

<sup>259</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-kivi-vidbulasya-mizhnarodna-konferenciya-z-vprovadzhennya-endernih-pitan-u-navchalni-programi-vishiv/>

<sup>260</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-priznachennya-bozhka-ye-v-zastupnikom-ministra-zakordonnih-sprav-ukrayini>

<sup>261</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/28/7094493/>

<sup>262</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4160.html>

<sup>263</sup> [https://mtot.gov.ua/ua/mtot-ogoloshue-konkurs-na-zamischennja-2-posad-derjavnogo-slujbovcja\\_1998788119305914128](https://mtot.gov.ua/ua/mtot-ogoloshue-konkurs-na-zamischennja-2-posad-derjavnogo-slujbovcja_1998788119305914128)

<sup>264</sup> [https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/18760\\_Pidgotovka\\_do\\_vivoriv\\_na\\_Kiivshchini\\_vidbulis\\_mizhvidomchi\\_taktiko\\_spe\\_cialni\\_navchannya.htm](https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/18760_Pidgotovka_do_vivoriv_na_Kiivshchini_vidbulis_mizhvidomchi_taktiko_spe_cialni_navchannya.htm)

<sup>265</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4310.html>

<sup>266</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4136.html>

<sup>267</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4210.html>

<sup>268</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4139.html>

<sup>269</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4161.html>





representatives participated in discussion of readiness for the elections, guarantees of the exercise of electoral rights of Ukrainian citizens, and response to electoral violations in Lviv<sup>270</sup> and in Chernivtsi<sup>271</sup>.

Preventive measures under the code title 'Migrant' will be carried out, with the involvement of the State Migration Service, National Police, and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, from 1 March to 31 May to control and supervise compliance with the migration legislation. In the initial two weeks of March, interagency meetings to coordinate actions within 'Migrant' operation have been conducted in Donetsk<sup>272</sup>, Vinnytsia<sup>273</sup>, Zakarpattia<sup>274</sup>, Zaporizhzhia<sup>275</sup>, Kirovohrad<sup>276</sup>, Rivne<sup>277</sup>, Ternopil<sup>278</sup>, Kherson<sup>279</sup>, Khmelnytskyi<sup>280</sup>, Cherkasy<sup>281</sup>, Chernivtsi<sup>282,283</sup>, and Chernihiv<sup>284,285,286</sup> oblasts. Due to the beginning of the practical phase of the operation, an interagency coordination meeting has been held on 16 March under the chairmanship of SMS First Deputy Head, Natalia Naumenko<sup>287,288</sup>. In late March, the interim results of Migrant operation in Lviv<sup>289</sup>, Zhytomyr<sup>290</sup>, Zakarpattia<sup>291</sup>, Zaporizhzhia<sup>292</sup>, Odesa<sup>293</sup>, Ternopil<sup>294</sup>, Kherson<sup>295</sup>, Chernivtsi<sup>296</sup>, and Chernihiv<sup>297,298,299,300</sup> oblasts have been made public.

A series of discussions were held between the territorial department of SMS and the Department of Justice in Chernihiv<sup>301</sup> and between the territorial department of SMS and HEIs in Odesa<sup>302</sup> on better cooperation in preventing and countering irregular migration.

<sup>270</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4338.html>

<sup>271</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4387.html>

<sup>272</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4197.html>

<sup>273</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4242.html>

<sup>274</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4214.html>

<sup>275</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4216.html>

<sup>276</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4225.html>

<sup>277</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4236.html>

<sup>278</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4203.html>

<sup>279</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4213.html>

<sup>280</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4269.html>

<sup>281</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4208.html>

<sup>282</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4217.html>

<sup>283</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4296.html>

<sup>284</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4238.html>

<sup>285</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4307.html>

<sup>286</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4342.html>

<sup>287</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4240.html>

<sup>288</sup> [https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19154\\_Predstavniki\\_DMS\\_Nacpolicii\\_ta\\_Derzhprikordonsluzhbi\\_obgovorili\\_start\\_praktichnogo\\_etapu\\_operacii\\_Migrant.htm](https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19154_Predstavniki_DMS_Nacpolicii_ta_Derzhprikordonsluzhbi_obgovorili_start_praktichnogo_etapu_operacii_Migrant.htm)

<sup>289</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4320.html>

<sup>290</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4347.html>

<sup>291</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4303.html>

<sup>292</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4350.html>

<sup>293</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4362.html>

<sup>294</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4272.html>

<sup>295</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4363.html>

<sup>296</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4349.html>

<sup>297</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4321.html>

<sup>298</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4341.html>

<sup>299</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4368.html>

<sup>300</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4370.html>

<sup>301</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4280.html>



The Right to Protection Charitable Foundation (R2P) organized an interagency discussion on the protection of stateless persons and prevention of statelessness with the involvement of representatives of SMS, the National Police, city departments of justice and social security in Donetsk oblast<sup>303,304</sup>.

During the Open Government week with the participation of representatives of SMS, Oblast State Administration and Department of Justice in Donetsk oblast, heads of centers for provision of administrative services addressed problems in the process of residence registration and confirmation of Ukrainian citizenship of minor children<sup>305</sup>. In March, SMS officers trained representatives of departments of centers for provision of administrative services in Ternopil<sup>306</sup> and Kherson<sup>307</sup> oblasts in issuing biometric documents and representatives of the penitentiary service of Chernihiv oblast — in issuing ID cards to convicted persons<sup>308,309</sup>. Issuing documents to Roma was discussed by representatives of SMS and NGOs in Uzhhorod<sup>310</sup> and Vasylykiv, Kyiv oblast<sup>311</sup>.

On 13 March, at a roundtable, organized with support of the 'Europe without Barriers' NGO, representatives of SMS, MFA, MoI, Ministry of Social Policy, the Citizenship Commission under the President of Ukraine, MPs, academicians, lawyers and human rights defenders addressed topical issues of the state policy and practice of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship and residence of foreigners<sup>312</sup>.

On 1 March, heads of regional and territorial branches of the State Border Guard Service, Security Service, State Fiscal Service, and the National Police in Odesa oblast signed a protocol on cooperation aimed at increasing counteraction to irregular migration, trafficking in human beings, and smuggling. The next step will be the formation of an interagency regional task force to regularly assess risks and threats associated with cross-border crimes in Odesa oblast. SBGS is going to create same task forces in other border oblasts of Ukraine<sup>313</sup>.

In March, officers of the State Border Guard Service and the National Police have prevented human trafficking incidents at Boryspil airport<sup>314</sup> and at 'Hoptivka' international BCP on the border with Russia<sup>315</sup>. On 26 March, officers of SMS in Kyiv and Kyiv oblast together with operational units of SBGS and 'Kyiv' BCP, detected an irregular migration channel and blocked it<sup>316</sup>. Officers of SBGS and the National Police detected a scheme for the transfer of Russian terrorists to Ukraine<sup>317</sup>.

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<sup>302</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4245.html>

<sup>303</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4224.html>

<sup>304</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4249.html>

<sup>305</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4263.html>

<sup>306</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/3735.html>

<sup>307</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4140.html>

<sup>308</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4172.html>

<sup>309</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4264.html>

<sup>310</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4151.html>

<sup>311</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4275.html>

<sup>312</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4220.html>

<sup>313</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/derzhavna-prikordonna-sluzhba-ukraini-prodovzhu-zahodi-z-pidvishchennya-rivnya-protidii-zagrozam-na-derzhavnomu-kordoni/>

<sup>314</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-stolichnomu-aeroportu-prikordonniki-ta-spivrobotniki-nacpolicii-vryatuvali-dvoh-zhertv-torgivli-lyudmi/>

<sup>315</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/operativniki-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-ta-nacpolicii-likvidovali-kanal-perepravlennya-divchat-u-rosiyu/>

<sup>316</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4371.html>

<sup>317</sup> <https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/18808-Pravoohorongi-vikrili-sprobu-legalizuvati-rosiyskih-teroristiv-na-teritorii-Ukraini-VIDEO.htm>



## 3.5. International cooperation

In March, the EU<sup>318</sup>, the U.S.<sup>319</sup>, and Canada<sup>320</sup> have adopted sanctions against those involved in the capture and detention of Ukrainian seamen, following the incident in the Kerch Strait on 25 November 2018. Representatives of Austria<sup>321</sup>, the U.S.<sup>322</sup>, and the U.K.<sup>323</sup> have called for the immediate release of Ukrainian seamen. The UN has officially recognized them as prisoners of war<sup>324</sup>, whereas Russia accuses them of illegal border crossing<sup>325</sup>.

The Austrian Foreign Minister protested over a ban to enter Ukraine imposed on an Austrian reporter Christian Wehrsuetz for a period of one year saying that it runs counter to the EU fundamental values<sup>326</sup>. She added that the issue will be discussed by EU foreign ministers<sup>327</sup>. In response, Ukraine's MFA stressed that the ban has nothing to do with censorship or violation of freedom of speech, but is a result of disrespect for the law of Ukraine<sup>328</sup>. The SSU banned the reporter from entering the country, because he committed a crime by illegally crossing the border with the occupied part of Ukraine and for security reasons, as he previously reported threats to his life in Ukraine<sup>329,330</sup>.

In early March, the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights, Dunya Mijatović, has urged the Verkhovna Rada not to vote on the language law in the pre-election period, but to consider it after the elections<sup>331</sup>.

In March, representatives of agencies involved in migration management took part in multilateral international meetings. On 13 March, Geneva hosted an international UNHCR conference, with the participation of SMS representatives led by Natalia Naumenko, to evaluate progress of the project on 'Asylum Systems Quality Initiative in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus' and determined follow-up activities<sup>332</sup>. On 27 March in Warsaw, SBGS representatives participated an annual summary conference of Eastern Partnership risk analysis units, organized by Frontex. They discussed, among other things, the draft Eastern European Borders Annual Risk Analysis — 2019<sup>333</sup>. On 22 March, a meeting of the Justice, Freedom and Security subcommittee under the EU–Ukraine Association Agreement took place to discuss issues of combating organized crime and corruption, as well as border and migration management<sup>334</sup>.

A series of trainings were held for migration agencies with the assistance of international partners. The International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) conducted a 3-day training in Kyiv on

<sup>318</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/GA/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019R0409>

<sup>319</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/15/7094017/>

<sup>320</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/15/7094018/>

<sup>321</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/12/7093847/>

<sup>322</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/25/7094365/>

<sup>323</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/25/7094365/>

<sup>324</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/14/7093959/>

<sup>325</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2018/11/28/7199564/>

<sup>326</sup> <https://cutt.ly/lyZ1a6>

<sup>327</sup> <https://www.kleinezeitung.at/service/newsticker/5592060/Kritik-an-ukrainischem-Einreiseverbot-fuer-Wehrsuetz>

<sup>328</sup> <https://mfa.gov.ua/ua/press-center/briefing/1322-briefing-rechnici-mzs-ukrajini-katerini-zelenko-z-aktualnyh-pitany-zovnishnyoji-politiki>

<sup>329</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/SecurSerUkraine/photos/a.1539443172952349/2342965022600156/?type=3&theater>

<sup>330</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/13/7093900/>

<sup>331</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2019/03/12/7093856/>

<sup>332</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4259.html>

<sup>333</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/ukrainski-prikordonniki-vzyali-uchast-u-shchorichnij-konferencii-frontex/>

<sup>334</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4315.html>



integrated border management and return of FSPs, with the involvement of 10 participating countries of the Prague Process<sup>335,336,337</sup>. As part of the ‘Support for Migration and Asylum Management in Ukraine’ project (IMMIS), funded by the EU and implemented by IOM Ukraine, Vinnytsia hosted a training on the application of migration legislation<sup>338</sup>. Also, qualifications of the staff responsible for work standards and quality control of SMS territorial bodies and central office were improved<sup>339</sup>.

A series of events on experience exchange were held with the participation of SMS and international partners. As part of cooperation with the German Federal Police, a training on document security has been conducted for members of Kharkiv-based border guard unit<sup>340,341</sup>. On a working visit, representatives of Czechia’s National Police and Ukraine’s SBGS have exchanged experience in forensic curricula, second line control, procedures for the processing of advanced passenger information and biometric control systems<sup>342</sup>. A six-day training on the fundamentals of criminal analysis has been held with the assistance of the U.S. to develop thinking and analytical skills of participants<sup>343</sup>. SBGS and Polish border guard authorities have launched regular training of students of the National Academy of the State Border Guard Service named after B. Khmelnytskyi in Polish specialized training center in Luban<sup>344</sup>.

In early March, the SBGS Marine Guard conducted joint tactical drills with Turkish colleagues. Also, a Marine Guard delegation made a working visit to the Coast Guard of Georgia in the city of Poti to learn the experience of reforms and discuss opportunities for international experience exchange<sup>345</sup>. On 22 March, joint training operations of the rapid response units of SBGS (DOZOR) and the National Police (KORD and TOR) were held. The training operations were conducted by trainers of the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT) of the Houston Police Department with the assistance of the U.S. Embassy<sup>346</sup>. Enhancing cooperation under the NATO-Ukraine Partnership for Peace program, SBGS carries out actions to develop rapid response units and integrity<sup>347</sup>.

In March, SBGS analysts made working visits to border authorities of Moldova<sup>348</sup>, Hungary<sup>349</sup>, and Belarus<sup>350</sup> as part of the implementation of the Integrated Border Management Concept to analyze and evaluate threats on common border areas and discuss ways for improving interagency cooperation.

<sup>335</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4271.html>

<sup>336</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-ukraina-aktivno-zastosovu-peredovi-svitovi-pidhodi-dobrovilne-povernennya-primusove-vidvorennya-ta-readmisiyu-yaka-uvazhatsya-naybilsh-efektivnoyu/>

<sup>337</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-kivi-prohodyt-trening-uchasnikiv-prazkogo-procesu-z-pitan-kompleksnogo-upravlinnya-kordonami-ta-povernennya/>

<sup>338</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4235.html>

<sup>339</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4335.html>

<sup>340</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/prikordonniki-harkivskogo-zagonu-vdoskonalyuvali-navichki-pasportnoi-roboti/>

<sup>341</sup> [https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/18923\\_Harkivski\\_prikordonniki\\_vdoskonalili\\_navichki\\_pasportnoi\\_roboti.htm](https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/18923_Harkivski_prikordonniki_vdoskonalili_navichki_pasportnoi_roboti.htm)

<sup>342</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/prikordonniki-proveli-robochu-zustrich-z-predstavnikami-nacionalnoi-policii-cheskoi-respubliki/>

<sup>343</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/polski-eksperti-u-kivi-proveli-praktichny-trening-z-osnov-kriminalnogo-analizu/>

<sup>344</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/kursanti-ta-vikladachi-nacionalnoi-akademii-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-prohodyat-stazhuvannya-u-respublici-polshcha/>

<sup>345</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/mizhnarodna-morska-praktika-ta-dosvid-inozemnih-koleg-u-povsyakdenniy-diyalnosti-morskoj-ohoroni/>

<sup>346</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/%20video%20-biyaci-specpidrozdiliv-dozor-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-ta-kord-i-tor-nacpolicii-proyshli-breaching-course/>

<sup>347</sup> [https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19109\\_Derzhavna\\_prikordonna\\_sluzhbi\\_doluchatsya\\_do\\_realizacii\\_strategichnogo\\_kursu\\_Ukraini\\_z\\_vroatlanchynogo\\_maybutnogo.htm](https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19109_Derzhavna_prikordonna_sluzhbi_doluchatsya_do_realizacii_strategichnogo_kursu_Ukraini_z_vroatlanchynogo_maybutnogo.htm)

<sup>348</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/analitiki-prikordonnih-vidomstv-ukraini-ta-moldovi-zdiysnili-spilnu-ocinku-zagroz-prikordonnih-bezpeci/>



On 12 March, coordination briefings were held in Warsaw on planning of joint activities of SBGS and the EU Border Agency Frontex in operations under the code names 'Key Points. Avia. 2019'<sup>351</sup> and 'Key Points. Land border'<sup>352</sup>. The idea behind the joint operations is to visit airports inside and outside of the EU and EU border crossing points for vehicles to share experience on integrated border management and enhance cooperation at the external borders.

As a result of a joint operation of border guards of Ukraine, Czechia, Slovakia, and Poland on eliminating the illegal migration channel, other 12 organizers and accomplices of a cross-border group of 35 persons have been detained in March. The group transferred migrants across the Ukrainian and EU border to Germany<sup>353,354,355</sup>.

A series of bilateral international meetings with the involvement of Ukrainian high-ranking officials were held in March:

- On 13 March, Deputy Interior Minister of Ukraine, Tetiana Kovalchuk, and the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Ukraine, Joel Lyon, discussed issues of visa-free crossing the Israeli border and refusal of entry for many Ukrainians<sup>356</sup>;
- On 12 March, Head of SMS, Maksym Sokoliuk, a delegation of the 'Nativ' Bureau of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office, and a delegation of the Embassy of the State of Israel discussed migration policies of the two countries and agreed on further cooperation<sup>357,358</sup>;
- On 15 March, Head of SMS, Maksym Sokoliuk, met with representatives of the U.S. Embassy's American Citizen Service to address acute migration issues and agree on cooperation<sup>359</sup>;
- On 19 March, Head of SMS, Maksym Sokoliuk, and representatives of the Alien Police Department of the Czech Republic discussed experience of certification and verification of biometric documents for traveling abroad and the procedure for access to databases<sup>360,361</sup>;

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<sup>349</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/prikordonni-analitiki-ukraini-ta-ugorshchini-proveli-spilnu-zustrich-v-budapeshti/>

<sup>350</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-kivi-eksperti-analitichnih-pidrozdiliv-prikordonnih-vidomstv-ukraini-ta-respubliki-bilorus-proveli-robochu-zustrich/>

<sup>351</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/klyuchovi-tochki-avia-2019-u-varshavi-vidbuvsya-brifing-uchasnikiv-spilnoi-operacii/>

<sup>352</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-varshavi-vidbuvsya-brifing-uchasnikiv-spilnoi-operacii-klyuchovi-tochki-nazemniy-kordon/>

<sup>353</sup> <https://www.radio.cz/en/section/news/twelve-foreign-nationals-arrested-for-migrant-smuggling>

<sup>354</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/operativniki-ukraini-chehii-slovachchini-ta-polshchi-proveli-spilnu-operaciyu-z-likvidacii-transkordonnogo-kanalu-nelegalnoi-migracii/>

<sup>355</sup> <https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19133-Operativniki-Ukraini-CHehii-Slovachchini-ta-Polshchi-proveli-spilnu-operaciyu-z-likvidacii-transkordonnogo-kanalu-nelegalnoi-migracii.htm>

<sup>356</sup> <https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19055-U-MVS-pracyuyut-nad-irishennyam-problemi-z-peretinom-kordonu-D-erzhavi-Izrail-dlya-nashih-gromadyan.htm>

<sup>357</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4207.html>

<sup>358</sup> <https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19043-Derzhavna-migraciyna-sluzhba-prodovzhu-spivpracyu-z-Derzhavoyu-Izrael.htm>

<sup>359</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4247.html>

<sup>360</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/4276.html>

<sup>361</sup> <https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/19250-U-DMS-obmynalisya-dosvidom-u-sferi-verifikacii-biometricnih-dokumentiv-z-cheskimi-kolegami.htm>

- At a meeting at the SBGS Administration on 15 March, SBGS Head, Petro Tsyhykal, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Ukraine, Yağmur Ahmet Güldere, discussed cooperation in the Black Sea region and the entry of Turkish citizens to Ukraine<sup>362</sup>;
- At a working meeting on 1 March in Belarus, Deputy Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Vasyl Servatiuk, and First Deputy Chairman of the State Border Committee of the Republic of Belarus, Major General Igor Butkevich, discussed issues of cooperation and experience exchange<sup>363</sup>;
- On 4 March, SBGS Head, Petro Tsyhykal, met at the SBGS Administration with Head of the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM), Slawomir Pichor, to discuss the results of joint activities in 2018 and plans for 2019<sup>364</sup>.

Head of the SMS branch in Rivne oblast participated in a Polish–Ukrainian conference devoted to challenges and trends of labor migration from Ukraine, protection of the rights of Ukrainian migrants, and their return to Ukraine<sup>365</sup>.

Bilateral activities are being carried out regarding the facilitation of short-term travels abroad. The updated Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Georgia on mutual waiver of visa requirements has come into effect on 1 March. Except for visa-free travels, mutual visits of Ukrainian and Georgian nationals will be carried out on based on national passports in the form of ID cards with chips<sup>366</sup>. A March presidential decree has temporarily introduced a visa-free travel to Ukraine and transit through its territory for citizens of the Republic of Northern Macedonia for the period from 16 March 2019 to 15 March 2020 if their stay does not exceed 90 days during 180 days<sup>367</sup>.

### 3.6. Mass media coverage, researches, public opinion on the migration issues

The UN Refugee Agency has published a newsletter with the outcomes of its activities and performance indicators<sup>368</sup> and with an overview of the legislation on IDPs for February 2019<sup>369</sup>.

The Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights published an annual report<sup>370</sup>, taking stock of its performance in 2018 and providing recommendations for Frontex activities<sup>371</sup>.

At a roundtable ‘Policy and practice of citizenship in Ukraine’, the ‘Europe without Barriers’ NGO presented a report on the procedure for the acquisition of citizenship and issuance of necessary documents allowing foreigners to reside in Ukraine<sup>372</sup> and initiated a discussion of pertinent problems<sup>373</sup>.

<sup>362</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-zustrivsyia-z-novopriznachenim-nadzvichaynim-i-povnovazhnim-poslom-respubliki-turechchina/>

<sup>363</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/zastupniki-golovnih-prikordonnih-upovnovazhenih-ukraini-ta-respubliki-bilorus-proveli-robochu-zustrich/>

<sup>364</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/golova-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-petro-cigikal-zustrivsyia-z-glavoyu-misii-eubam-slavomirom-pihorom/>

<sup>365</sup> <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/4173.html>

<sup>366</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/UkraineMFA/photos/a.148326765221252/2028924930494750/?type=3&theater>

<sup>367</sup> <https://www.president.gov.ua/documents/572019-26194?fbclid=IwAR2QDAP78z3zSUJRvmk6bDVrrzp656Z7fEPadQg-Qwd5pFEPHrhj7uIQ4Rs>

<sup>368</sup> <https://www.unhcr.org/ua/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2019/04/2019-03-UNHCR-UKRAINE-Operational-Update-FINAL-UKR-3.pdf>

<sup>369</sup> <https://www.unhcr.org/ua/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2019/04/2019-02-Legislative-Update-UKR.pdf>

<sup>370</sup> <https://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Partners/Consultative Forum files/Frontex Consultative Forum annual report 2018.pdf>

<sup>371</sup> <https://frontex.europa.eu/media-centre/news-release/frontex-consultative-forum-publishes-annual-report-MgLqPI>



On the air of Espresso TV, Ella Libanova, Director of the Ptukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, talked about duration of labour migrants' stay abroad<sup>374</sup>. On the air of Donbas.Realiyi radio station, experts of the 'Europe without Barriers' NGO discussed problems of the Ukrainian emigration trend and its implications for the country<sup>375,376</sup>.

The CEDOS think tank has published a survey on problems of people residing not at the place of registration and their number<sup>377</sup>. Some media have published articles on this issue<sup>378,379,380,381</sup>.

The need for a census and the possibility of conducting it were described by Gazeta.ua<sup>382</sup> and ZIK<sup>383</sup>.

A series of materials on the possibility of mobile population groups to take part in the presidential elections were published. Radio Liberty analyzed how many Ukrainians residing in Poland would potentially exercise their right to vote in the presidential elections<sup>384</sup>. R2P published the results of a poll on the participation of residents of the separatist-held territories in the presidential elections, claiming that the main reason for non-participation is difficulties of crossing the line of contact at EECs<sup>385</sup>.

Evropeiska Pravda made a publication on the distribution of fake news about suspension of visa-free travels to the EU<sup>386</sup>. Ib.ua analyzed factors jeopardizing visa-free travel of Ukrainian and Israeli citizens<sup>387</sup>.

Apostrophe published an interview with Vadym Chernysh, Ukraine's Minister of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs, dedicated to the situation in the non-government controlled territories and, in particular, to the electoral rights of IDPs<sup>388</sup>. Priamyi TV channel interviewed SBGS Head<sup>389,390</sup>.

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<sup>372</sup> <https://europewb.org.ua/opublikovano-doslidzhennya-polityky-immigratsiyi-ta-gromadyanstva-v-ukrayini/>

<sup>373</sup> <https://europewb.org.ua/kruglyj-stil-polityka-i-praktyka-gromadyanstva-v-ukrayini-tekstovij-zvit/>

<sup>374</sup> [https://espresso.tv/news/2019/03/10/ukrayinci\\_perevazhno\\_yizdyat\\_pracyuvaty\\_za\\_kordon\\_na\\_korotki\\_termin\\_y\\_akademik\\_libanova](https://espresso.tv/news/2019/03/10/ukrayinci_perevazhno_yizdyat_pracyuvaty_za_kordon_na_korotki_termin_y_akademik_libanova)

<sup>375</sup> <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/donbas-realiy-migratsiya/29826553.html>

<sup>376</sup> <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/29796981.html>

<sup>377</sup> <https://cedos.org.ua/uk/articles/hromadiany-ukrainy-shcho-zhyvut-ne-za-mistsem-reiestratsii-reziyme-doslidzhennia-ikhnia-kilkist-ta-problemy>

<sup>378</sup> [https://humanrights.org.ua/material/shhonajmenshe\\_68\\_miljoniv\\_gromadjan\\_ukrajini\\_prozhivajut\\_ne\\_za\\_mis\\_cem\\_rejestracii\\_jiak\\_ce\\_vplivaje\\_na\\_jihni\\_prav](https://humanrights.org.ua/material/shhonajmenshe_68_miljoniv_gromadjan_ukrajini_prozhivajut_ne_za_mis_cem_rejestracii_jiak_ce_vplivaje_na_jihni_prav)

<sup>379</sup> <https://dt.ua/SOCIUM/ne-za-miscem-prozhivannya-307010.htm>

<sup>380</sup> <https://hromadske.ua/posts/v-ukrayini-majzhe-7-mln-gromadyan-meshkayut-ne-za-miscem-reyestraciyi-abo-ne-zareyestrovani-sociologi>

<sup>381</sup> <https://day.kyiv.ua/uk/article/cuspilstvo/adresa-nediysna?fbclid=IwAR3FLUWXD4hnYJWKbqAYqkroVp12eqFH4Kn2nB-qBYM73dXBB5w7XzyMOOk>

<sup>382</sup> [https://gazeta.ua/articles/life/\\_cerez-internet-chi-na-plansheti-yak-provoditimit-perepis-naselennya-v-ukrayini/889137](https://gazeta.ua/articles/life/_cerez-internet-chi-na-plansheti-yak-provoditimit-perepis-naselennya-v-ukrayini/889137)

<sup>383</sup> [https://zik.ua/news/2019/03/03/skilky\\_nas\\_demografy\\_seryozno\\_zagovoryly\\_pro\\_neobhidnist\\_perepysu\\_naselennya\\_1521453](https://zik.ua/news/2019/03/03/skilky_nas_demografy_seryozno_zagovoryly_pro_neobhidnist_perepysu_naselennya_1521453)

<sup>384</sup> <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/29825152.html>

<sup>385</sup> <http://r2p.org.ua/lyshe-21-zhyteliv-nepidkontrolnyh-terytorij-planuyut-vzyaty-uchast-u-vyborah-prezydenta-ukrayiny-31-bereznia/>

<sup>386</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/articles/2019/03/11/7093761/>

<sup>387</sup> [https://lb.ua/world/2019/03/05/421083\\_bezviz\\_pod\\_ugrozoy\\_chrevati.html?fbclid=IwAR0BpzNeWggAkNrkxmp-F1q3FtvsW9mbm9xqfV7dLONxYhHcNSYqQ4nXghg](https://lb.ua/world/2019/03/05/421083_bezviz_pod_ugrozoy_chrevati.html?fbclid=IwAR0BpzNeWggAkNrkxmp-F1q3FtvsW9mbm9xqfV7dLONxYhHcNSYqQ4nXghg)

<sup>388</sup> <https://apostrophe.ua/ua/article/society/2019-03-01/rossiya-sozdaet-koalitsiyu-nepriznannyih-respublik-i-razvorovyvaet-ukrainskie-nedra---ministr/24084>

<sup>389</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/%20video%20-petro-cigikal-nihto-z-rosiyskih-sposterigachiv-oficiyno-ukrainskiy-kordon-ne-peretnav/>



Materials dispelling migration myths<sup>391</sup>, articles providing a comprehensive assessment of the EU legal migration *acquis*<sup>392</sup>, and a progress report on the implementation of migration agenda<sup>393</sup> are made available on the website of the EC. OECD analyzed policies to attract highly skilled migrants to the EU<sup>394</sup>.

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<sup>390</sup> <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/na-kordonah-mayzhe-znikli-cherji-chez-zmshennya-aktivok-na-inozemniy-restracii/>

<sup>391</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20190306\\_managing-migration-factsheet-debunking-myths-about-migration\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20190306_managing-migration-factsheet-debunking-myths-about-migration_en.pdf)

<sup>392</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/legal-migration/fitness-check\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/legal-migration/fitness-check_en)

<sup>393</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20190306\\_com-2019-126-report\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20190306_com-2019-126-report_en.pdf)

<sup>394</sup> <http://www.oecd.org/migration/mig/building-an-eu-talent-pool-6ea982a0-en.htm>