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FOREWORD

The 8th issue of the MMSP newsletter coincides with the kick-off of the second phase of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility Support Project (MMSP II). As such, we would like to take this opportunity to present the first activities undertaken under MMSP II since its start in July 2019 and provide an overview of upcoming events in the frame of the project. In keeping with the tradition of newsletters released under MMSP I, we will continue to include a "Policy Corner" with the latest policy and institutional developments, in China and the EU, deemed to be of relevance to the project, while also sharing data, information and knowledge products that may become available in the course of the project touching, directly or indirectly, on topics of interest to MMSP II through the "Infobite" and "IOM News" sections.

Equipped with fresh ideas for the future and building on valuable lessons learnt, IOM looks forward to working together with our project partners in the implementation of the second phase of the MMSP.

Watch out for the next newsletter and follow us on WeChat!

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

EU-CHINA DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION AND MOBILITY SUPPORT PROJECT PHASE II LAUNCHED:

On 26 November 2019, IOM in China has officially launched the MMSP II Project – a three year initiative funded by the EU Partnership Instrument and implemented by IOM. Presided over by H.E. Mr. Nicolas Chapuis, EU Ambassador to China, Mr. Yang Tao, Director General of Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Mr. Giuseppe Crocetti, the Chief of Mission for IOM China, the launch brought together 37 European and Chinese participants, including representatives of the EU, EU Member States (EU MS) and Schengen Area Embassies in China, MFA, the National Immigration Administration (NIA) and Office for Combatting Human Trafficking of the Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Science and Technology, as well as the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The stakeholders recognized that the MMSP I has been instrumental in supporting EU-China dialogue around relevant migration issues and expressed confidence that the second phase will result in even stronger cooperation on mobility between the EU and China.



Participants engage in interactive exercise during the Training Course for EU MS and Schengen on Trends related to fraudulent visa



Representatives from IOM, EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivering opening remarks at the MMSP II launch event

TRAINING COURSE FOR EU MEMBER STATES AND SCHENGEN AREA COUNTRIES ON TRENDS RELATED TO FRAUDULENT VISA DOCUMENTATION:

On 13 November 2019, IOM organized a training course on techniques to verify bank statements used by Chinese nationals in the visa application process. The event marked the first activity of MMSP II and gathered 43 participants from almost all visa sections of EU MS and non-EU Schengen Area States' Embassies. During the training, the participants learned state-of-art techniques on how to effectively detect fraudulent bank statements. The newly acquired skills will facilitate their daily work and help them to use online tools and effectively collaborate with banks. The training established a very useful platform for visa section officials to share and exchange their expertise and practical experience on detecting fraudulent bank statements. Representatives from IOM, EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivering opening remarks at the MMSP II launch event Participants engage in interactive exercise during the Training Course for EU MS and Schengen on Trends related to Fraudulent Visa

BRIEFING ON CHINESE EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION:

On 26 November 2019, IOM in collaboration with NIA, organized a Briefing on Chinese Immigration and Emigration Policies and Trends for officers in charge of visa issues and migration liaison from EU MS and non-EU Schengen Area States' Embassies. Focused on the structure, mandate and operations of NIA, as well as migration trends, the briefing fostered exchange between the EU and Chinese stakeholders and helped nurture mutual understanding and trust, necessary for supporting the implementation of the second phase of the Roadmap of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (MMD).

THE CHINESE EDITION OF THE IOM'S MIGRATION AND THE 2030 AGENDA HANDBOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE:

The Chinese edition of the IOM's Migration and the 2030 Agenda handbook was published by IOM in 2019 in partnership with the Center for China and Globalization and formally launched in Beijing at a national workshop on migration in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) co-hosted by IOM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It provides a helpful tool to support Chinese institutions and organizations in addressing the developmental dimension of migration in their respective work and mandate. Migration is a powerful driver of sustainable development for migrants themselves and their communities in countries of origin, transit and destination. The interconnectedness between migration and development has been recognized and explicitly integrated into the 2030 Agenda, consisting of 17 SDGs, a comprehensive set of targets that tackle poverty and inequality.

The handbook is available for download from following link:

https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/press_release/file/migration-and-2030-agenda-practitioners-guide-zh.pdf



IOM LAUNCHES WORLD MIGRATION REPORT 2020:

On November 27, 2019, IOM Director General António Vitorino officially launched, during the IOM Council meeting, the 10th edition of the World Migration Report 2020. Since 2000, IOM has been producing world migration reports to contribute to increased understanding of migration throughout the world. This new edition presents key data and information on migration as well as thematic chapters on highly topical migration issues, and is structured to focus on two key contributions for readers: Part I: key information on migration and migrants (including migration-related statistics); and Part II: balanced, evidence-based analysis of complex and emerging migration issues.

The report highlights some key findings about China, showcasing China's place in global migration:

- **3rd country of origin** of international migrants (10.7 million)
- **1.03 million international migrants** were living in China in 2019
- **490,000 international students** were studying at higher education institutions in China in 2018
- **2nd remittance recipient** country

This flagship World Migration Report has been produced in line with IOM's Environment Policy and is available online only. Click following link to download a copy:

https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/wmr_2020.pdf

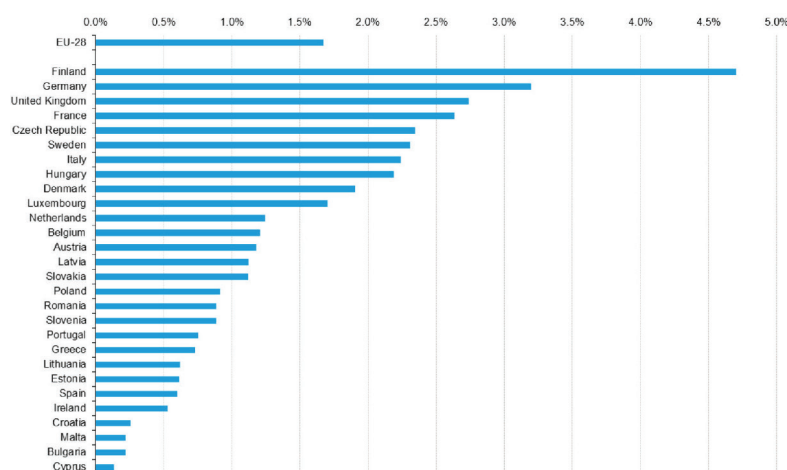
MMSP II NEW PROJECT MANAGER



After a successful implementation of MMSP I by Etienne Micallef, it is time for a new Project Manager to take over his valuable work. Rest assured – we are in safe hands! In August, Ms. Laura Scorretti took over the management and strategic guidance over MMSP II. Ms. Scorretti is an experienced migration and border management manager, with experience serving in the EU, Eastern Europe and Caucasus, Middle East, North Africa and East Asia. Prior to joining IOM China, Ms. Scorretti was posted in IOM Ukraine, where she was in charge of the policy dialogue support project enhancing ties and cooperation between the EU and the Eastern Partnership countries.

TOURISM FROM CHINA TO THE EU: China and the EU address a broad range of policies and legislation concerning people-to-people exchange, including visa facilitation and promotion of regular mobility and migration. The cooperation has resulted in an important rise of Chinese tourists visiting Europe. Over the last ten years, the number of nights spent by tourists from China in the EU more than tripled, reaching nearly 25 million nights in 2016. The same year, Chinese tourists generated 6% of all nights spent by non-residents in the EU accommodation sector, with the share ranging from less than 1% to more than 12% across the EU MS.

The number of nights spent by Chinese tourists out of the total nights spent by guests from outside the EU in the EU accommodation sector, 2016 (%)



Source: Eurostat 2016

POLICY CORNER

On 17 July 2019, NIA announced a policy containing 12 new administrative measures in relation to entry and exit matters for foreigners and their accompanying families, aiming to attract foreign talents. EU citizens, along other foreign nationals, can now enjoy improved immigration services offered by entry and exit offices. Into effect since August 2019, the measures concern the following:

- * Work and Residence Permit with extended validity period of up to 5 years for high-level and skilled foreign talents.
- * Permanent Residence (PR) applications for foreigners working in China who meet relevant criteria concerning skills, financial contribution or specialization in national key development area.
- * Easier student residence permit applications policy for foreign students who graduate from major Chinese higher education institutions or internationally renowned universities with bachelor's degree or above. They are now eligible to apply for a 2-5 years residence permit in China.

COMING SOON...

- **Workshop on legislative reform and criminal investigation** for law enforcement and judiciary officials to examine the challenges of investigating and prosecuting the crime of human trafficking and increase cooperation between police and judiciary in China.
- **Training on countering document fraud** to establish a platform for immigration authorities on examining and detecting fraudulent visa documentation.
- **Technical meeting on immigration systems** for EU and Chinese officials on the legal framework, policies and implementation of immigration measures.
- **Research on the mobility of researchers between the EU and China** to provide evidence-based knowledge for EU and Chinese stakeholders and strengthen the dialogue in the area of talent mobility between China and the EU.

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