ENIGMMA project kicks off 2015 Information Campaign to promote EU-Georgia cooperation

VIENNA, 16 March 2015 – The project ‘Enhancing Georgia’s Migration Management’ (ENIGMMA) announces the start of its second information campaign on migration, which will focus particularly on EU-Georgia cooperation in migration management and general EU-Georgia cooperation and relations. The 2015 ENIGMMA Information Campaign aims to raise public awareness on key achievements of EU-Georgia cooperation, such as the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, visa dialogue and mobility of Georgian citizens in the EU, and the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan. The campaign also promotes the benefits for both Georgia and the EU resulting from closer European integration, leading to greater public participation in EU and Georgia relations. The title and the key message of the campaign is ‘What does a visa-free Europe mean to me?’ and will feature various complementary activities. These include a photo contest, migration training for local authorities, photo exhibitions, an international conference and a final information event.

In addition to the information campaign, the ENIGMMA project is also holding the International Summer School on Migration Research in Georgia from 28 June to 4 July 2015. It will be implemented by ICMPD in cooperation with the State Commission on Migration Issues of Georgia (SCMI), EU and Georgian academia experts, the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM). The participants of the Summer School will be mentored by the ENIGMMA academia experts from the EU and Georgia.

The programme of the Summer School will provide research-oriented, multidisciplinary and innovative academic courses on issues related to the migration situation and migration policy in Georgia. Lectures will be accompanied by research work and discussions, and the students will have the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects. The most successful students will be able to publish their research paper in the Summer School reader and to receive an unpaid internship in a Georgian state institution involved in migration management (depending on availability of internship places). The call for applications is now open for students of the disciplines of media, law, economy and demography from Georgia or representatives of the Georgian diaspora. The deadline for applications is 10 April 2015.

More information on the information campaign can be found at: http://www.enigmma.ge/overview-4/ and more information on the summer school can be found at: http://www.enigmma.ge/summer-school.

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