The conference launching the project “Supporting the Republic of Moldova to implement the EU-Moldova Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation – Fighting Illegal Migration in Moldova (FIRMM)” took place on 20 March 2013 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. The project is financed by the European Union with a total budget of 1.2 million Euro and is being implemented by ICMPD during the next 2 years.

The event was opened by the Head of the EU Delegation to Moldova, H.E. Ambassador Dirk Schuebel, who underlined the importance of the project for the implementation of the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan. Mr. Martijn Pluim, ICMPD Director for the Eastern Dimension, stated that the present project should support Moldovan efforts to fight against irregular migration by addressing the analytical (e.g. risk assessment) and operational (e.g. identification, detection, investigation, return) capacities of the relevant authorities while protecting migrants' human rights.

In addition, representatives of Moldovan institutions involved in migration management, namely the Bureau for Migration and Asylum, the National Institute of Justice and the Border Police, expressed their willingness to cooperate within the project and highlighted the relevance of the project for the reform process and commitments undertaken by Moldova.

The EU-Moldova Visa Liberalisation Action Plan describes the conditions to be met by Moldovan authorities in order to move forward towards visa liberalisation. These conditions include the development and use of an effective methodology for the inland detection of irregular migration, risk analysis, the investigation of cases of organised, facilitated irregular migration and productive cooperation between relevant agencies.

The project consists of 4 main components targeted at: (1) assisting the BMA in creating a fully functional central unit for information and analysis capable of producing migration-related analytical reports, (2) developing the methodology for the inland detection of irregular migration, (3) providing training on international human rights standards in migration-related cases and (4) negotiating readmission agreements.

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