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Main events and trends of the month

- The situation with migrants and refugees arriving in the EU from the Middle East and Africa remains difficult. Spain has saved 359 people attempting to get into the EU by sea. In northern Africa, migrants have stormed the border fence with Spain.
- Germany and Denmark have extended temporary controls at the EU's inner frontiers. Austria is not going to sign the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
- Germany is drafting legislative amendments to encourage labour migration for citizens of the states outside the EU.
- The number of foreigners and stateless persons temporarily residing in Ukraine has stabilized, whereas that of immigrants continues to grow.
- According to Eurostat, Ukraine takes a lead in the EU by the number of residence permits issued for the first time. Most Ukrainians are granted residence permits in Poland.
- At the close of the tourist season, the number of passports of citizens of Ukraine issued for traveling abroad has decreased by 67%.
- Criminal liability for illegal crossing of the border with the purpose of harming the national interests has been introduced.
- Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine has announced the creation of a Regional Maritime Safety Department to strengthen the protection of the state border in the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the Danube River.
- IDPs have been given an opportunity to be put on a social accommodation waiting list on equal terms with other vulnerable groups of the population. The opportunities of IDPs participating in the Affordable Housing program are expanded.
- More than 200 settlements of Ukraine participated in a 'silent procession' as part of an outreach campaign to combat trafficking in human beings.
- The sixth meeting of the Steering Committee of the European Union-funded project titled Support for Migration and Asylum Management in Ukraine has been held.



1. FACTORS AFFECTING MIGRATION SITUATION AND MIGRATION POLICY IN UKRAINE

1.1. Social-political situation in the world

The situation with migrants and refugees arriving in the EU from the Middle East and Africa remains difficult. In late October, around 200 people have got over into the Spanish enclave in North Africa. Another 141 migrants, arrested for attempted storming a border fence with Spain, will be deported. One migrant is reported dead¹. Spain demands that the EU increases financial assistance to Morocco whose border guards stopped 65,000 migrants on their way to Europe last year². In Greece's Thessaloniki, the number of migrants crossing the land border with Turkey outside the border crossing points has substantially grown³. The Spanish Maritime Rescue Service has saved 359 people who attempted to enter the Spanish territory by the Mediterranean Sea on seven small boats.

On 15 October, the Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki, and the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Andrej Babiš, have criticized the EU plans⁴ to increase the number of employees of the European Agency Frontex, which, in their opinion, will result in a lack of funding for infrastructure projects⁵. The European Commission is going to increase the staff of Frontex up to 10,000 members until 2020 to strengthen the EU's internal borders⁶.

Italy has sent patrols to the French border⁷ after the French police dropped off two African migrants in an Italian forest near the border⁸. A couple of days later, France has reportedly attempted to bring juvenile migrants across its border to Italy. French authorities call both incidents mistakes of border guards⁹.

In October, the Danish government has extended temporary controls on its border with Germany, imposed back in 2016, for 6 months to help counter the threat of terrorism and a substantial pressure on Europe's outer borders¹⁰. Due to the absence of conditions for the abolition of controls at inner frontiers, the German government has also extended for 6 months temporary controls on its border with Austria, imposed in 2015¹¹. Apart from Denmark and Germany, France, Sweden, and Norway also exercise temporary controls on their border¹².

¹ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/22/7088481/>

² <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/9/7087952/>

³ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/8/7087913/>

⁴ <https://www.yahoo.com/news/eu-offer-proposals-external-border-protection-142225710.html>

⁵ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/future-eu/news/poland-czech-republic-against-eu-border-guard-plan/>

⁶ <https://p.dw.com/p/30wo8>

⁷ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/21/7088432/>

⁸ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/16/7088253/>

⁹ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/24/7088561/>

¹⁰ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-denmark-security/denmark-extends-controls-on-german-border-due-to-terrorism-threat-idUSKCN1MM17E?il=0>

¹¹ goo.gl/pWp4ir

¹² Ibid.



Austria that will take over the chairmanship of the Council of Europe on 1 July has said it will not sign on to a landmark UN pact regulating global migration¹³. The Compact has been negotiated since 2016. Its text, approved in July¹⁴, is to be signed in Morocco in December. Hungary¹⁵ and the United States¹⁶ have backed out of the Global Compact.

The coalition government of Italy has envisaged a sharp increase in expenses to fulfil electoral promises¹⁷. Following ongoing talks, the basic income (the so-called citizenship income) is earmarked in the budget in the amount of EUR 780. The government has set out a 2019 deficit goal of 2.4% of the GDP, but due to Italy's huge debt it is recommended to set it out of 1.6% of the GDP¹⁸. On 23 October, the European Commission has decided to reject the draft budget of Italy and ask Rome to submit a new one within three weeks¹⁹.

In early October, the German government has finalized a concept of a future law on labour migration with non-EU countries. Under the new law, skilled workers with vocational education will have fewer restrictions on employment in Germany²⁰. The government reserves the right to limit labour migration to certain categories of positions. Citizens of third countries will be able to get a working visa for six months, choose an employer in Germany, and subsequently register on the labour exchange²¹. In the meantime, right-wing movements are gaining popularity in Germany. Specifically, the far-right Alternative for Germany party²² is suspected of extremism. In October, protests against far-right forces have been staged in German cities^{23,24,25}.

Polish employers are concerned over a perspective of the reorientation of Ukrainian labour migrants to western markets, in particular, Czechia and Slovakia²⁶. If neighbouring countries open their labour markets for workers from outside the EU, some 59% of Ukrainian workers will immediately leave the country for Poland and Germany²⁷. The Speaker of the Polish Sejm, Marek Kuchciński, has stated that in the coming years, Poland will require the labour force from Ukraine²⁸.

Polish authorities are still amending the legislation on vaccination of labour migrants. According to Polish health services, these legislative changes are caused by the low level of vaccination in neighbouring

¹³ <https://www.dw.com/en/austria-to-withdraw-from-un-migration-treaty/a-46097012>

¹⁴ <https://www.un.org/pga/72/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2018/07/migration.pdf>

¹⁵ <http://www.kormany.hu/hu/kulgazdasagi-es-kulugyminiszterium/hirek/hivatalosan-is-bejelentette-magyarorszag-kilepeset-a-globalis-migracios-csomag-elfogadasi-folyamatabol>

¹⁶ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/03/donald-trump-pulls-us-out-of-un-global-compact-on-migration>

¹⁷ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/2/7087626/>

¹⁸ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/articles/2018/10/2/7087610/>

¹⁹ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/23/7088524/>

²⁰ <https://www.germany-visa.org/germanys-new-immigration-laws-open-door-for-skilled-labor/>

²¹ <https://www.dw.com/en/new-german-immigration-laws-agreed-at-government-meeting/a-45722498>

²² <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/12/7088149/>

²³ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/13/7088160/>

²⁴ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/22/7088445/>

²⁵ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/8/7087892/>

²⁶ <https://www.rp.pl/Biznes/310289935-Zly-sen-polskich-pracodawcow-Widmo-odplywu-Ukraincow.html>

²⁷ <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-society/2475481-bilsist-ukrainskih-zarobitcan-ne-planuut-lisatisa-u-polsi.html>

²⁸ <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/migracia-v-polschu-22-govtnja-2018/29557550.html>



Ukraine²⁹. Earlier, cases of measles were reported among Ukrainian labour migrants³⁰. On the other hand, the Sejm has approved the parliamentary discussion of the cancellation of mandatory vaccination of children³¹.

On 18 October, the parliament of Lithuania has voted for a referendum on the extension of the institution of dual citizenship³². It is proposed at the referendum to amend the constitutional provision reading that no one may simultaneously be a citizen of Lithuania and another state, unless otherwise provided by law³³. Earlier, the European Commission³⁴ has voiced concern over the situation with 'golden passports' obtained in exchange for investment. Also, in October, international non-governmental organizations³⁵ have said that the EU should establish common standards and mechanisms to reduce the risk of corruption in such programs.

Speaking in one of the villages of Czechia, the Czech President Milos Zeman, has accused local Roma of demanding too much social benefits. The European Roma Rights Centre has called the above statement 'racist'³⁶, and hundreds of Roma, outraged by the words of the President, have posted photos on the Internet to refute what Zeman said³⁷. Nevertheless, Zeman has refused to revise his opinion on Roma³⁸. In response, Roma activists have noted that this year, they will carry out a traditional parade of pride in protest at the statement by the President³⁹.

On 3 October, the Hungarian Supreme Court has issued a verdict of not guilty⁴⁰ on a former female media employee: in September 2015, she swept the leg of a refugee who was running with a child from police officers on the border between Hungary and Serbia⁴¹. Although in 2017, the woman received a suspended sentence for hooliganism for a term of three years, the court has ruled that she should have been sentenced for a minor offense, not a criminal one, and issued a verdict of not guilty⁴².

In early October, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and Czechia have announced plans to build a high-speed rail link between Budapest and Warsaw: trains will run with the speed of 250 km/h, and stop in Budapest, Bratislava, Brno, and Warsaw.⁴³ On 29 October, the largest in the world hub airport, serving up to 200 million passengers per year, has opened in Turkey's Istanbul⁴⁴.

²⁹ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/17/7088294/>

³⁰ https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/kraj/dzienni-gazeta-prawna-zagrozenie-odra-ze-wschodu-potrzebna-zmiana-procedur/b5v7t3w?utm_source=wiadomosci_viasg&utm_medium=nitro&utm_campaign=allonet_nitro_new&srcc=ucs&utm_v=2

³¹ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/5/7087807/>

³² http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-10/19/c_137542511.htm

³³ <https://ru.delfi.lt/news/politics/sejm-litvy-obyavlyaet-referendum-po-dvojnemu-grazhdanstvu.d?id=79354377>

³⁴ <https://www.dw.com/uk/y-ec-звяляться-нові-правила-надання-громадянства/a-44978388>

³⁵ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/10/7088013/>

³⁶ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/2/7087634/>

³⁷ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/4/7087751/>

³⁸ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/5/7087832/>

³⁹ <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/22/7088472/>

⁴⁰ <https://hungarytoday.hu/top-court-clears-camerawoman-who-kicked-migrants-of-disorderly-conduct-charges/>

⁴¹ https://hvg.hu/itthon/20150908_Menekulteket_rugdosott_egy_operator_Roszk

⁴² <https://hungarytoday.hu/top-court-clears-camerawoman-who-kicked-migrants-of-disorderly-conduct-charges/>

⁴³ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/central-europe/news/visegrad-express-railway-project-unveiled/>

⁴⁴ <http://www.igairport.com/en/press-center/press-room/the-golden-age-of-turkish-aviation-industry-is-coming-on-the-95th-anniversary-of-the-foundation-of-the-republic>



On 2 October, Greece has detained a ship under the Ukrainian flag, carrying 65 migrants on board⁴⁵. On the same day, a Ukrainian has been arrested in Greece on drug trafficking charges, who worked as a captain on a ship sailing under the flag of Liberia⁴⁶. On 27 October, pirates have captured a Polish vessel Pomerania Sky off the Nigerian coast with a Ukrainian crew member on board⁴⁷. On 29 October, a Ukrainian has returned to Odesa who, along with 11 members of the international crew of MV merchant vessel, was abducted by Nigerian pirates in September⁴⁸.

1.2. Military conflicts and emergencies in the world

Mass protests against the transfer of land in Chechnya and clashes between law enforcers and protesters have been reported in the capital of Ingushetia. The protests have begun on 4 October. Conflicts between the Taliban and the police have escalated in Afghanistan due to parliamentary elections on 20 October. The government has reported 193 incidents. Within a month, the Taliban has committed a number of terrorist attacks. During one of these attacks, the head of the local police has been killed. In Chad, clashes between the Boko Haram and police forces have intensified, leaving at least 62 people killed. The number of clashes in Cameroon after the election has also increased. The Boko Haram has continued attacks in the north of the country. On 1 October, separatists have hoisted the flag of breakaway self-proclaimed Ambazonia. In response, militaries have burnt many houses in Econ and Mamuna in the southwest of the country. Conflicts between protesters and the police have been recorded in Guinea, killed are reported. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, conflicts between militants and soldiers have been recorded, leaving tens of people dead. In Somalia, clashes between militants continue, some 100 people are killed⁴⁹.

As a result of heavy rainfall, 2,545 homes have been flooded and tens of thousands of people have been hurt in Russia's Krasnodar region. On 25 October, the Governor has declared a state of emergency⁵⁰.

In October 2018, the most stringent situation has been observed in Somalia, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, Guinea, and Russia's North Caucasus. The conflict potential in other countries and regions has remained at the same level as a month ago.

Other significant emergencies, in particular, in the countries bordering Ukraine, which could affect the migration situation in Ukraine, 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 October 2018. The latest key events over a month are available on the official website of the Information and Analytical Centre of the National Security of Ukraine⁵¹. In October 2018, 652 ceasefire violations have been reported on the front line in the JFO area, 130 less compared to September 2018. The number of ceasefire violations has somewhat reduced in the second half of October. More detailed

⁴⁵ <http://www.ekathimerini.com/233215/article/ekathimerini/news/ukraine-flagged-vessel-carrying-65-migrants-intercepted>

⁴⁶ <https://www.unian.ua/society/10309263-u-greciji-areshtuvali-ukrajinskogo-moryaka-i-zvinuvatili-v-narkotorgivli-sprava-maye-nizku-nezrozumilih-detaley.html>

⁴⁷ https://www.rmfm24.pl/fakty/news-news-rmf-fm-polacy-porwani-przez-piratow-u-wybrzezy-nigerii,nld,2650694_goo.gl/GQnj6Q

⁴⁹ <https://www.crisisgroup.org/crisiswatch>

⁵⁰ <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/fl-2018-000360-rus>

⁵¹ <http://mediarnbo.org/>

information about ceasefire violations, the number of those killed and wounded and incidents in the JFO area is available on JFO's official Facebook page⁵².

According to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR), an increase in civilian casualties has been recorded from 12 August to 20 September, including 5 killed and 15 injured, as a result of hostilities in eastern Ukraine. On 11 September, a school in the settlement of Zolote-5, Lyhansk oblast, has been shelled. On 30 September, three children have died and one injured in a blast of an explosive device in a forest near Horlivka, Donetsk oblast⁵³.

In October 2018, six events, classed as emergencies by the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, have occurred^{54,55,56,57,58}. One of them is a fire accompanied with a further detonation of ammunition in the territoriality of a military depot of the Defence Ministry near Druzhba urban type settlement, Ichniankyi rayon, that has lasted from 9 to 24 October. Over 12,500 people have been evacuated⁵⁹. No emergencies that could lead to migration have been found during monitoring of the official web-site of Ukraine's National Police⁶⁰.

2. MIGRATION SITUATION

2.1. Demographic situation

As of 1 September 2018, the number of Ukraine's population is estimated at 42,234 thousand persons, excluding the territory of the Russian-occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol^{61,62}. A diagram, illustrating a 152,400 decrease in the number of the population in January–August 2018, is available in a special publication by the State Statistics Service of Ukraine⁶³. According to data of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, 58 new-borns per 100 dead were recorded in January–August 2018, which has entailed a decrease in the number of the population as a result of a natural population decline by 163,100 persons⁶⁴.

In January–August 2018, the number of incomers (363,800 people) has been higher than the number of those who have left (353,100 people). An increase in migration population has amounted to 10,700 people (according to registration/deregistration data). Calculations on the basis of registration/deregistration

⁵² www.facebook.com/pressjfo.news

⁵³ https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ukraine_humanitarian_snapshot_20181019_ua_0.pdf

⁵⁴ <http://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/84571.html>

⁵⁵ <http://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/84429.html>

⁵⁶ <http://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/84182.html>

⁵⁷ <http://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/83788.html>

⁵⁸ <http://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/83665.html>

⁵⁹ <http://www.dsns.gov.ua/ua/Dovidka-za-dobu/84791.html>

⁶⁰ <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/>

⁶¹ http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2018/ds/kn/kn_u/kn0818_u.html

⁶² Calculations (assessments) of the number of the population are based on available administrative data on the state birth and death registration and changes in the residence registration.

⁶³ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/10/155.pdf>

⁶⁴ http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2018/ds/pp/pp_u/pp0818_u.html



data of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine⁶⁵ demonstrate that in August 2018, the number of incomers has totalled 63,600 people, whereas the number of those who have left 63,300. In August 2018, the largest population growth rate has been recorded in Kyiv (3,100 people), Dnipropetrovsk (650), and Odesa (550) oblasts. The largest population decrease in August 2018 has been reported in Donetsk (-1,200 people), Luhansk (-610), and Vinnytsia (-380) oblasts⁶⁶.

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

Demographic risks⁶⁷

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, it is possible to state that the level of demographic risks is disturbing.

2.2. Social and economic situation

As reported by the State Statistics Service of Ukraine in September 2018, the GDP in the 2nd quarter of 2018 has grown by 1% compared to the 1st quarter and by 3.8% compared to the same period of 2017⁶⁸. In September 2018, the seasonally adjusted industrial output index has constituted 100% compared to August 2018 and 99.3% compared to the same period of 2017⁶⁹.

The number of registered unemployed continued to decrease: in September 2018, this indicator has amounted to 287,100 people or 1% of the able-bodied population, which is 5,700 and 10,900 people less compared to August (292,800) and July (298,000) 2018 respectively⁷⁰. A demand for labour force in September 2018 has decreased (97,000 vacant positions) as compared to August (100,300) 2018⁷¹. A burden per vacancy has remained the same as in August 2018 or around 3 people per vacancy. In January–September 2018, a total of 625,500 people have obtained employment (including prior to getting the unemployed status), of whom 289,800 have been placed to jobs by employment agencies⁷².

Levels of employment and unemployment in the 2nd quarter of 2018, measured according to the ILO methodology, are given in the September 2018 report.

The average nominal wage has amounted to UAH 9,042 in September 2018, 2.4 times up the minimum wage (UAH 3,723). The average nominal wage rate has equalled 100.7% compared to August 2018 and 123% to September 2017. In September 2018, the real wage index has constituted 98.8% compared to August 2018 and 112.9% compared to the same period of 2017⁷³. Wage arrears have equalled

⁶⁵ Without including the territory of the Russian-occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Sevastopol, and part of the non-government controlled territory in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

⁶⁶ http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2018/ds/mr/mr_u/arh_mr2018_u.html

⁶⁷ 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.

⁶⁸ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/09/140.pdf>

⁶⁹ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/10/161.pdf>

⁷⁰ http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2018/rp/sz_br/sz_br_u/kzbr_m_u2018.htm

⁷¹ https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/infocfiles/dodatky_pp_veresen_2.xls

⁷² https://www.dcz.gov.ua/sites/default/files/infocfiles/dodatky_25.xlsx

⁷³ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/10/162.pdf>

UAH 2,889,000 as of 1 October (106.5% compared to 1 September 2018)⁷⁴ or 4.1% of the wages fund, 0.2% up compared to the previous reporting period⁷⁵.

In September 2018, inflation in the consumer market has been 1.9% compared to the previous month and 5.6% as of 1 January 2018. In September 2018, basic inflation has reached the level of 1.9% compared to August and 5.5% as of 1 January 2018. Annual inflation has somewhat decreased in September 2018 and reached the level of 8.9% compared to 9% in August 2018^{76,77}.

In September 2018, 2,617,200 households received subsidies to compensate for housing and utilities expenses. In January–September 2018, subsidies have been granted to 3,156,300 households, 59.2% down from the same period of 2017⁷⁸.

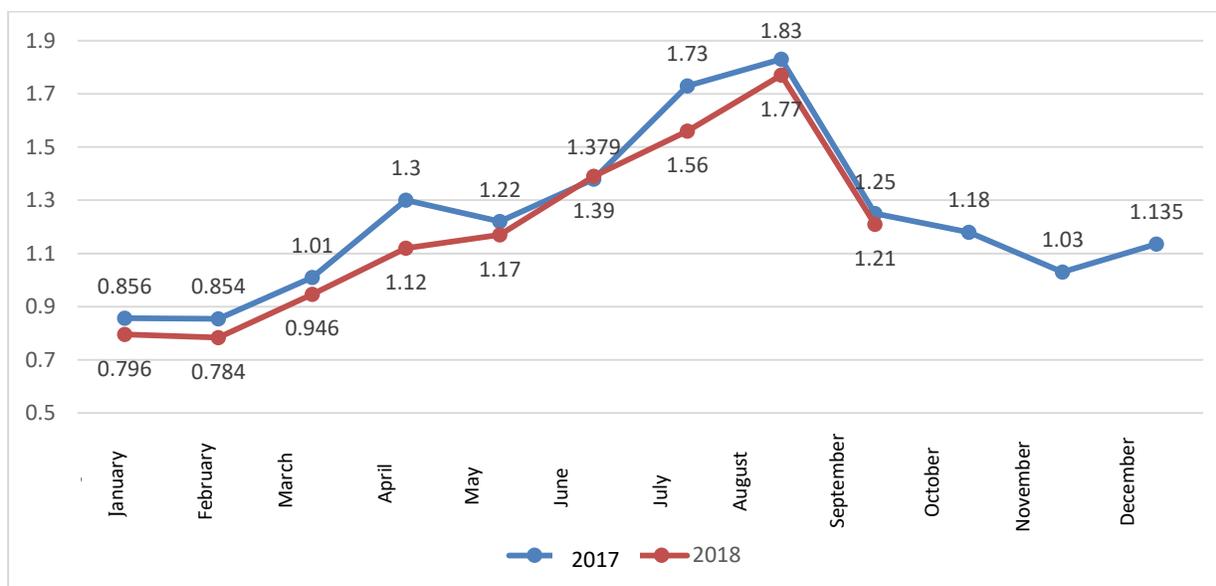
Social-economic risks

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

As reported by the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGS), foreigners from 181 countries and stateless persons have entered Ukraine 1.291 thousand times in September 2018⁷⁹.

The number of border crossings by foreigners and stateless persons (FSPs) at the entry to Ukraine (million, January 2017–September 2018)⁸⁰



⁷⁴ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/10/163.pdf>

⁷⁵ http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/operativ/operativ2018/gdn/Fop_ed/Fop_ed2018_u.xlsx

⁷⁶ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/09/137.pdf>

⁷⁷ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/10/152.pdf>

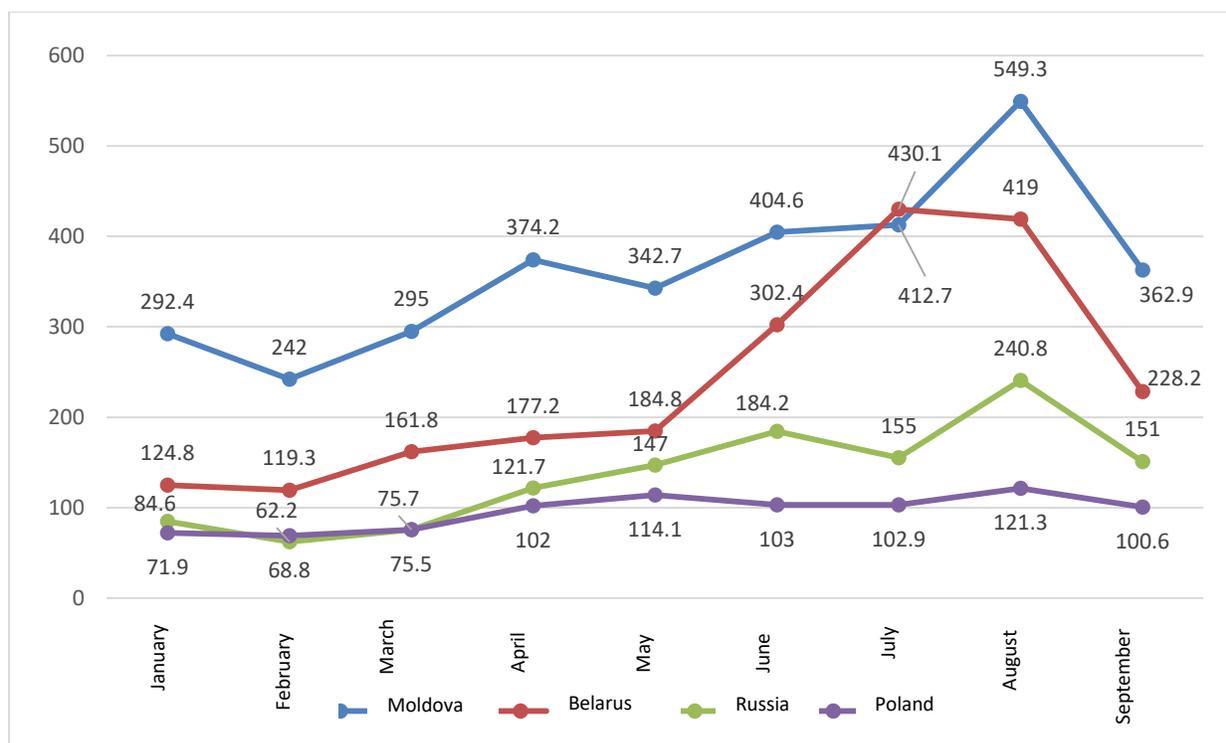
⁷⁸ <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/express/expr2018/10/158.pdf>

⁷⁹ Based on the data received from the SBGS on request.

⁸⁰ Ibid.

Citizens of Moldova have taken a lead in Ukraine’s border crossing in September 2018 — 362.9 thousand times, Belarus — 228.2, Russia — 151.0, and Poland — 100.6⁸¹. A significant increase in the number of border crossers from the above states in August 2018 is seasonal in nature. Hence, a considerable decline in this indicator can be observed in September. In September, the number of border crossings by citizens of Israel has increased by 60.4% compared to the previous month (58.1 thousand times in September to 36.2 thousand times in August). This is due to the arrival of Hasidic pilgrims to Ukraine to celebrate the Jewish New Year⁸².

The number of border crossers from Moldova, Belarus, Russia and Poland at the entry to Ukraine (thousand, January–September 2018)⁸³



According to the SBGS, Ukrainian citizens have crossed the border 5,256.6 thousand times in September 2018, including 2,707.9 thousand times while exiting the country. 76.9% of Ukrainians moved from the country by land, 22.9% by air, and 0.2% by sea⁸⁴.

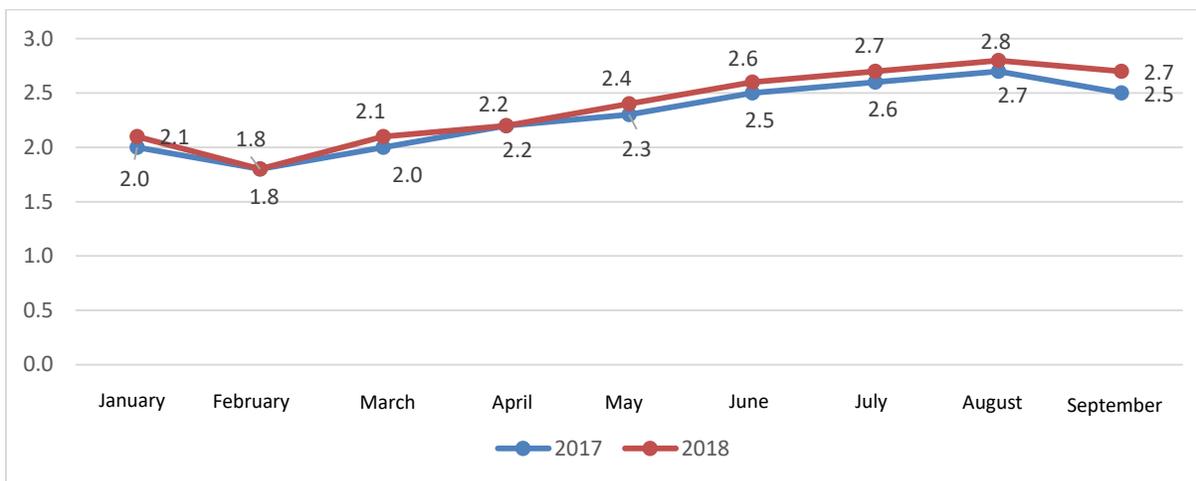
⁸¹ Ibid.

⁸² <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/desyatki-tisyach-palomnikiv-hasidiv-pribuli-v-ukrainu-na-svyatkuvannya-novogo-5779-roku/>

⁸³ Based on the data received from the SBGS on request.

⁸⁴ Ibid.

The number of Ukrainian border crossers at the exit from Ukraine (thousand, January–September 2017 and 2018)⁸⁵



Based on the SBGS data, the UNHCR monthly monitors the number of civilian crossings across the ‘contact line’ between Ukraine and Crimea as well as between Ukraine and the temporarily uncontrolled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. In September 2018, the contact line has been crossed in both directions by 1,402.0 thousand people, including 685.0 thousand entering and 717.0 thousand exiting the government-controlled territory⁸⁶. A 17.8% decrease in the total number of civilian crossings has been recorded in September 2018 compared to August 2018. As of 26 October 2018, a total of 1,980 FSPs have 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 1,945 FSPs, whereas 5 applications have been declined⁸⁷.

The SBGS has published a data analysis indicating a tendency to a decline in the number of visits to the Crimean peninsula in 2015–2017. Specifically, within the tourist season (from May to September), 1.4 million crossings have been recorded on the administrative border with occupied Crimea, including 690 thousand and 713 thousand by Ukrainian citizens to and from the peninsula respectively. The breakaway Crimean government says about a record of 6.1 million tourists, including around 1 million Ukrainians who cross the administrative border to visit their relatives⁸⁸.

2.4. Foreigners temporarily and permanently residing in Ukraine

In January–September 2018, 9,672 immigration applications have been processed, 203 have been rejected⁸⁹.

⁸⁵ Ibid.

⁸⁶ <https://bit.ly/2ipWCBf>

⁸⁷ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/assets/files/statistic/week/immi-26-10-2018.pdf>

⁸⁸ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/okupanti-v-krimu-namagayutsya-namalyuvati-neisnuyuchu-kartinu-turistichnogo-sezonu/>

⁸⁹ Based on the data received from the SMS on request.

Immigration and residence permits issued (number, January–September 2018)⁹⁰:

		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
Immigration permits issued	Total	990	1,200	1,243	1,279	1,367	1,027	1,127	1,088	1,089	10,410
	to immigrants within quotas	160	183	160	139	237	156	197	233	292	1,757
	to immigrants outside quotas	830	1,017	1,083	1,140	1,130	871	930	855	797	8,653
Permanent residence permits issued		1,708	1,441	2,098	2,175	2,511	1,980	2,417	2,396	2,033	18,759

Most permanent residence permits have been issued to immigrants outside quotas on the basis of marriage with citizens of Ukraine for over two years, children and parents of citizens of Ukraine, and persons entitled to Ukrainian citizenship by their territorial origin. Since the beginning of the year, 14 immigration permits have been issued to ‘foreign Ukrainians,’ their spouses and children⁹¹.

In September 2018, 275,030 immigrants or 0.65% of the total population have been registered in Ukraine. The largest number of them are citizens of Russia (151,519 persons), Moldova (18,608), Azerbaijan (12,469), Armenia (11,856), Georgia (10,557), Belarus (8,956), and stateless persons (5,060)⁹².

Temporary residence permits issued to FSPs in Ukraine (number, January–September 2018)⁹³:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
Registered FSPs (as of the indicated month)	91,264	91,916	93,496	94,422	94,923	94,859	92,522	92,273	92,608	92,608
Temporary residence permits issued (over the period)	4,783	2,963	3,076	2,626	2,466	2,987	4,230	6,128	4,308	33,567
Temporary residence permits extended (over the period)	1,858	1,997	2,136	1,693	2,086	953	163	211	223	11,320

⁹⁰ Ibid.

⁹¹ Ibid.

⁹² Ibid.

⁹³ Ibid.

Main reasons for temporary residence of foreigners in Ukraine include: education (54% of the total number of registered foreigners), reunification of families with Ukrainian citizens (28%), and employment (10.7%)⁹⁴.

The State Migration Service of Ukraine has received 4,287 applications for Ukrainian citizenship in January–August 2018. Within this period, 14,774 people have acquired Ukrainian citizenship by birth, 2,428 by territorial origin, and 567 by a relevant Presidential decree. 19 people have been deprived of citizenship by a Presidential decree⁹⁵.

Immigration risks

An increase in the number of countries (with the exception of those that are considered high migration risk) whose citizens can enter Ukraine visa-free (from 66 to 67), increase in the number of FSPs entering Ukraine, decrease 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, slight reduction in the number of immigration permits issued to FSPs, growing number of open criminal cases against foreigners and stateless persons, and reduction in the number of administrative actions brought against persons 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–September 2018, the State Migration Service of Ukraine has processed and issued to Ukrainian citizens 6,420 permanent emigration permits⁹⁶.

Emigration data (January–September 2018)⁹⁷:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
Permanent emigration permits issued to Ukrainian citizens	562	608	666	631	892	847	666	806	735	6,413
Emigrants who returned to Ukraine for permanent residence	102	109	143	121	136	130	166	176	157	1,240

In January–September 2018, Ukrainians have mostly emigrated to the United States (2,547 persons), Russia (922), Germany (874), Lithuania (390) and Hungary (298), and returned to Ukraine for permanent residence mainly from Israel (324), Russia (253), and the United States (157). A tendency of emigration of Ukrainian pensioners to Hungary (96.6% of the total number of emigrants to this country) and Russia (59.9% of the total number of emigrants to this country) has retained over the year⁹⁸.

⁹⁴ Ibid.

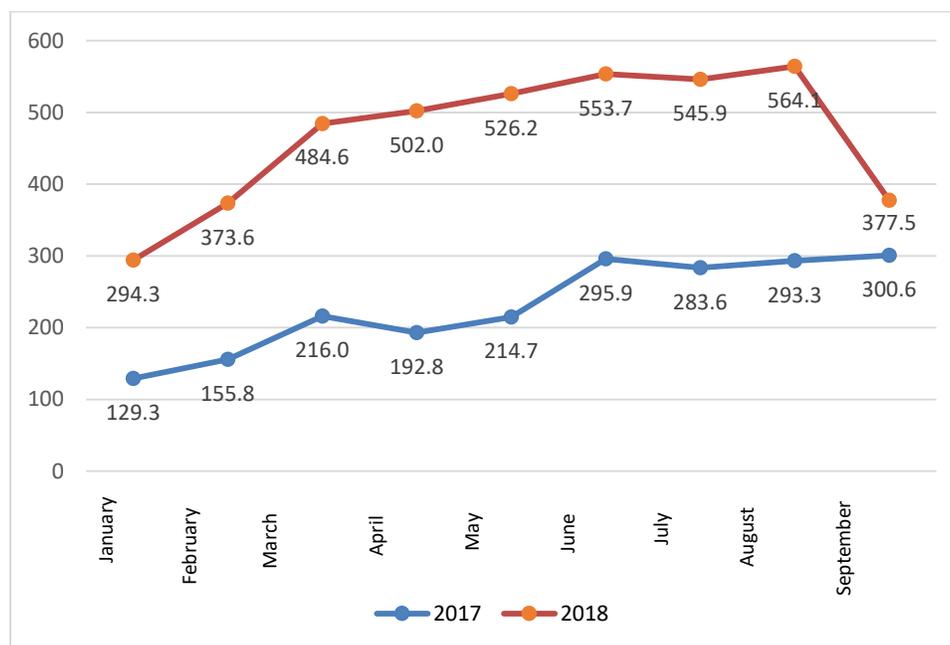
⁹⁵ Ibid.

⁹⁶ Ibid.

⁹⁷ Ibid.

⁹⁸ Ibid.

The processing and issue of Ukrainian passports for traveling abroad (thousand, January–September 2017, 2018)⁹⁹



In January–September 2018, a total of 4,221,790 Ukrainian passports for traveling abroad have been processed and issued. In September, the number of passports for travelling abroad issued to Ukrainian citizens has substantially decreased compared to the previous months¹⁰⁰.

On 25 October 2018, Eurostat has released a report, indicating that in 2017, Ukrainians received the largest number of EU residence permits issued for the first time. In general, over a year, Ukrainians have received almost 662,000 first-time residence permits or 21% of all residence permits in the EU. Most often, they have been granted such permits in Poland (more than 585,000)¹⁰¹.

In Estonia in 2018, the number of temporary residence permits issued to Ukrainians was three times as many as those issued to citizens of other countries cumulatively. In the first six months, 1,268 temporary residence permits have been issued, of which Ukrainians received 941¹⁰².

Emigration risks

The extension of the list of developed countries that Ukrainian citizens are allowed to visit without visas, decrease in the number of Ukrainians' trips abroad, reduction in the number of permanent 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.

⁹⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰⁰ Ibid.

¹⁰¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/9333446/3-25102018-AP-EN.pdf/3fa5fa53-e076-4a5f-8bb5-a8075f639167>

¹⁰² <https://rus.err.ee/865636/ukraina-stala-absolutnym-liderom-po-immigracii-i-trudovoj-migracii-v-jestoniju>

2.6. Labour migration and money remittances to and from Ukraine

9,928 FSPs who stay in Ukraine for the purpose of employment have been registered as of September 2018, 0.9% or 92 people up from August 2018¹⁰³.

Data on FSPs residing in Ukraine for the purpose of employment (January–September 2018)¹⁰⁴:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
FSPs temporarily residing in Ukraine for the purpose of employment (number, as of the moment)	8,372	8,444	8,606	8,802	8,857	9,193	9,286	9,836	9,928	9,928
Temporary residence permits for the purpose of employment issued (number, over a period)	358	399	456	502	526	654	830	819	590	5,134
Temporary residence permits for the purpose of employment extended (number, over a period)	219	287	360	256	337	73	19	114	136	1,801

Most FSPs residing in Ukraine for the purpose of employment were citizens of Turkey (1,727 people), Russia (1,188), Belarus (626), China (580), Azerbaijan (478), the United States (446), and Israel (329) as of September 2018. The overwhelming majority of these FSPs are registered in the city of Kyiv – 50.2% as well as in Kyiv – 14.6%, Lviv – 6.6%, and Odesa – 6.4% oblasts¹⁰⁵.

Ukraine's Ministry of Social Policy regularly updates the list of economic entities that have job placement assistance licenses, indicating a country of employment and specialization¹⁰⁶. 1,678 economic entities have obtained such licenses as of 1 October¹⁰⁷.

According to the National Bank of Ukraine, USD 216 million (equivalent) has been remitted from Ukraine within 9 months of 2018, without including remittances through banks, credit card systems, and postal offices.¹⁰⁸ Major countries that have received transfers via money remittance systems have included Russia (37%), Georgia (9%), China (6%), Azerbaijan (6%), and Uzbekistan (4%). Ukraine remains a country recipient of cross-border money remittances. Within the first six months of 2018, the amount of money transferred to Ukraine through international remittance systems has exceeded by eight times the amount

¹⁰³ Based on the data received from the SMS on request.

¹⁰⁴ Ibid.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid.

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/content/perelik-subektiv-yaki-mayut-licenziyu-z-poserednictva-u-pracevlashtuvanni-za-kordonom.html>

¹⁰⁷ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/files/licenzuvanna/01.10.18.xls>

¹⁰⁸ https://bank.gov.ua/control/uk/publish/article?art_id=64288362&cat_id=105262

of remittances from the country¹⁰⁹. Data on money remittances to Ukraine in the 2nd quarter of 2018 are given in the September report.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Estonia has reported a considerable increase in the number of migrants from Ukraine. In late September, over 12,000 Ukrainians have obtained short-term work permits in Estonia, twice more than in 2014¹¹⁰. Also, from 11 June 2017 to 1 October 2018, 15,982 Ukrainians have taken the opportunity to travel to Estonia without visas, of whom 290 have violated the terms and conditions of employment in Estonia¹¹¹.

Labour migration risks

Taking into account a moderate decline in the number of able-bodied Ukrainians, lower increase in the amount of the average monthly wage than that of the consumer prices index level in the reporting period, reduction in the number of unemployed people of working age, decrease 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 slow growth in the number of FSPs who temporarily work in Ukraine, it is possible to conclude that the level of labour migration risks is acceptable.

2.7. Educational migration to and from Ukraine

49,968 FSPs who came to Ukraine for the purpose of education have been registered as of September 2018, 32 persons more than in August 2018. Education migrants are registered in Ukraine's largest education centres: Kharkiv oblast (27.1%), the city of Kyiv (17.2%), Odesa (12.6%) and Dnipropetrovsk (7.8%) oblasts¹¹².

The number of FSPs residing in Ukraine for the purpose of education (persons, January–September 2018)¹¹³:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
FSPs temporarily residing in Ukraine for the purpose of education (persons, as of the moment)	53,547	53,746	54,802	55,097	55,131	54,233	51,495	49,936	49,968	49,968
Temporary residence permits for the	3,307	1,458	1,377	991	665	818	1,158	2,856	2,323	14,953

¹⁰⁹ https://bank.gov.ua/control/uk/publish/article?art_id=64288362&cat_id=105262

¹¹⁰ <https://rus.err.ee/872759/chislo-ukrainskih-rabochih-v-jestonii-vyroslo-za-chetyre-goda-v-desjat-raz>

¹¹¹ <https://rus.err.ee/870685/okolo-300-grazhdan-ukrainy-v-poslednie-poltora-goda-narushili-v-jer-trudovoe-zakonodatelstvo>

¹¹² Based on the data received from the SMS on request.

¹¹³ Ibid.

purpose of education issued (number, over a period)										
Temporary residence permits for the purpose of education extended (number, over a period)	724	631	650	469	558	300	70	39	54	3,495

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 (10,508 persons), Morocco (5,452), Nigeria (2,982), Turkmenistan (2,767), Egypt (2,574), Turkey (2,392), Jordan (1,927), Azerbaijan (1,892), Iran (1,798), and Israel (1,757). The number of students from the EU Member States is small, ranging from 1 from Luxembourg to 76 from Germany. The only exception is Poland: 500 Poles temporarily residing in Ukraine have come to the country to receive education¹¹⁴.

2.8. Irregular migration

The number of FSPs detained for illegal border crossing (persons, January–September 2018)¹¹⁵

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total	
Total	117	79	84	134	198	160	246	199	181	1,398	
Border section with	Poland	24	29	30	18	56	44	73	62	50	386
	Slovakia	24	4	0	22	46	48	63	31	55	293
	Hungary	16	1	14	3	20	4	11	7	5	81
	Romania	0	0	0	1	0	10	21	10	18	60
	Moldova	37	31	30	64	43	29	37	54	35	360
	Russia	9	12	7	22	20	10	33	27	6	146
	Belarus	4	1	1	4	9	6	5	4	9	43
	by sea or by air	3	1	2	0	4	9	3	4	3	29

In September 2018, citizens of Vietnam have been most often apprehended for illegal border crossing at the Ukraine-Slovakia and Ukraine-Poland border (36 out of 181 FSPs), citizens of Bangladesh — at the Ukraine-Romania, Ukraine-Slovakia, and Ukraine-Poland border (30 out of 181 FSPs), and citizens of Moldova — at the Ukraine-Moldova border (22 out of 181 FSPs)¹¹⁶.

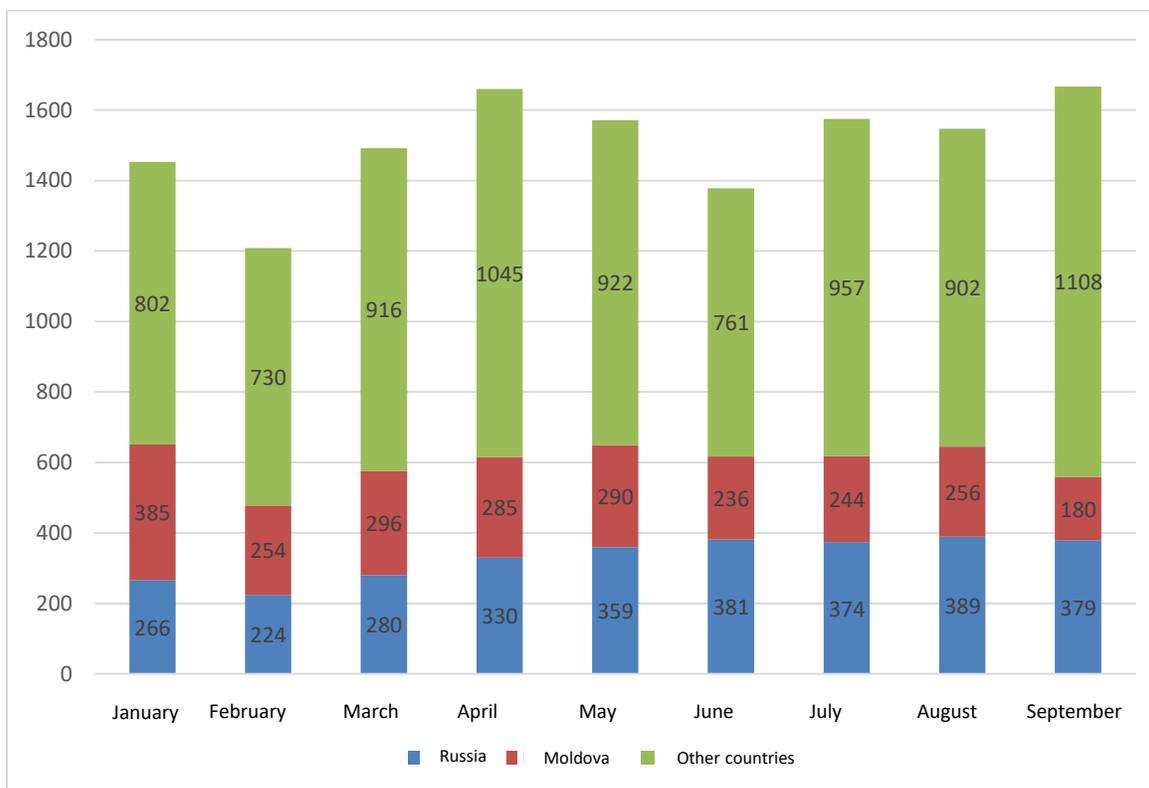
¹¹⁴ Ibid.

¹¹⁵ Based on the data received from the SBGS on request.

¹¹⁶ Ibid.

In the total number of FSPs apprehended by the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine for all types of violations in September 2018, there have been 635 citizens of Moldova, 573 Russia, 320 Azerbaijan, 290 Hungary, 165 Turkey, 163 Georgia, 153 Belarus, and 148 Uzbekistan¹¹⁷. Most frequently, FSPs are apprehended for violations of the rules of stay of foreigners in Ukraine (93.1% of the total number of apprehensions in September 2018).

Number of FSPs denied entry to Ukraine, by top countries of their citizenship (January–September 2018)¹¹⁸:



Despite that citizens of Russia do not cross the Ukrainian border as often as, for example citizens of Moldova and Belarus, they are rather frequently denied entry to Ukraine by the SBGS, mainly because of unconfirmed purpose of travel (44.6% of cases in September 2018), invalid documents (24.8%), entry/exit restrictions (10%), and failure to meet the registration deadline (9.5%)¹¹⁹.

¹¹⁷ Ibid.

¹¹⁸ Ibid.

¹¹⁹ Ibid.

Irregular migrants detected and brought to responsibility¹²⁰ (January–September 2018)¹²¹:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total		
Irregular migrants detected	419	807	1,296	1,062	610	612	618	2,336	829	8,589		
Held administratively liable	406	795	1,288	1,033	595	608	588	2,290	828	8,431		
Decisions on forced return taken	by territorial authorities		401	738	1,246	1,018	589	595	574	2,182	840	8,183
	by court		25	53	82	59	26	33	54	225	62	619
Decisions on detention taken, with subsequent placement of a person to the Detention Facility for the FSPs	20	41	72	42	14	25	50	178	59	501		

In January–September 2018, the SMS has detected 8,589 irregular migrants, including 6,115 men and 2,474 women. 8,431 irregular migrants have been held administratively liable under Part 1 of Article 203 “Violation of the Rules of Stay and Transit Passage through the Territory of Ukraine by Foreigners and Stateless Persons” of the Administrative Offenses Code of Ukraine, including 19.6% of citizens of Russia, 17.1% Azerbaijan, 8.5% Uzbekistan, 7.7% Moldova, 7% Georgia, and 6.8% Armenia. The majority of detected irregular migrants (96.3%) have not left the country after their term of stay expired¹²².

According to monthly monitoring of the European Agency Frontex, Ukrainians have committed 62 attempts to illegally cross the border with EU countries from January to September 2018, 19 attempts less compared to the same period of 2017¹²³.

Crimes investigated under Article 332 “Illegal Transfer of Persons Across the State Border of Ukraine” of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (January–September 2018)¹²⁴:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
Criminal offenses registered	25	22	27	34	29	20	31	78	25	291
Criminal offenses where a notice of suspicion has been presented to the persons	3	6	6	26	6	5	10	46	9	117
Criminal offenses where the cases (with an indictment) have been referred to the court	1	4	1	6	22	6	1	39	4	84

¹²⁰ The term ‘irregular migrant’ shall be used in this monitoring report to indicate ‘illegal migrant’ in the meaning used in Ukraine’s legislation, reports of the public authorities and their publications, as being in conformity with the practices of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

¹²¹ Based on the data received from the SMS on request.

¹²² Ibid.

¹²³ <https://frontex.europa.eu/along-eu-borders/migratory-map/>

¹²⁴ https://www.gp.gov.ua/ua/stst2011.html?dir_id=113653&libid=100820#

28.9% of the total number of criminal cases registered in the Unified Register of Pre-Trial Investigations have been referred to court as of September 2018. 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 detained for illegal border crossing, existence of irregular migratory routes to and from Ukraine, decrease in the number of detected irregular migrants, increase in the number of cases of trafficking in human beings, reduction in the number of victims of human trafficking, and unchanged number of persons readmission decisions on whom have been made by territorial authorities make it possible to conclude that the level of irregular migration risks is disturbing.

2.9. People seeking international protection

As of the end of the 3rd quarter of 2018, 1,814 refugees and 751 persons in need of complementary protection had international protection in Ukraine¹²⁵.

People seeking international protection (January–September 2018)¹²⁶:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
The number of people who applied for refugee status or status of a persons in need of complementary protection	64	60	65	44	72	46	103	78	93	625
The number of migrant children separated from their parents w who applied for refugee status or status of a persons in need of complementary protection	3	3	4	7	8	9	19	24	25	102
The number of decisions on the refugee status¹²⁷	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	5	0	8
The number of decisions on the status of persons in need of complementary protection¹²⁸	0	2	12	5	2	6	6	4	0	37
The number of decisions on refusal of protection in Ukraine¹²⁹	0	17	18	19	21	25	12	65	0	177

Risks related to seekers of international protection

An increase in the number of persons who have applied to migration service agencies for the status of refugees or persons in need of complementary protection, substantial increase in the number of FSPs who

¹²⁵ Based on the data received from the SMS on request.

¹²⁶ Ibid.

¹²⁷ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/assets/files/statistic/week/ref-05-10-2018.pdf>

¹²⁸ Ibid.

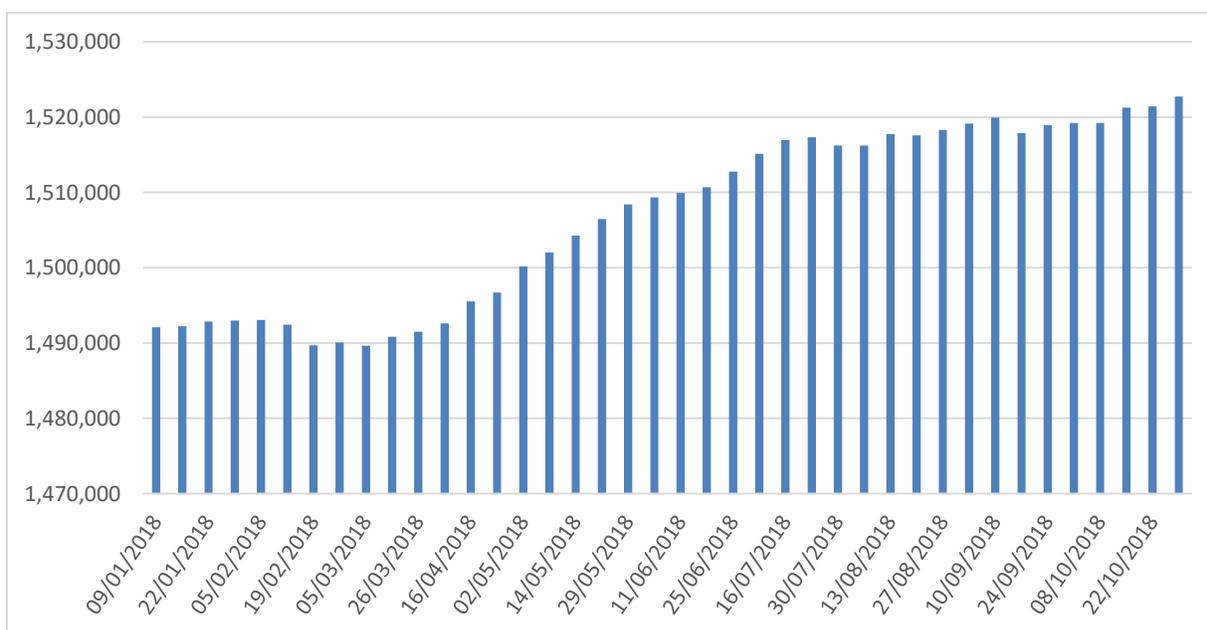
¹²⁹ Ibid.

received protection in Ukraine, and increase in the number of decisions on refusal of protection make it possible to state that the level of risks linked to seekers of international protection is disturbing.

2.10. Internal forced migration and internally displaced persons

As reported by structural departments of social protection of the population of oblast state administrations and Kyiv City State Administration, 1,522,743 persons displaced from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea have been registered as of 29 October 2018, 0.25% up from late September¹³⁰. Based on data of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the Slovo i Dilo web portal has published data on regional location of internally displaced persons (IDPs) as of 9 October 2018 and on internal forced migration compared to September 2018. In mid-October, the largest number of IDPs has been registered in Donetsk (550,900 persons), Luhansk (286,900), and Kharkiv (129,000) oblasts, and in Kyiv (169,700). The smallest number of IDPs has been registered in Ukraine's east: Ternopil (2,100), Chernivtsi (2,400), and Volyn (3,000) oblasts. The number of IDPs has substantially grown in Kyiv (1,200 persons) compared to September. A strong decrease has been recorded in the number of IDPs registered in Luhansk oblast (3,900 persons)¹³¹. More detailed statistical data on IDPs are available in materials published by the UNHCR¹³².

The number of registered IDPs (persons, January–October 2018)¹³³



Internal migration risks

Regular ceasefire violations in the JFO area, moderate growth in the number of internally displaced persons, and decrease in internal migration allow concluding that the level of internal migration risks is disturbing.

¹³⁰ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/15928.html>

¹³¹ <https://www.slovoidilo.ua/2018/10/10/infografika/suspilstvo/dynamika-mihracziyi-ukrayini-zhyve-najbilshe-pereselenciv>

¹³² <https://bit.ly/2CZaLzr>

¹³³ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/timeline/Novini.html>

2.11. Trafficking in human beings

According to the IOM, over 230,000 Ukrainians have become victims of human trafficking since 1991¹³⁴.

The Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has granted the status of victims of trafficking in human beings to 623 Ukrainians and 6 foreigners, including 269 women, 291 men, and 69 children as of October 2018.¹³⁵ A total of 232 cases of human trafficking have been detected by the National Police of Ukraine over 9 months of 2018. 190 people, including 108 women, 11 minors, and 12 young children (under 14 years of age) are recognized as human trafficking victims¹³⁶.

Statistics of crimes investigated under Article 149 “Trafficking in Human Beings” of the Criminal Code of Ukraine is given in the table below.

Statistics of crimes investigated under Article 149 “Trafficking in Human Beings” of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (January–September 2018)¹³⁷:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
Criminal offenses registered in the report period	51	28	29	22	28	18	18	15	23	232
Criminal offences where a notice of suspicion has been presented to the persons	19	16	18	12	13	14	9	12	6	119
Criminal offences where the cases (with an indictment) have been referred to the court	7	4	7	3	20	15	1	21	11	89

3. MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

3.1. Migration policy and legislation of Ukraine, court practice

The detailed list of legal acts that have come into effect in September and October, legislative initiatives made public in October, and their brief description are available on the official web site of the IOM¹³⁸.

In October, a number of legislative acts directly or indirectly affecting IDPs have been adopted. On 13 October, amendments have entered into force that enabled IDPs to be put on a social accommodation waiting list on equal terms with other vulnerable groups of the population. Children with disabilities recognized as IDPs should have the priority right to housing, and social housing should meet the affordability standards for people with limited mobility¹³⁹. On 10 October, the Government has passed

¹³⁴ <http://iom.org.ua/en/node/2356>

¹³⁵ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/16080.html>

¹³⁶ <https://www.gp.gov.ua/ua/stst2011.html? m=fslib& t=fsfile& c=download&file id=205305>

¹³⁷ Ibid.

¹³⁸ http://iom.org.ua/sites/default/files/lm_october_2018_ukr.pdf

¹³⁹ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2546-19>



amendments to Resolution regulating the Affordable Housing program¹⁴⁰. From now onwards, people participating in the program, including IDPs, should be offered an opportunity to independently choose housing from market proposals and purchase housing in new buildings. However, they should not have the right to sell such housing for over three years¹⁴¹.

As the Government prioritizes, among other things, assistance to IDP students and their education in Ukrainian, the MTOT has published an explanatory note¹⁴² to the state-funded targeted assistance program for IDP students¹⁴³. The Ministry has also made public information that according to the results of this year's admission campaign, 1,749 people residing in the temporarily occupied territories have entered Ukrainian higher education institutions (HEIs) through Donbas-Ukraine and Crimea-Ukraine education centres, 13% up compared to 2017. In 2019, a special procedure admission to Ukrainian HEIs will be launched that will enable applicants from the non-government controlled areas to receive education even without required documents¹⁴⁴.

At its meeting on 16 October, the Government Committee on Social Policy and Humanitarian Development has considered the draft Cabinet Resolution "On the Approval of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Integration of Internally Displaced Persons and the Implementation of Long-Term Solutions on Internal Displacement until 2020"¹⁴⁵.

On 18 October, the Verkhovna Rada has approved the draft Law¹⁴⁶ that establishes criminal liability for the illegal border crossing in the following cases: 1) in order to harm the national interests, 2) by persons banned to enter Ukraine, 3) by representatives of the armed forces or other law enforcement agencies of the aggressor state outside BCPs or at Ukrainian BCPs without necessary documents or documents containing false data¹⁴⁷. In the opinion of human rights organizations, the Law poses risks for foreigners, stateless persons, Ukrainian citizens who reside on the non-government controlled territories, IDPs, and people seeking international protection^{148,149}.

In October, the Government has set up the Interagency Working Group on the establishment of the Unified Address Register of Ukraine that will become an interim advisory body at the Cabinet of Ministers to coordinate actions on the Register's establishment¹⁵⁰. The Interagency Working Group, in coordination

¹⁴⁰ <https://www.molod-kredit.gov.ua/zhytlovi-prohramy/dostupne-zhytlo/zahalna-informatsiia>

¹⁴¹ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/819-2018-%D0%BF?find=1&text=%EF%E5%F0%E5%EC%B3%F9#w11>

¹⁴² <https://mtot.gov.ua/derzhavna-tsilova-pidtrymka-studentiv-vpo-roz-yasnennya-mtot/>

¹⁴³ The explanatory note concerns Paragraph 4 of the Procedure and conditions for the provision of state targeted assistance to certain categories of citizens for vocational and higher education, approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 975 of 23 November 2016 "On the Provision of State Targeted Assistance to Certain Categories of Citizens for Obtaining Vocational and Higher Education".

¹⁴⁴ <https://mtot.gov.ua/u-2018-rotsi-do-ukrayinskyh-vnz-vstuplylo-1749-studentiv-z-tymchasovo-okupovanyh-terytorij-donetskoyi-luganskoyi-oblastej-ta-ar-krym/>

¹⁴⁵ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/meetings/zasidannya-uryadovogo-komitetu-z-pitan-socialnoyi-politiki-ta-gumanitarnogo-rozvitku-11-10-2018>

¹⁴⁶ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/verhovna-rada-vvela-kriminalnu-vidpovidalnist-za-nezakonnij-peretin-derzhavnogo-kordonu-ukrayini>

¹⁴⁷ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2599-viii>

¹⁴⁸ <http://vpl.com.ua/uk/news/5829/>

¹⁴⁹ <http://vpl.com.ua/uk/media/5850/>

¹⁵⁰ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-utvorennya-mizhvidomchoyi-robochoyi-grupi-z-pitan-stvorennya-yedinogo-adresnogo-revestru-ukrayini>



with executive authorities, should prepare proposals for the establishment and functioning of the Register, develop proposals for its software, and participate in the drafting of the legal framework.

On 4 October, the Verkhovna Rada has approved in the first reading the draft Law of Ukraine “On Ensuring the Functioning of Ukrainian as the State Language”¹⁵¹ that regulates the issue of the state language in education. Under the document, persons belonging to national minorities shall be entitled to pre-school and primary education in their native tongue, along with the state language, in municipal education establishments, while persons belonging to indigenous peoples are guaranteed the right to pre-school and general secondary education in indigenous tongues, along with the state language¹⁵².

Ukraine is moving towards international gender standards, and gradually equalizes the gender imbalance. The President has signed the Law¹⁵³ that creates equal opportunities for men and women to conclude military service contracts, enhances the level of legal protection of servicemen, and increases the number of women in military service¹⁵⁴. The Law applies to the staff of the SBGS, including militaries and employees.

To draw attention to the problem of trafficking in human beings, and to expand the ways of providing assistance to victims, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has announced the launch of a nationwide awareness-raising campaign¹⁵⁵. On 18 October, Ukraine has celebrated the European Day against Trafficking in Human Beings. To increase awareness of human trafficking problems, a silent procession has taken place¹⁵⁶ in more than 200 settlements of Ukraine¹⁵⁷. The action has been carried out by the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, A21 NGO, OSCE, and IOM¹⁵⁸.

On 19 October, an MP N. Korolevska has presented the Verkhovna Rada with the draft Resolution on actions to overcome threats of external migration and the protection of the rights of labour migrants¹⁵⁹. The document proposes to develop a National Strategy for overcoming the demographic crisis and threats of external labour migration and the Concept of state policy in the area of labour migration, to expand the responsibility of authorities involved in the employment policy aimed at minimizing risks and threats of labour migration, to intensify work on the preparation and conclusion of intergovernmental agreements, and to develop a methodology for determining the extent of labour migration.

The draft Law introduces amendments to the current Law of Ukraine “On Freedom of Movement and Free Choice of Place of Residence in Ukraine”¹⁶⁰. It proposes to simplify the procedure for registration of citizens. According to the proposal for registration or de-registration, only one application declaration will be filed, and only a few citizens (around 0.32% of registered ones) will have to confirm their residence, not all as it is now¹⁶¹. The draft Law also proposes to set up exchange of information between registers of territorial communities to ensure the entry of data on one person to only one register of a territorial

¹⁵¹ http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_2?pf3516=5670-%D0%B4&skl=9

¹⁵² <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2590-19>

¹⁵³ <https://www.president.gov.ua/news/prezident-pidpisav-zakon-shodo-zabezpechennya-rivnih-prav-i-50374>

¹⁵⁴ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2523-19>

¹⁵⁵ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/minsocpolitiki-anonsuvalo-start-zagalnonacionalnoyi-informacijnoyi-kampaniyi-shchodo-protidiyi-torgivli-lyudmi>

¹⁵⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/z-metoyu-pidtrimki-postrazhdalix-vid-torgivli-lyudmi-migracijniki-vzyali-uchast-u-fleshmobi.html>; <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/spilno-protidiyati-torgivli-lyudmi.html>;

¹⁵⁷ https://www.msp.gov.ua/files/tl/Press_WFF.pdf

¹⁵⁸ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/16083.html>

¹⁵⁹ http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=64814

¹⁶⁰ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-ukrayini-proponuyut-suttjevo-sprostiti-reyestraciju-miscya-prozhivannya>

¹⁶¹ http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=64825



community¹⁶². In the opinion of human rights organizations, the draft Law contains some risks. In particular, they are concerned over a mechanism of control, the unjustified amount of fines for violations, and the fact that residents of the non-government controlled territories will remain without registered residence¹⁶³.

On 10 October, a trail of second person accused of illegal transfer of seamen across the state border of Ukraine has ended. He has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of five years¹⁶⁴. The man was one of three members of a criminal group, which in 2015–2017, transported by foreign vessels nearly 100 people through closed checkpoints in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

On 19 September 2018, the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine has recognized unlawful the refusal of the SMS to issue a passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a booklet and obliged it to issue a passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a booklet instead of ID card to a person who, because of his/her religious beliefs, refuses to be assigned the Taxpayer Identification Number, his/her biometrics being captured, stored and processed¹⁶⁵. The Court has judged that apprehensions of a particular social group caused by the deprivation of the opportunity of obtaining a passport in the form of a booklet and the receipt of ID card instead may harm the private life, and are not in line with goals that should have been achieved by this state interference, also saying that this interference is not necessary in a democratic society.

On 12 October 2018, a separate opinion of judges of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine, N. Antoniuk and O. Prokopenko, has been published in the aforementioned case. They think that the handling of confidential information about persons by the state in the course of issuance of passports to its citizens and the maintenance of the Unified State Demographic Register is necessary to take measures for ensuring the national and public security¹⁶⁶. Hence, the refusal of the SMS to issue a passport in the form of a booklet and the application of a new passport in the form of ID card is not a restriction on the freedom of Ukrainian citizens to express their views and beliefs, nor an interference with the personal and family life of individuals.

On 27 September 2018, Kyiv's Holosiivskyi District Court has upheld a motion by Serhiy Mazur, suspected of a pogrom of a Roma camp on Lysa Gora in the Ukrainian capital, to recuse a judge N. Cherednichenko in the consideration of a complaint over an investigator's notice of suspicion¹⁶⁷.

On 30 October 2018, a decision has been made to cancel Serhiy Mazur's suspicion of the criminal offense, envisaged by Paragraph 4, Article 296 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine dated 10 July 2018¹⁶⁸. The court has ruled that the procedure for filing and the contents of the notice of suspicion do not meet the requirements of Article 277 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Ukraine.

Following the consideration of the appeal by the Department of the Pension Fund against the decision by the Supreme Court in the model case of recognizing actions to cease the payment of a long service person to an internally displaced person to be unlawful, the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine has upheld the decision by the Administrative Court of Cassation as part of the Supreme Court ruling that the

¹⁶² http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=64825

¹⁶³ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i6LSUN5XSmS0Z9Bn8asrOHwIRz3wbr9M3y4eRwRRAdg/edit>

¹⁶⁴ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/pyat-rokiv-pozbavleniya-voli-za-nezakonne-perepravleniya-osib/>

¹⁶⁵ <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/76822787>

¹⁶⁶ <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/77068299>

¹⁶⁷ <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/76737128>

¹⁶⁸ <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/77617926>



actions of the Pension Fund are recognized unlawful¹⁶⁹. The payment of the pension to the internally displaced person has been suspended because of the verification of the place of actual residence on the lists of the SSU although this reason is not provided for in the Law of Ukraine “On Mandatory State Pension Insurance”.

On 20 September 2018, having considered a cassation appeal by the department of the Fund of Social Insurance for Occupational Accidents and Diseases of Ukraine in Horlivka’s Kalynynskiy district, Donetsk oblast, in the case of the unpaid one-off benefit and monthly insurance payments, the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court upheld the judgement of the court of the first instance and the Court of Appeal, claiming that the failure to provide a document confirming the person’s registration as IDP is not a reason for not paying him/her insurance compensation¹⁷⁰. The exercise of the right to receive budget funds that is based on special and valid at the time of emergence of controversial legal relationship national legislative acts, should not be made dependent on the availability of budget funds.

On 12 September 2018, Kramatorskyi City Court, Donetsk oblast, has approved an agreement recognizing a person guilty of committing crimes, provided for in Paragraph 2, Article 361 and Paragraph 1 Article 209 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, who together with another unidentified person in August 2015 illegally obtained software for access to the Electronic Register of Permits for Displaced Persons in the ATO Area (<https://urp.ssu.gov.ua>), logins and passwords that enable the Registry to operate, and arranged a scheme for the unhindered issuance of permits to cross the contact line with the occupied territory of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts¹⁷¹. The accused have been paid for the issue of permits.

3.2. Allocation and distribution of resources, infrastructure developments

In 18 October, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has approved conclusions and proposals for the draft Law of Ukraine “On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2019”¹⁷². Specifically, it is proposed to increase expenses for the Treatment of Ukrainian Citizens Abroad budget-funded program by UAH 200 million, as well as expenditure for training and advanced training by the SBGS National Academy of Ukraine by UAH 6.2 million; consider the possibility and expediency of increasing expenses under the budget-funded program for monetary reimbursement for some categories of IDPs who defended their motherland; revise the distribution of medical subventions between local budgets with regard to the number of IDPs; and consider the possibility of higher costs for modernization and renovation of the naval fleet, and the purchase of equipment for mobile complexes of round-the-clock surveillance of the state border for the Administration of the SBGS.

In October, the SMS has announced, through prozorro.gov.ua, tenders for the purchase of a gas fire extinguishing station¹⁷³, data storage systems for the main and backup data centres¹⁷⁴, creation of an upgraded version of the special software for integration of databases of the State Information System for Registration of Natural Persons and Issuance of Documents to them and the Unified State Demographic Register, as well as special software for the information subsystem of registration/residence de-registration/stay of natural persons¹⁷⁵. This month, the SMS has declared and closed a tender for conducting an expert examination of the integrated information protection system within the National

¹⁶⁹ <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/76945461>

¹⁷⁰ <http://www.reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/76812061>

¹⁷¹ <http://www.reyestr.court.gov.ua/Review/76655789>

¹⁷² <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2602-19>

¹⁷³ <https://zakupki.prom.ua/gov/tenders/UA-2018-10-24-002702-c>

¹⁷⁴ <https://zakupki.prom.ua/gov/tenders/UA-2018-10-04-002425-c>

¹⁷⁵ <https://zakupki.prom.ua/gov/tenders/UA-2018-10-30-000728-b>



System for Biometric Verification and Identification of Ukrainian Citizens, Foreigners and Stateless Persons¹⁷⁶.

Territorial departments of the SMS are working to improve conditions of premises where services are provided to citizens. On 30 October, the territorial department of the Main Directorate of the SMS in Dnipro has started to operate at the new address¹⁷⁷. On 8 October, in the village of Yakushytsi, Vinnytsia oblast,¹⁷⁸ and on 16 October, in the city of Lysychansk, Luhansk oblast,¹⁷⁹ administrative services centres have opened where it will be possible to receive a passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of ID-card and a passport of a citizen of Ukraine for traveling abroad with a contactless chip.

On 1 October, Luhansk oblast has been the last one connected to the online e-queue service¹⁸⁰. To receive services on the issue of a passport of a citizen of Ukraine and a passport of a citizen of Ukraine for traveling abroad, it is enough to pre-register in the electronic queue, choosing the convenient time and date on the official website of the SMS¹⁸¹.

The SBGS is holding actions on the development of engineering infrastructure of the state border. In October, it has reported that around 500 km of fire breaks were cleared along the state border¹⁸². Such an increase in the efficiency is due to the transition from manual to mechanized border management through the purchase of special equipment in early 2018.

As a result of an explosion on 9 October in a military depot of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Chernihiv oblast, the SBGS has strengthened security measures on the state border: SBGS reserves and military hardware, canine handlers and service dogs trained to find weapons and munition have been placed on a higher level of alert¹⁸³. On 1 October, at the first line of the Mariinka checkpoint, the fifth episode of the use of banned special-purpose laser weapons by insurgents have been reported, leaving one SBGS officer injured¹⁸⁴.

In October, the situation with line of vehicles on the Ukrainian-Polish border has remained difficult¹⁸⁵. Back in September, the SFS has reported long lines of vehicles at BCPs in Lviv oblast, caused by the so-called silent strike of Polish control services¹⁸⁶; and the situation has worsened in early October¹⁸⁷. According to the SFS Head, this situation is due to a failure of the Polish party to fulfil the quota for passing trucks in 2017–2018, set in a relevant Memorandum¹⁸⁸. To resolve the problem, Ukraine's Foreign Ministry has

¹⁷⁶ <https://prozorro.gov.ua/tender/UA-2018-09-28-000575-a>

¹⁷⁷ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/pokrashhennya-servisu-obslugovuvannya-gromadyan-odin-z-prioritetiv-derzhavnoj-migracijnoj-sluzhbi-dnipropetrovshhyni.html>

¹⁷⁸ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/nachalnik-migracijnoj-sluzhbi-vinnichchini-prijnyav-uchast-u-vidkrittya-cznapu-v-s-yakushinczi.html>

¹⁷⁹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/vidkrittya-czentru-nadannya-administrativnix-poslug-lisichanskoj-miskoj-radi-luganskoj-oblasti-u-m-lisichansk.html>

¹⁸⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/onlajn-servis-elektronna-cherga-pidklyucheno-v-usix-oblastyax-ukrajni.html>

¹⁸¹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/services/online.html>

¹⁸² <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/%20video%20-derzhprikordonsluzhba-postiyno-provodit-zahodi-z-inzhenernogo-oblashtuvannya-derzhavnogo-kordonu/>

¹⁸³ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/CHerez-vibuhi-na-6-mu-arsenali-ZSU-na-kordoni-posileni-zahodi-bezpeki/>

¹⁸⁴ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/Chergova-ymovirno-lazerna-ataka-okupantiv-proti-prikordonnikiv/>

¹⁸⁵ <https://www.segodnya.ua/ukraine/na-ukrainsko-polskoy-granice-vystroilis-kilometrovye-ocheredi-gruzovikov-1176429.html>

¹⁸⁶ <http://sfs.gov.ua/media-tsentrvnovini/351838.html>

¹⁸⁷ <http://sfs.gov.ua/media-tsentrvnovini/352739.html>

¹⁸⁸ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=548753878912508&id=100013337017174



initiated a special meeting of the Ukrainian-Polish Intergovernmental Coordination Council on Interregional Cooperation¹⁸⁹. Pavlo Klimkin has said that the problem is comprehensive in nature¹⁹⁰, in particular, the burden on the border grew due to the application of a visa-free regime, the large number of labour migrants in Poland, the higher number of Ukrainians travelling by cars with foreign registration plates, and the absence of roads leading to new border crossing points. No information about detentions of Ukrainian citizens on the border have been published in Polish news outlets¹⁹¹. In late October, a strike of Polish border guards and police officers has continued^{192,193}.

According to a representative of Ukrzaliznytsia, Oleksandr Krasnoshtan, Russia has been the main direction of travels of Ukrainians by train until 2017, whereas now it is the EU¹⁹⁴. Ukrzaliznytsia plans to expand the railway connection with the EU countries. Since 9 December, the train of the 'Four Capitals' has started to run on route Kyiv–Minsk–Vilnius–Riga every second day. Ukrzaliznytsia also considers the possibility to launch a Kyiv–Berlin train in 2019¹⁹⁵.

In October, the number of flights to European cities has increased. On 17 October, Brussels Airlines has started its flights to Ukraine en route Kyiv–Brussels (Belgium)¹⁹⁶. According to the Minister of Infrastructure, Volodymyr Omelian, Brussels Airlines is the tenth new airline that started operating in Boryspil airport this year¹⁹⁷. In late October, Wizz Air has launched new flights¹⁹⁸ from Ukrainian airports: on 28 October, from Kharkiv to Gdansk and Wroclaw (Poland) and from Kyiv to Vienna (Austria)¹⁹⁹; on 29 October, from Lviv to Vilnius (Lithuania); and on 30 October, from Lviv to Bratislava (Slovakia)²⁰⁰. On 28 October, Ryanair low-cost airline has launched flights from Boryspil airport to Vilnius (Lithuania), Warsaw and Bydgoszcz (Poland), Barcelona (Spain), Bratislava (Slovakia), and London (Great Britain)²⁰¹. On 19 October 2018, Ernest Airlines has opened two new routes to Rome and Milan (Italy) from Kyiv airport²⁰².

¹⁸⁹ <https://mfa.gov.ua/ua/press-center/news/67575-pavlo-klimkin-inicijuje-provedennya-pozachergovogo-zasidannya-ukrajinskyko-polysykoji-mizhuryadovoji-koordinacijnoji-radi-z-pitany-mizhregionalynogo-spivrobotnictva>

¹⁹⁰ <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-politics/2566590-pavlo-klimkin-ministr-zakordonnih-sprav-ukraini.html>

¹⁹¹ <https://www.strazgraniczna.pl/pl/aktualnosci>

¹⁹² <https://www.infosecurity24.pl/propozycje-na-stole-ale-porozumienia-brak-protest-sluzb-mundurowych-trwa>

¹⁹³ <https://www.tvn24.pl/wiadomosci-z-kraju,3/policjanci-nie-koncza-protestu-mundurowi-domagaja-sie-lepszych-warunkow-pracy,879861.html>

¹⁹⁴ <https://www.epravda.com.ua/publications/2018/10/25/641953/>

¹⁹⁵ <https://mtu.gov.ua/news/30305.html>

¹⁹⁶ <https://mtu.gov.ua/news/30274.html>

¹⁹⁷ <https://mtu.gov.ua/news/30274.html>

¹⁹⁸ <https://wizzair.com/en-gb/information-and-services/about-us/news/2018/08/30/wizz-air-announces-further-expansion-in-ukraine#/>

¹⁹⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/airportkiev/posts/1184121811726452>

²⁰⁰ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/29/7088724/>

²⁰¹ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/28/7088676/>

²⁰² <https://iev.aero/press-centre/news/96>



3.3. Organizational and managerial changes

Ukraine is moving towards the application of the EU document circulation standards. At a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 3 October, amendments have been made to the Government Resolution on the issuance of a passport of a citizen of Ukraine²⁰³ — since 1 November 2018, Ukrainians will have the opportunity to exchange passports in the form of booklets for passports in the form of ID cards²⁰⁴. The SMS stresses that the mandatory exchange of documents is not foreseen and that previously issued documents will remain valid until the expiration date²⁰⁵. The SMS has also published an explanatory note, saying that ID cards are independent identification documents that do not restrict access to banking or other services²⁰⁶.

Since September, the SMS has started processing and issuing temporary residence permits according to the new rules, which in particular, provide fingerprints scanning, digital photography, and electronic signatures²⁰⁷. In October, residents of Kirovohrad²⁰⁸, Ternopil²⁰⁹, Zhytomyr²¹⁰, Kherson²¹¹, and Cherkasy oblasts²¹², as well as Chernivtsi²¹³, Volyn oblast²¹⁴, and Poltava²¹⁵ have received their first temporary residence permits in the form of ID cards with contactless chips. In Zaporizhzhia, some 100 foreigners have obtained biometric permits²¹⁶.

The Government has approved the procedure for the registration of passport documents of foreigners and stateless persons at border crossing points²¹⁷. In October, the Order of the MoI has entered into effect that sets cases and the procedure for filling immigration cards by foreigners²¹⁸.

In October, the Order of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has come into force with regard to changes in the application for the registration of internally displaced persons²¹⁹. From now onwards, applicants are

²⁰³ The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 302 of 25 March 2015 “On Approval of the Sample Blank Form, Technical Specification and the Procedure for Processing, Issuance, Exchange, Sending, Withdrawal, Return to the State, Invalidation and Destruction of Passport of Citizen of Ukraine”.

²⁰⁴ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/uryad-vnis-zmini-u-poryadok-oformlennya-pasporta-gromadyanina-ukrayini-u-formi-id-kartki>

²⁰⁵ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/uryad-vnis-zmini-u-poryadok-oformlennya-pasporta-gromadyanina-ukrajini-u-formi-id-kartki.html>

²⁰⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/id-kartka-zhodnim-chinom-ne-obmezhue-mozhливosti-ukrajncziv-shhodo-koristuvannya-bankivskimi-poslugami.html>

²⁰⁷ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/321-2018-%D0%BF>

²⁰⁸ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-kirovogradshhini-pershimi-posvidku-u-formi-id-kartki-otrimali-inozemni-studenti.html>

²⁰⁹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-ternopilli-vrucheno-pershu-biometrichnu-posvidku.html>

²¹⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-zhitomirshhini-vrucheno-pershu-posvidku-na-timchasove-prozhivannya-u-viglyadi-kartki.html>

²¹¹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/persha-posvidka-u-viglyadi-kartki.html>

²¹² <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/pershi-biometrichni-posvidki-vidano.html>

²¹³ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-chernivczyax-vrucheno-pershu-plastikovu-posvidku-na-timchasove-prozhivannya.html>

²¹⁴ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/16-zhovtnya-v-udms-ukrajini-u-volinskij-oblasti-vidano-pershu-biometrichnu-posvidku-inozemczyu.html>

²¹⁵ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-poltavi-inozemczyu-vpershe-vidali-biometrichnij-dokument.html>

²¹⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-zaporizhzi-vzhe-majzhe-100-inozemcziv-otrimali-biometrichni-posvidki.html>

²¹⁷ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/798-2018-%D0%BF>

²¹⁸ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z1058-18>

²¹⁹ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z1069-18>



required to provide reasons for internal displacement: the conduct of the ATO or measures to ensure the national security and defence, the need to repel and deter armed aggression of the RF, temporary occupation of the territory in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, temporary occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

In late October, two border guards have been apprehended in Chernivtsi oblast for perpetrating the illicit movement of goods across the border²²⁰. At the same time, according to a survey, carried out by the GFK Ukraine and ordered by the IOM, over 50.7% Ukrainians trust the SBGS, while the overall level of trust in border guards continues to grow²²¹. In October, to encourage authorities in combating corruption, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine has conducted a children's drawing contest entitled "The Border without Corruption as Viewed by Children"²²².

On 10 October, the Cabinet of Ministers has formed Shostkynskiy border detachment to operate in Sumy oblast²²³. The detachment should help the SBGS to more effectively perform its tasks on the Ukrainian-Russian border²²⁴.

On 17 October, the SBGS Head, Petro Tsygkal, has said that until the end of 2018, a new Regional Maritime Safety Department will be deployed to ensure the organization, analytical support, planning, and implementation of relevant decisions on the protection of the state border in the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the Danube River²²⁵. The new agency will be responsible, among other things, for special operations on the water. To this end, DOZOR rapid response units will be formed, and 24 Airbus patrol helicopters will be purchased for strengthening the aviation element in the next two years²²⁶.

This month, training sessions have been held for SMS representatives to enhance the institutional capacity of the agency. On 23 October, Kharkiv has hosted a training session on the conflict of interests in public service²²⁷, and on 24 October, a workshop on Ukraine's anti-corruption legislation has been conducted in Kherson. SMS departments have held workshops to assess the performance of their officials in Kherson²²⁸, Odesa²²⁹ Chernivtsi²³⁰, Volyn²³¹, and Donetsk²³² oblasts. In October, SMS officers of Rivne have been

²²⁰ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/na-bukovini-zatrimano-dvoh-prikordonnikov-yaki-za-1200-dolariv-namagalis-organizuvati-oborudku-z-nezakonnogo-peremishchennya-tovariv/>

²²¹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/za-rezultatami-sociologichnogo-doslidzhennya-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-dovirya-ponad-50-ukrainciv/>

²²² <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/derzhprikordonsluzhba-provodit-konkurs-dityachogo-malyunku-kordon-bez-korupcii-ochima-ditey/>

²²³ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/724-2018-p>

²²⁴ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-stvorennnya-byudzhethovoi-ustanovi-shostkynskij-prikordonnij-zagin-derzhavnoi-prikordonnij-sluzhbi-ukrayini-vijskova-chastina-1569>

²²⁵ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-prikordonne-vidomstvo-aktivno-reformutsya-a-kurs-na-vropeysku-integraciyu-zakladeno-v-usih-strategichnih-dokumentah/>

²²⁶ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-rozgornute-regionalne-upravlinnya-morskoyi-ohoroni-vizme-pid-ohoronu-ves-morskij-kordon-vid-izmayila-do-mariupolya>

²²⁷ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-xarkovi-proveli-seminar-naradu-z-vivchennya-vimog-antikorupcijnogo-zakonodavstva-na-temu-konflikt-interesiv-na-derzhavnij-sluzhbi.html>

²²⁸ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/oczinyuvannya-rezultativ-sluzhbovoj-diyalnosti-sluzhbovcziv.html>

²²⁹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-odesi-provedeno-trening-dlya-personalu.html>

²³⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-chernivczyax-provedeno-navchannya-po-shhorichnomu-oczinyuvannyu-derzhsluzhbovcziv.html>

²³¹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-luczku-proveli-seminar-dlya-kerivnikiv.html>

²³² <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-golovnomu-upravlinnya-dms-ukrajni-v-doneckij-oblasti-provedeno-navchannya-z-kerivnikami-teritorialnix-ta-strukturnix-pidrozdiliv.html>



trained within a week in aspects of labour protection²³³, while SMS employees in Lviv oblast²³⁴ and Kyiv²³⁵ have participated in a fire safety seminar. Workshops on identifying and prosecuting violators of the migration legislation have been carried out on the basis of departments of the SMS in Zaporizhzhia²³⁶, Mykolaiv²³⁷, and Zakarpattia oblasts²³⁸. On 11 October, Lutsk has hosted a training session on the observance of the rights of refugees and people seeking international protection as part of combating irregular migration²³⁹.

Odesa has hosted a seminar on the establishment of connection with the Unified State Demographic Register (USDR) and cooperation of SMS departments with centres of administrative services. The event has been attended by SMS top officials, representatives of SMS oblast departments, administrative services centres, and the “Dokument” State Enterprise²⁴⁰. In late October, a training session has been organized in Zaporizhzhia for SMS officers on the registration of residence of natural persons, in particular, the maintenance of registers of territorial communities, the use of the real estate register, and various aspects of the legislation on the USDR and issuance of documents²⁴¹.

In early October, officers of the recently created subdivision of work standards and quality control of the SMS department in Kirovohrad oblast have trained their colleagues in increasing the quality of the processing and issuance of passports of citizens of Ukraine and passports of citizens of Ukraine for traveling abroad. Special attention has been paid to the provision of services to Ukrainian citizens whose residence is registered in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts, and in the non-government controlled areas of Ukraine²⁴².

Officers of the State Border Guard Service have participated in a series of workshops and training sessions to improve their activities. In October, the Main Forensic Expertise Centre has completed the advanced training courses on document security and detecting forged documents according to a special curriculum. As a result, more than 70 border guard inspectors of Izmail, Luhansk, Odesa, Sumy, and Kharkiv border detachments, as well as of Kyiv special checkpoint have gained qualification of experts in detailed document check. Such personnel training is part of an up-to-date three-tier system for document checking that is in line with the EU standards²⁴³. In late October, border guards of units of the Western Regional Department of the SBGS have taken part in three-day trainings on security of identification documents²⁴⁴.

²³³ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/rivnenski-migracijniki-vzvali-uchast-u-navchanni-z-pitan-oxoroni-praczi.html>

²³⁴ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/z-pracziivnikami-migracijnoj-sluzhbi-lvivshhini-provedeno-navchannya-shhodo-posilennya-pozhezhnoj-bezpeki.html>

²³⁵ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/u-dms-vidbulisya-navchannya-z-pitan-pozhezhnoj-bezpeki.html>

²³⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-migracijnij-sluzhbi-zaporizhchini-proveli-navchalno-praktichnij-seminar.html>

²³⁷ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-mikolaevi-projshli-navchannya-shhodo-naglyadu-ta-kontrolyu-za-vikonannyam-zakonodavstva-v-migracijnij-sferi-dlya-pracziivnikiv-teritorialnix-pidrozdiliv.html>

²³⁸ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-zakarpatti-proveli-navchannya.html>

²³⁹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-volini-proveli-seminar-shhodo-protidij-nezakonnij-migracij-v-ukrajini.html>

²⁴⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-odesi-vidbuvsya-spilnij-navchalnij-seminar-dlya-pracziivnikiv-strukturnix-pidrozdiliv-dms-ta-cznap.html>

²⁴¹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-zaporizhzi-migracijniki-vzvali-uchast-u-navchalno-metodichnomu-seminari-shhodo-vzaemodij-z-organami-reestracij.html>

²⁴² <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-kirovogradshhini-migracijniki-pracyuyut-nad-pokrashennyam-yakosti-administrativnix-poslug.html>

²⁴³ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-golovnomu-ekspertno-kriminalistichnomu-centri-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-zaversheno-provedennya-u-2018-roci-kursiv-pidvishchennya-kvalifikacij/>

²⁴⁴ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-pidrozdilah-zahidnogo-regionalnogo-upravlinnya-provedeno-treningi-iz-protidij-peremishchennyu-cherez-derzhavniy-kordon-osib-za-pidroblenimi-dokumentami/>



On 29 October, officers of the Forensic Expertise Centre of the SBGS have participated in a methodical discussion of problems of forensic examination²⁴⁵.

In October, heads of engineering and technical departments of all border guard authorities and their regional departments have held a concluding meeting. Participants in the action have shared experience and familiarized themselves with state-of-the-art engineering infrastructure: optoelectronic surveillance systems, mobile modules intended for long-term service, and engineering facilities for the protection of water borders²⁴⁶.

This month, a five-day advanced training course has taken place to make the leadership of mobile border detachments of the SBGS familiar with a methodology for selecting personnel of DOZOR rapid response units, the legal framework regulating activities of mobile units, and the procedure for the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in the protection of the border²⁴⁷.

Territorial departments of the SMS in Zhytomyr²⁴⁸, Lviv²⁴⁹, Odesa²⁵⁰, Poltava²⁵¹, Kherson²⁵², Khmelnytskyi²⁵³, Chernivtsi²⁵⁴, and Cherkasy oblasts²⁵⁵ have reported on their performance over 9 months.

²⁴⁵ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/eksperti-golovного-ekspertno-kriminalistichного-centru-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-vzvali-uchast-u-zasidanni-naukovo-konsultativnoi-ta-metodichnoi-radi-z-problem-sudovoi-ekspertizi/>

²⁴⁶ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/upravlinnyam-ozbronnya-ta-tehniki-administracii-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-provedeno-pidsumkovi-zbori-kerivnikiv-inzhenerno-tehnichnih-viddiliv-vsih-organiv-ohoroni-kordonu-ta-regionalnih-upravlin/>

²⁴⁷ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/kerivniy-sklad-mobilnih-pidrozdiliv-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-proyshov-kurs-pidvishchennya-kvalifikacii/>

²⁴⁸ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-zhitomiri-pidveli-pidsumki-za-rezultatami-9-ti-misyacziv-sluzhbovoi-diyalnosti.html>

²⁴⁹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/pidvedeno-pidsumki-roboti-golovного-upravlinnya-dms-u-lvivskij-oblasti-za-9-misyacziv-2018-roku.html>

²⁵⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/18-zhovtnya-2018-roku-vidbulosya-rozshirene-zasidannya-kolegij-golovного-upravlinnya-derzhavnoj-migracijnoj-sluzhbi-ukrajni-v-odeskij-oblasti.html>

²⁵¹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-upravlinni-migracijnoj-sluzhbi-poltavshini-pidveli-pidsumki-roboti-za-9-misyacziv-potochnogo-roku.html>

²⁵² <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/na-kolegij-udms-u-xersonskij-oblasti-pidveli-pidsumki-roboti.html>

²⁵³ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-udms-xmelnichchini-pidveli-pidsumki-roboti-za-9-misyacziv-potochnogo-roku.html>

²⁵⁴ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-chernivczyax-pidbili-pidsumki-roboti-udms-za-3-kvartali.html>

²⁵⁵ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/rezultati-roboti-za-9-misyacziv-roku-pidsumovali-v-cherkasax.html>



Representatives of the SBGS reported detention of irregular migrants in October (groups of 3 to 8 people) on the border with Poland²⁵⁶, Hungary^{257,258,259,260,261}, Slovakia^{262,263}, Russia²⁶⁴, and Moldova²⁶⁵. Border guards have regularly reported on foreigners with forged documents arrested in Odesa²⁶⁶ and Boryspil airports^{267,268}, as well as on the land border with Poland²⁶⁹ and Hungary²⁷⁰.

From early October, the SBGS will take care of the Cadet Corps state-run lyceum and boarding school with intensive military-physical training named after Kharytonenko²⁷¹.

In October, competitions to fill vacancies in SMS departments in Vinnytsia²⁷², Donetsk²⁷³ and Cherkasy²⁷⁴ oblasts have ended. Introduction sessions have been held for recently recruited officers of the SMS departments in Rivne²⁷⁵ and Ivano-Frankivsk²⁷⁶ oblasts. They have been told about proficiency enhancement and assessment of public servants, importance of strict compliance with the anti-corruption legislation, prevention of the conflict of interest, and the corporate culture.

²⁵⁶ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/prikordonniki-zatrimali-bilya-kordonu-z-polshcheyu-gromadyan-marokko-ganni-ta-bilorusi/>

²⁵⁷ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/zablukavshih-dvoh-rosiyan-zatrimali-prikordonniki-na-zakarpatti/>

²⁵⁸ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/migrantiv-z-pakistanu-dominikanskoi-respubliki-bangladesh-tadzhikistanu-y-afganistanu-zatrimano-na-kordoni/>

²⁵⁹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/dvi-grupi-nelegaliv-ta-pereviznika-odnii-z-nih-zatrimali-prikordonniki-spilno-z-policeyskimi-na-zakarpatti/>

²⁶⁰ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/shukachiv-shchastya-z-afriki-zatrimano-sogodni-vnochi-na-kordoni-z-ugorshchinoyu/>

²⁶¹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/dvoh-arabiv-i-taksista-zatrimali-spivrobotniki-prikordonnogo-vidomstva-ukraini-za-200-metriv-do-kordonu/>

²⁶² <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/dvoh-nelegaliv-z-turechchini-zatrimali-prikordonniki-na-zakarpatti/>

²⁶³ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/chetvero-indusiv-namagalis-probratisya-do-slovachchini-cherez-gori-zakarpattya/>

²⁶⁴ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-punkti-propusku-na-harkivshchini-gromadyani-azerbaydzhanu-sprobuvali-pidkupiti-prikordonniki/>

²⁶⁵ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/troh-zablukavshih-inozemciv-bez-dokumentiv-zatrimano-na-kordoni-z-moldovoyu/>

²⁶⁶ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-aeroportu-odesi-prikordonniki-viyavili-u-dvoh-inozemciv-pidrobleni-dokumenty/>

²⁶⁷ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-borispoli-prikordonniki-viyavili-u-shistoh-gromadyan-iraku-ta-iranu-pidrobleni-dokumenty/>

²⁶⁸ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/pidrobka-dokumentiv-zavershilis-dlya-inozemcya-zaboronoyu-vizdu-v-ukrainu/>

²⁶⁹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/cholovik-proponuvav-prikordonniam-habar-za-nezakonniv-viviz-ditini/>

²⁷⁰ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/na-kordoni-z-ugorshchinoyu-cholovikovi-ne-dozvolili-nezakonno-vivezti-za-kordon-ditinu/>

²⁷¹ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/15877_Derzhavna_prikordonna_sluzhba_bere_opiku_nad_licem_Kadetskiy_korpus_v_Sumah_FOTO_.htm

²⁷² <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/rezultati-konkursu-udms-ukrajni-v-vinniczki-oblasti-vid-03-zhovtnya-2018-roku-n-235-k.html>

²⁷³ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/komandu-golovnogu-upravlinnya-dms-ukrajni-v-doneczki-oblasti-posilyuyut-visokoprofesiyni-kadri.html>

²⁷⁴ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/komandu-cherkaskix-migracijnikiv-popovnyue-ambitna-molod.html>

²⁷⁵ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/novoprijnyati-pracivniki-na-posadi-do-udms-ukrajni-v-rivnenski-oblasti-projshli-oznajomche-navchannya.html>

²⁷⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-migracijnij-sluzhbi-prikarpattya-pokladayut-veliki-nadij-na-novoprijnyatix-molodix-specialistiv.html>



The SBGS is working towards improving the social security of its employees, and providing housing for border guards. On 3 October, according to the agency, 80 families in Sumy will receive apartments²⁷⁷. The commissioning of the second phase of a 160-apartment building will provide with housing servicemen of Sumy detachment²⁷⁸. Local border guards have received 194 apartments in 2017, and are to obtain 1,456 in 2018–2020²⁷⁹.

3.4. Interagency cooperation

Countering trafficking in human beings remains on the agenda of local executive authorities. On 31 October, participants in a working meeting of the group on monitoring and assessment of human trafficking at Poltava Oblast State Administration have discussed the 2017 outcomes and anti-trafficking actions for 2019²⁸⁰. On 11 October, participants in a meeting of the interdepartmental council of the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast State Administration have addressed migration processes and practical measures to counteract irregular migration²⁸¹.

Police officers and border guards of Chernihiv oblast have uncovered a cross-border channel for trafficking in human beings and apprehended those implicated in a crime²⁸². On 24 October in Kyiv oblast, law enforcers have found that unidentified individuals held 28 citizens of Vietnam hostages in a private house, demanding a ransom from their relatives for their release²⁸³.

Law enforcement agencies, border guards, and representatives of the SMS are acting in concert regarding the supervision and control of the compliance by foreigners and stateless persons with the migration legislation. In October, migration and border guard authorities have reported the arrests of potential violators of the migration law (groups of 6 to 10 people) in Melitopol²⁸⁴, Chernivtsi oblast^{285,286}, Odesa oblast²⁸⁷, and Lutsk²⁸⁸. On 30 October, two persons without documents have been detained during the joint special operation, Kordon–2018, by police officers and border guards²⁸⁹. On 3 October,

²⁷⁷ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/15874_Petro_Cigikal_do_2020_roku_zaplanovano_zabezpechiti_vlasnim_zhitlom_blizko_pivtori_tisyachi_prikordonniv_FOTO.htm

²⁷⁸ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-sumah-80-simej-prikordonniv-otrimali-klyuchi-vid-novogo-zhitla>

²⁷⁹ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/16186_Rozgornute_Regionalne_upravlinnya_morskoj_ohoroni_vizme_pid_ohoron_u_ves_morskiy_kordon_vid_Izmaila_do_Mariupolya_FOTO.htm

²⁸⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-poltavi-vidbulosya-zasidannya-grupi-monitoringu-ta-oczinki-z-protidij-torgivli-lyudmi.html>

²⁸¹ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/prikarpatcziv-informuyut-pro-riziki-ta-nebezpeki-zlochiv-povyazanix-z-torgivleyu-lyudmi.html>

²⁸² <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/dvoh-zatrimanih-na-chernigivshchini-torgovciv-lyudmi-vzyato-pid-vartu/>; <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/na-chernigivshchini-prikordonniki-likvidovali-transkordonnij-kanal-torgivli-lyudmi/>

²⁸³ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/spilno-z-nacjonalnoyu-policzieyu-viyavleno-grupu-gromadyan-vetnamu-yaki-nezakonno-perebuvayut-v-ukrajni.html>

²⁸⁴ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/shhe-shist-nelegaliv-primusovo-pokinut-ukrajnu.html>

²⁸⁵ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/v-chernivczyax-viyavili-8-ox-gromadyan-pakistanu-bez-dokumentiv-shho-posvidchuyut-osobu-ta-zakonnist-perebuvannya-na-teritorij-ukrajni.html>

²⁸⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-chernivczyax-viyavili-gruppu-nelegaliv-z-respubliki-bangladesh.html>

²⁸⁷ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-odesi-pravoohoronci-viyavili-10-inozemciv-z-porushennyam-pravil-perebuvannya-v-ukrajni/>

²⁸⁸ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/u-odnomu-z-luczki-xosteliv-zatrimali-nelegaliv.html>

²⁸⁹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/dvoh-azerbaydzhanciv-zatrimali-nepodalik-ukrainsko-slovackogo-kordonu/>

representatives of Volyn department of the SMS carried out a training session for police officers on the rules of stay of foreigners in the territory of Ukraine²⁹⁰.

The issue of detention of Ukrainian citizens for smuggling of migrants to other countries remains acute. On 9 October, the Department of Consular Services of the MFA and the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine have presented a project providing for a series of actions to prevent seamen against getting involved in maritime crimes and protect their rights in trials²⁹¹. In the words of the Director of the Department of Consular Services of the MFA, Serhiy Pohoreltsev, over 290 Ukrainian seamen are held in penitentiary facilities abroad as of October 2018²⁹².

On 19 October, an interdepartmental scientific and practical conference entitled "Contemporary Conceptual Approaches to Personnel Management in the Security and Defence Sector of Ukraine" has been held on the basis of the higher education institution of the SBGS²⁹³. Participants in the action, including representatives of the SBGS, MoI, National Police, SSU, and Armed Forces, have discussed the state and development prospects of the personnel policy in the security and defence sector of the country.

3.5. International cooperation

The situation in the Black Sea and in the Sea of Azov remains tense²⁹⁴. Specifically, since April 2018, Russian border guards search foreign vessels²⁹⁵ heading to Ukrainian ports. In response, the European Parliament has adopted on 25 October the Resolution on the Situation in the Sea of Azov, listing Russia's violation of the rules of international law²⁹⁶. In the document, the European Parliament calls on the European Council to demand that the RF immediately ends the intensive and discriminatory inspections of vessels, and considers, in this regard, that it would be very useful to appoint an EU Special Envoy for Crimea and Donbas. The Council has asked the Commission to provide a full assessment of the economic damage caused by the de facto blockade and check appropriate restrictive measures imposed by the EU²⁹⁷.

On 30 October, seven Ukrainian seamen, earlier detained by Russia for alleged illegal fishing near the annexed peninsula, have been exchanged for seven seamen from Crimea's NORD ship arrested by Ukraine²⁹⁸. According to the press service of the Russian Ombudsperson, this has been a swap deal²⁹⁹. The

²⁹⁰ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/pracivniki-migracijnoj-sluzhbi-volini-proveli-navchannya-dlya-spivrobotnikiv-golovnogogo-upravlinnya-nacionalnoj-policzij-oblasti.html>

²⁹¹ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/konsulska-sluzhba-mzs-spilno-z-profspilkoyu-robotnikiv-morskogo-transportu-ukrayini-prezentovali-proekt-shhodo-poperedzhennya-zaluchennya-moryakiv-do-zlochiv-na-mori>

²⁹² <https://mfa.gov.ua/ua/press-center/news/67696-konsulysyka-sluzhba-mzs-spilno-z-profspilkoju-robotnikiv-morskogo-transportu-ukrajini-prezentovali-projekt-shhodo-poperedzhennya-zaluchennya-moryakiv-do-zlochiv-na-mori>

²⁹³ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-nacionalniy-akademii-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-ukraini-provedeno-mizhvidomchu-naukovo-praktichnu-konferenciyu/>

²⁹⁴ https://www.unian.ua/politics/10180496-rosiya-zdiysnyuye-povzuchu-aneksiyu-viklyuchnoji-morskoji-ekonomichnoji-zoni-ukrajini-komanduvach-vms.html?utm_source=unian&utm_medium=related_news&utm_campaign=related_news_in_post

²⁹⁵ <https://www.unian.ua/politics/10243335-situaciya-v-azovskomu-mori-vimagaye-vid-ukrajini-gotovnosti-dati-rosiji-vidsich-klimkin.html>

²⁹⁶ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/delegations/en/d-ua/documents/ep-resolutions>

²⁹⁷ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2018-0435+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

²⁹⁸ <https://www.5.ua/suspilstvo/simokh-ukrainskykh-moriakiv-nezakonno-utrymuvanykh-u-krymu-vidpustyly-180288.html>

²⁹⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2018/10/30/7196725/>



SBGS has refuted the news³⁰⁰ about the swap and noted that for some unknown reason, the seamen of NORD vessel wanted to go home on 30 October although they could return a few months ago³⁰¹.

Tensions in relations between Ukraine and Hungary are retained. On 4 October, Ernő Keskeny, Hungary's Ambassador to Ukraine, has been handed a note, saying that the Hungarian Consul was caught on video 'handing out Hungarian passports' in Berehovo³⁰² and declared persona non grata³⁰³. Hungary has made a mirror-like response and deported the Ukrainian Consul^{304,305}. The Hungarian MFA has also strongly reacted³⁰⁶ to the entry of Péter Szijjártó on the list of Ukraine's Myrotvorets website^{307,308}. Hungarian authorities have continued to express their discontent with the recently approved Law of Ukraine "On Education." Following a meeting with the NATO Secretary General, the Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs has complained that the situation worsened, since no amendments are made to the Law of Ukraine "On Education" and the new language law is approved in the first reading³⁰⁹.

At the same time, there are positive aspects in relations between the two countries. On 24 October, Hungary has proposed to conclude an agreement on the protection of national minorities³¹⁰. Kyiv and Budapest are discussing this issue³¹¹. In late October, the Hungarian government has renamed the post of Government Commissioner responsible for cooperation with Zakarpattia oblast and development of kindergartens of the Carpathian Basin for Authorized Minister responsible for cooperation between Hungary's Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county and Ukraine's Zakarpattia oblast and coordination of the program for developing children education institutions in the Carpathian Basin³¹². In the words of Pavlo Klimkin, the MFA of Ukraine is also going to set up a post to deal with cross-border cooperation³¹³.

On 5 October, Kyiv has hosted the fifth meeting of the EU-Ukraine Association Committee. Participants in the action have discussed aspects of the implementation of the Association Agreement and follow-up partnership, in particular, a deeper sectoral cooperation in the customs, security, freedom, and justice issues³¹⁴. A couple of days earlier, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has discussed the state of

³⁰⁰ <https://hromadske.ua/posts/u-rf-zayavili-sho-obminyali-7-h-ukrayinskih-moryakiv-na-7-h-rosijskij>

³⁰¹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/shchodo-propusku-cherz-adminmezhu-z-krimom-gromadyan-ukraini-v-tomu-chisli-chleniv-ekipazhu-sudna-nord/>

³⁰² <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-society/2541093-u-beregovomu-ukraincam-vidaut-ugorski-pasporti-pid-klatvu-ta-sampanske.html>

³⁰³ <https://mfa.gov.ua/ua/press-center/news/67569-konsula-ugorshhini-u-misti-beregove-ogolosheno-personoju-non-grata>

³⁰⁴ http://www.mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/3366384

³⁰⁵ https://hvg.hu/itthon/20181004_Magyarorszag_is_kiutasit_egy_ukran_konzult

³⁰⁶ <http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/news/the-hungarian-foreign-minister-cannot-be-intimidated>

³⁰⁷ <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-szijarto-v-bazi-myrotvorets/29517156.html>

³⁰⁸ <https://myrotvorets.center/criminal/?cferror=1>

³⁰⁹ <http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/news/the-situation-with-relation-to-ukraine-has-significantly-worsened>

³¹⁰ <http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/news/hungary-has-proposed-that-ukraine-concludes-a-minority-protection-treaty>

³¹¹ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/26/7088639/>

³¹² <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/30/7088739/>

³¹³ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/24/7088562/>

³¹⁴ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/u-kiyevi-vidbulosya-chetverte-zasidannya-komitetu-asociaciyi-mizh-ukrayinoyu-ta-yes>



implementation of the Association Agreement regarding employment, social policy, and equal opportunities. Special attention has been paid to the principles of the EU legal framework for secondees³¹⁵.

In October, a series of working meetings have taken place as part of technical assistance programs. On 25 October, the sixth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Support for Migration and Asylum Management in Ukraine project, funded by the EU and implemented by the IOM Ukraine, has taken place. The project is targeted towards the improvement of the government migration policy and the institutional strengthening of relevant public authorities³¹⁶. The parties have addressed the state of the implementation of each component of the project and its further execution.

The EU-funded TWINNING project on technical assistance to the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine has been completed in October. According to high-ranking officials, the two-year project has helped enhance security on the border through access to databases, cooperation with EU border guards, joint patrolling, and exchange of information³¹⁷. The SBGS Head, Petro Tsygkal, has pointed out that an interdepartmental working group was set up to continue the implementation of the principles of integrated border management. The group will be headed by the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze³¹⁸.

On 25 October, a meeting of members of the Virtual Contact Centre for Integrated Border Management Entities has been carried out with the involvement of experts of the EU Advisory Mission (EUAM) to discuss the organizational issues of developing a strategy for integrated border management and actions of the interdepartmental working group on coordination of integrated border management³¹⁹.

Cooperation with partners in the area of migration is represented by the preparation and signing of bilateral agreements. Ukraine negotiates the conclusion of bilateral agreements on labour migration with Bulgaria^{320,321} and Lithuania³²². In early October, the Verkhovna Rada has been presented with a draft Law on the ratification of the agreement between Ukraine and the Republic of Lithuania regulating the legal revision of the amount of pension on application of a person³²³. On his visit to Belarus on 26 October, President of Ukraine has signed the readmission agreement^{324,325}. On 13 October, the two ratified agreements on readmission of persons between Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova³²⁶, and the Swiss Confederation have come into force³²⁷.

³¹⁵ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/16025.html>

³¹⁶ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/vidbulosya-cherogove-zasidannya-kerivnogo-komitetu-proektu-pidtrimka-upravlinnya-migracziyu-ta-privtulkom-v-ukrajni.html>

³¹⁷ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/15925_Tetyana_Kovalchuk_Realizaciya_proektu_TWINNING_ma_velike_znachennya_dlya_vsii_sistemi_MVS_ta_nacionalnoi_bezpeki_FOTOVIDEO.htm

³¹⁸ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-u-ramkah-proektu-twinning-pered-uryadom-iniciyovano-stvorennya-mizhvidomchoi-robochoi-grupi-z-pitan-koordinacii-ibm/>

³¹⁹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-administracii-vidbulos-cherogove-zasidannya-virtualnogo-kontaktного-analitchnogo-centru-subktiv-integrovanogo-upravlinnya-kordonami/>

³²⁰ <https://www.msp.gov.ua/news/16076.html>

³²¹ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/748-2018-p/conv?lang=uk>

³²² <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/737-2018-%D1%80/sp:max100?sp=:max100&lang=uk>

³²³ http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=64724

³²⁴ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/dms/ukrajnoyu-ukladeno-z-respublikoyu-bilorus-ugodu-pro-readmisiyu-osib.html>

³²⁵ <https://www.president.gov.ua/news/ukrayina-ta-bilorus-pidpisali-nizku-dvostoronnih-dokumentiv-50626>

³²⁶ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2534-19>

³²⁷ <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2533-19>



During the implementation of joint tasks, Ukrainian officials have exchanged experience with international partners. On 30 October, Odesa has hosted a roundtable on enhancing maritime security and developing the Maritime Security Department of the SBGS. Ukrainian and international participants and high-ranking officials have addressed aspects of the strengthening of maritime border security³²⁸. In October, the SBGS and Europol have detained a Ukrainian yacht with 57 migrants on board, and uncovered a criminal group that transported Ukrainian citizens abroad within 2017–2018³²⁹.

Cooperation on integrated border management between the Border Management Department of the SBGS and the European Border Agency Frontex has continued. In late October, experts from Polish, Lithuanian, and Italian border agencies have visited airports of Kyiv, Odesa, and Lviv as observers in the joint operation under the code name 'Key Points'³³⁰.

At Chop–Zakhon BCP on 2–4 October, in pursuance of the Action Plan for the implementation of the integrated border management Concept, members of analytical units of border guard agencies of Ukraine and Hungary have discussed prospects for the application of the Common Integrated Risk Analysis Model, CIRAM-2.0, on the Ukrainian-Hungarian border³³¹. On 14 October, a meeting of experts of Ukrainian and Romanian border guard agencies has been held to make a comparative analysis of border efficiency indicators³³².

On 24 October, Odesa has hosted a meeting of the Steering Committee of the project on “Improving Integrated Border Management on the Ukraine-Moldova Border” to take stock of the achievements and discuss further cooperation, in particular, on improving integrated border management. Participants in the meeting have also considered the need for upgrading the infrastructure of joint BCPs, Kuchurhan–Pervomaisk and Reni-Giurgiulesti, and establishing Palanka joint crossing point³³³.

A series of bilateral international meetings with the involvement of Ukrainian high-ranking officials have been held in October:

- On 11 October, the SMS Head, Maksym Sokoliuk, has met with Director of the Immigration Liaison Office and IND Border Office of the Netherlands, Mark van Elzaker. The interlocutors have discussed the experience of the Netherlands in the area of irregular migration and agreed to continue cooperation on solving problematic migration issues³³⁴.

³²⁸ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-tilki-spilni-diyi-ye-zaporukoyu-silnovi-ta-yedinovi-yevropi-v-yakij-ukrayina-zalishayetsya-nadijnim-forpostom-na-yivi-shidnih-kordonah>

³²⁹ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/16024_DPSU_ta_vropol_zatrimali_v_Seredzemnomu_mori_ukrainsku_yahtu_z_ma_yzhe_60_migrantami_FOTO.htm

³³⁰ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/16297_U_stolichnih_aeroportah_ukrainski_prikordonniki_razom_z_ekspertami_vro_peyskoi_agencii_FRONTEX_provodyat_spilnu_operaciyu.htm

³³¹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/na-spilnomu-derzhrubezhi-vidbulas-zustrich-ukrainskih-ta-ugorskih-prikordonnih-analitikiv/>

³³² <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/vidbulas-robocha-zustrich-ekspertiv-pidrozdiliv-prikordonnih-vidomstv-ukraini-ta-rumunii/>

³³³ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-odesi-vidbulosya-zasidannya-kerivnogo-komitetu-proektu-z-pokrashchennya-integrovanogo-upravlinnya-kordonami-na-moldovskiy-dilyanci-/>

³³⁴ https://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/16054_Derzhavna_migraciyana_sluzhba_spivpracyuvatime_z_Niderlandami_v_pita_nnyah_readmisii_ta_nelegalnoi_migracii_FOTO.htm



- On 24 October, top officials of border agencies of Ukraine and Belarus have gathered in Minsk to discuss the situation on the Ukrainian-Belarusian border and the attraction of international technical assistance for joint border infrastructure development³³⁵.
- At a meeting with Deputy Head of the General Border Police Inspectorate of the Republic of Moldova on 19 October, First Deputy Head of the SBGS, Vasyl Servatiuk, has addressed the issues of the current state and future priorities of cooperation³³⁶.
- On 20 October, First Deputy Head of the SBGS, Vasyl Servatiuk, has discussed joint projects with Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Kirsten Madison³³⁷.
- At a meeting on 4 October, First Deputy Head of the SBGS, Vasyl Servatiuk, and the Vice President of the German Federal Police, Jürgen Schubert, have exchanged views on the state of bilateral cooperation³³⁸.
- On 16 October, Deputy Interior Minister of Ukraine, Tetiana Kovalchuk, and the Director of the Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association (GRTPA), Martin Campbell, have paid close attention to issues of the protection of the rights of Roma in Ukraine³³⁹.
- On 18 October, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, Pavlo Rozenko, and Special Rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Rita Izsák-Ndiaye, have tackled the issue of extending cooperation on the integration of the Roma minority into Ukrainian society³⁴⁰.
- In October, heads of foreign affairs departments of border authorities of Ukraine and Poland have discussed steps to deter irregular migration³⁴¹.

Regional departments of the SMS are getting involved in international cooperation. At a meeting in Warsaw in early October, top officials of the SMS department in Odesa oblast and representatives of the Department for Refugee Affairs have discussed the situation with IDPs in Ukraine³⁴². Representatives of the French Human Rights Foundation have visited Bohunskiy rayon department of the State Migration Service in Zhytomyr oblast³⁴³.

On 17–18 October, Kyiv has hosted the international conference on “Exercising the Rights of Roma Women in Ukraine” to address the issues of gender equality and human rights protection, ways to overcome

³³⁵ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/petro-cigikal-zustrivsyia-z-biloruskim-kolegoyu-anatolim-lappo/>

³³⁶ [https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/pershiy-zastupnik-golovi-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-zustrivsyia-iz-zastupnikom-nachalnika-generalnogo-inspektoratu-prikordonnoi-policii-moldovi-/](https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/pershiy-zastupnik-golovi-derzhprikordonsluzhbi-zustrivsyia-iz-zastupnikom-nachalnika-generalnogo-inspektoratu-prikordonnoi-policii-moldovi/)

³³⁷ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/vasil-servatyuk-proviv-zustrich-z-zastupnikom-derzhsekretarya-z-mizhnarodnih-pitan-shchodo-pravoohoronnoi-diyalnosti-derzhdepu-ssha/>

³³⁸ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/vasil-servatyuk-spivrobotnictvo-z-federalnoyu-policiyu-nimechchini-vidigra-vazhlivu-rol-v-reformuvanni-i-zabezpechenni-vropeyskih-standartiv/>

³³⁹ http://mvs.gov.ua/ua/news/16174_U_MVS_obgovorili_pitannya_zabezpechennya_prav_romiv_FOTO.htm

³⁴⁰ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/vice-premyer-ministr-ukrayini-pavlo-rozenko-zustrivsyia-iz-chlenom-ta-dopovidachem-komitetu-oon-z-likvidaciyi-rasovoyi-diskriminaciyi-ritoyu-icsak-ndiaaye>

³⁴¹ <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/predstavniki-u-spravah-inozemciv-prikordonnih-vidomstv-ukraini-ta-polshchi-obgovorili-posilennya-zusil-u-protidii-nelegalniy-migracii/>

³⁴² <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/nachalnik-gu-dms-v-odeskij-oblasti-olena-pogrebnyak-ta-pershij-zastupnik-nachalnika-ivan-bezkishhenko-prijnyali-gostej-z-respubliki-polshha.html>

³⁴³ <https://dmsu.gov.ua/news/region/predstavniki-francuzkogo-fondu-prav-lyudini-pobuvali-u-bogunskomu-rajonnomu-viddili-migracijnoj-sluzhbi.html>



discrimination against Roma women, and mechanisms to implement a national policy for granting Roma women equal rights and opportunities³⁴⁴.

The 2nd Forum of Migrants of Central and Western Europe, organized by the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, has taken place in Rome on 6–7 October. Approaches to the strengthening of the Ukrainian diaspora abroad have been the focus of attention of participants. Clerics and representatives of Ukrainian organizations and institutions have discussed the formation of the Ukrainian identity outside of the homeland, functioning of Saturday schools, activities of youth organizations, and other actions to resist the assimilation of communities abroad³⁴⁵.

Cooperation continues to support IDPs and people affected by the war. On 17 October, the NATO-Ukraine Commission has discussed, at the level of ambassadors, the humanitarian situation in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts and the human rights situation in Russian-annexed Crimea³⁴⁶. Vadym Chernysh, Ukraine's Minister of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons, has told about measures taken by the Government to meet the humanitarian needs and maintain ties with the population of the temporarily occupied territories³⁴⁷. On 3 October, the Austrian Council of Ministers has approved the allocation of EUR 1 million for eastern Ukraine³⁴⁸. These funds will be spent for the implementation of a Red Cross project on de-mining and other initiatives of Austrian NGOs on improving the living conditions of populations disadvantaged by the war³⁴⁹. In October, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the composition of a delegation for talks on the text of a draft Agreement between the governments of Ukraine and the Federal Republic of Germany on financial cooperation under the project on "Residential Premises for Internally Displaced Persons"³⁵⁰.

Ukraine is studying the experience of other countries on the de-occupation and reintegration of the occupied territories. At the second session of the Ukrainian-Croatian working group on cooperation on 25 October in Kyiv, the sides have paid attention to aspects of ensuring social security of the population, awareness raising, infrastructure development, and de-mining³⁵¹.

Bilateral activities are being carried out regarding the simplification of short-term travels abroad. On 9 October, British Minister for Europe and the Americas, Alan Duncan has stated his readiness to encourage the process of improving visa procedures for Ukrainians³⁵². On 3 October, the Government of Ukraine has approved the intergovernmental agreement with Serbia³⁵³ on amendments to the Agreement on lifting mutual visa requirements for their citizens. Under the document, Ukrainians can stay in Serbia for a maximum of 90 days without visas within 180 days from the date of their first entry. On 5 October in

³⁴⁴ <https://mfa.gov.ua/ua/press-center/news/68025-podolannya-diskriminaciji-ta-zabezpechennya-rivnih-prav-ta-mozhlivostej-romsykim-zhinkam-v-ukrajini>

³⁴⁵ <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/29531891.html>

³⁴⁶ <https://www.dw.com/uk/комісія-україна-нато-альянс-занепокоєний-порушенням-прав-людини-в-криму/a-45932384>

³⁴⁷ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/vadim-chernish-zdijsniv-vizit-do-shtab-kvartiri-nato-u-bryusseli-de-vzyav-uchast-u-zasidanni-komisiyi-ukrayina-nato>

³⁴⁸ <https://www.tt.com/politik/weltpolitik/14879578/kurz-verteidigt-treffen-mit-putin-werde-weiter-kontakt-suchen>

³⁴⁹ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/3/7087706/>

³⁵⁰ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-delegaciyu-uryadu-ukrayini-dlya-uchasti-u-789>

³⁵¹ <https://mfa.gov.ua/ua/press-center/news/68062-ukrajina-predmetno-vivchaje-dosvid-khorvatiji-u-sferi-deokupaciji-ta-reintegraciji-okupovanoji-teritoriji>

³⁵² <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/britanskij-uryad-vklyuchaye-ukladannya-torgovelnoyi-ugodi-z-ukrayinoyu-do-svoyih-prioritetiv>

³⁵³ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/meetings/zasidannya-kabinetu-ministriv-ukrayini-02-10-2018>

Chisinau, Ukraine and Georgia have agreed to simplify the border crossing procedure³⁵⁴. According to the Agreement³⁵⁵, citizens of Ukraine and Georgia should stay in the territory of another country for a maximum of 90 days without visas (annually) on the basis of national passports in the form of ID cards with a contactless chip³⁵⁶.

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

The Europe Without Barriers NGO has prepared an analytical report entitled “Anatomy of the Border. Independent Monitoring Report” based on the results of the study on Ukraine’s border crossing through 20 international road and pedestrian border crossing points³⁵⁷. The NGO analysed data on population mobility³⁵⁸ based on a survey, carried out by Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation and Kyiv International Institute of Sociology on 16–28 August 2018³⁵⁹.

Kyiv International Institute of Sociology has published the results of a regular nationwide poll on interethnic bias in Ukraine³⁶⁰. According to its conclusions, people are the least biased against Ukrainians, Belarusians, and Russians and the most biased against the Chinese, Africans, and Arabs. Prejudices against Roma are the strongest. The level of xenophobia was growing from 1994 to 2007; it decreased from 2008 to 2013; slightly increased from 2014 to 2018; and returned in the long run to that of 2011³⁶¹.

The CEDOS think tank has published a survey on the policy for involving and integrating Ukrainian students in Czechia³⁶² and Slovakia³⁶³.

Various aspects of labour migration have been covered in October by different news outlets: Ukrinform³⁶⁴, Radio Liberty³⁶⁵, and BBC Ukraine³⁶⁶. Ukrinform has prepared a material about the human resources crisis as a result of the outflow of personnel³⁶⁷. Mind.ua has posted an article entitled “What Should Be Paid Attention to by Migrants Who Are Going to Get Employed in Estonia”³⁶⁸.

The Right to Protection Charitable Foundation (R2P) has published a survey on “Key Aspects of Employment of Refugees, Persons in Need of Complementary Protection and Asylum Seekers in Ukraine”³⁶⁹. The following two events have been organized to present the survey results: a briefing³⁷⁰ and

³⁵⁴ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/ukrayina-i-gruziya-sproshchuyut-proceduri-peretinu-kordoniv-domovlenist-glav-uryadiv>

³⁵⁵ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/pro-pidpisannya-ugodi-mizh-kabinetizovih-vimog>

³⁵⁶ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/mozhlivist-poyzdot-gromadyan-mizh-ukrayinoyu-ta-gruziyeyu-na-osnovi-vnutrishnih-id-kartok-dozvolit-zbilshiti-turistichnij-ta-biznesovij-potik-mizh-krayinami-oleksandr-sayenko>

³⁵⁷ <https://europewb.org.ua/anatomiya-ukrayinskogo-kordonu-nezalezhnij-monitoryngovyi-zvit/>

³⁵⁸ <https://europewb.org.ua/vymir-mobilnosti-u-gromadskij-dumtsi-rezultaty-opytuvannya/>

³⁵⁹ <https://dif.org.ua/article/evropeyska-integratsiya-u-vimiri-gromadskoi-dumki>

³⁶⁰ <https://www.kiis.com.ua/?lang=ukr&cat=reports&id=793&page=1>

³⁶¹ <https://www.kiis.com.ua/?lang=ukr&cat=reports&id=793&page=1>

³⁶² <https://cedos.org.ua/uk/articles/ukrainski-studenty-v-chehii-polityky-zaluchennia-intehratsii-ta-motyvatsiia-i-plany-studentiv>

³⁶³ <https://cedos.org.ua/uk/articles/ukrainski-studenty-u-slovachchyni-polityky-zaluchennia-intehratsii-ta-motyvatsiia-i-plany-studentiv>

³⁶⁴ <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-society/2570274-doki-nasi-v-evropi-ukraina-cekae-na-afrikanciv.html>

³⁶⁵ <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/migracia-v-polschu-22-govtnja-2018/29557550.html>

³⁶⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/features-45890286>

³⁶⁷ <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-society/2570274-doki-nasi-v-evropi-ukraina-cekae-na-afrikanciv.html>

³⁶⁸ <https://mind.ua/openmind/20190064-yak-i-chim-es-zustrichae-ukrayinskih-zarobitchan>

³⁶⁹ <https://www.slideshare.net/UkraineCrisisMediaCenter/ss-118310187>

³⁷⁰ <http://uacrisis.org/ua/68901-asylum-seekers-difficulties-with-employment>



a roundtable “Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Idle Potentials” to address the issue of official employment of refugees and people seeking international protection³⁷¹.

The Vostok SOS NGO has published a review of human rights violations in separatist breakaway Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts in September³⁷². The Donbas SOS Charitable Foundation has prepared a September digest of the movement of people and vehicles across the contact line³⁷³ and an extended explanation of administrative liability for illegal crossing of the state border and the line of contact³⁷⁴.

The issue of payments to IDPs remains on the top of the agenda. The Donbas SOS NGO has posted a material about the procedure for the repayment of pension arrears by court decisions³⁷⁵ and the specifics of setting the shortfall amount of pensions³⁷⁶, while Radio Liberty has taken stock of the problems of IDPs over the past 5 years³⁷⁷. Donbas SOS has also published three media pieces about various aspects of people jailed in the non-government controlled areas^{378,379,380}. Donbas SOS has prepared infographics useful for IDP students³⁸¹.

In October, the IOM Ukraine team has presented a detailed publication analysing the application of Ukraine’s legislation on combating trafficking in human beings and proposing recommendations to improve the practice of trials of human trafficking cases³⁸². The Radio Liberty³⁸³ and Siohodni online projects have posted articles on trafficking in human beings and measures taken by the Government to counteract this problem³⁸⁴.

Evropeiska Pravda has published an interview with a judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Hanna Yudkivska, about Ukraine’s claims to Russia because of actions of the aggressor country in the occupied territories, including Donbas and Crimea³⁸⁵. Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Pavlo Klimkin, mentions in the publication the Ukrainian-Hungarian conflict, and launches a discussion of the issue of dual citizenship³⁸⁶. Among other things, Head of Ukraine’s Foreign Ministry has told Ukrinform journalists about labour migrants in Poland and long lines at BCPs at the Ukrainian-Polish border³⁸⁷. In an interview for UA.Kharkiv, he has detailed the position of the Ministry on dual citizenship and provided recommendations for Ukrainians leaving for Russia³⁸⁸.

³⁷¹ <https://www.prostir.ua/?news=kruhlyj-stil-z-hostrymy-kutamy>

³⁷² <http://vostok-sos.org/prava-lyudyny-v-okupovanykh-donetskii-ta-luhanskii-oblastiakh-veresen-2018/>

³⁷³ <http://www.donbasssos.org/18508-2/>

³⁷⁴ http://www.donbasssos.org/admin_otvetst_nezakon_peresechenie/

³⁷⁵ http://www.donbasssos.org/ur_analiz_pogashennia_zaborgov/

³⁷⁶ http://www.donbasssos.org/pensiia_vpo/

³⁷⁷ <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/chotyry-problemy-pereselentsiv-na-pjatomu-rotsi-vijny/29573337.html>

³⁷⁸ http://www.donbasssos.org/ludi_nevidimki_1/

³⁷⁹ http://www.donbasssos.org/ludi_nevidimki_2/

³⁸⁰ http://www.donbasssos.org/ludi_nevedimki_3/

³⁸¹ http://www.donbasssos.org/pamiatka_stydeni/

³⁸² http://iom.org.ua/sites/default/files/analysis_of_judicial_practice.pdf

³⁸³ <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/torhivlia-liudmy-ukrajina/29538761.html>

³⁸⁴ <https://ukr.segodaya.ua/world/europe/litovskie-zhurnalisty-raskryli-shemu-po-kotoroy-razvodyat-ukrainskih-zarobitchan-1184260.html?fbclid=IwAR0VC50NFxP1nOZ1EQw3vJ2XBx-O0eT7w3IH70y9wh2Qijdr2uPyCh-PIIw>

³⁸⁵ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/interview/2018/10/31/7088697/>

³⁸⁶ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/news/2018/10/3/7087679/>

³⁸⁷ <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-politics/2584596-pavlo-klimkin-ministr-zakordonnih-sprav-ukraini.html>

³⁸⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KQ4i0SY7As&feature=youtu.be>



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Materials about enhanced liability for illegal crossing of the border of Ukraine have been published by BBC Ukraine³⁸⁹ and the Right to Protection Charitable Foundation (R2P)³⁹⁰.

A Warsaw-based think tank, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), has conducted a study on major trends in migration of Ukrainians to Poland over the recent years³⁹¹. In its study, the Construction and Building Materials Industry Workers' Union of Ukraine has analysed in detail major employment sectors chosen by Ukrainians and violations of the labour rights experienced by them³⁹².

International organizations have published a number of materials on migration. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has prepared a publication on the skills of migrant workers and their use in the labour markets of the host country³⁹³. The International Organization for Migration has prepared the publication entitled "Migration and the 2030 Agenda: a Guide for Practitioners"³⁹⁴. The International Organization for Migration has released the Global Migration Indicators Report 2018 that summarizes key global migration trends³⁹⁵.

³⁸⁹ <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/features-45916390>

³⁹⁰ <http://vpl.com.ua/uk/media/5850/>

³⁹¹ <https://www.osw.waw.pl/en/publikacje/osw-report/2018-10-17/migration-ukraine-to-poland>

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