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FOREWORD

The 11th issue of the newsletter of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility Support Project – Phase II (MMSP II) covers the period from May 2022 until June 2023. It also marks the successful completion of the MMSP II, with very positive feedback received from the beneficiaries of the action. As we wrap up the current phase of this flagship project, we are looking forward to the continuation of the action in the framework of the upcoming MMSP – Phase III that is to be implemented from 2023 to 2026.

The new phase of the action builds on the achievements of the previous two phases of the project carried out between 2015 and 2023. Financed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, MMSP III and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the project will continue to provide technical supports to Chinese and European Union stakeholders on matters of mutual interest and priorities within the scope of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility.

The MMSP Project Team

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Seminar on Migrant Integration

On 9-10 May 2023 a Seminar on Migrant Integration was held in Hangzhou, China. Over 30 representatives of China's National Immigration Administration (NIA), Exit and Entry Administration Bureaus of provincial Public Security Departments and other provincial organizations were in attendance. IOM experts from the organization's headquarters, regional and country offices took part and presented on various topics linked with migrant integration, focusing on IOM approaches and programming.



The seminar also covered and addressed experience and practical knowledge on migrant integration through the implementation of multilateral instruments such as the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Representatives of the Chinese government showcased innovative approaches used to support integration of migrants in Shanghai and in Zhejiang provinces of China. Other foreign experts from the Migration Research and Training Center in the Republic of Korea, the Migration Policy Institute in Belgium, the Expert Council on Integration and Migration in Germany, the Emet Arco Iris Foundation in Spain, and the Entraide Pierre Valdo Association in France, contributed by sharing their views and perspectives on EU countries' experience on migrant integration, including in the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and France.



Both IOM and NIA have stressed the importance of information-sharing and further communications and exchanges in this area. Mr. Mao Xu, Director General of Department of Foreigners Administration of NIA, stated that with the world becoming a "global village", immigration is seen as important driving force for global development. He noted that migration is an important force to stimulate innovation, promote economic development and global inclusive growth, as well as to enhance mutual understanding and cultural integration among countries.

Mr. Giuseppe Crocetti, Chief of Mission for IOM China, recalled that IOM views successful integration as a dynamic two-way process that involves mutual adaptation of migrants and the host society based on principles of protection of fundamental rights, respect, tolerance and non-discrimination.

Overall, the seminar provided a valuable platform for Chinese and foreign participants to share good practices and to discuss common challenges and opportunities in the field of migrant integration.

MMSP II EVENTS

Field visit for representatives of EU Member States and Schengen Area countries to Hainan province

IOM organized a field visit to Hainan province from 20 to 23 February 2023 in close coordination with and support from NIA. Participants included Consuls, Visa Officers and Immigration Liaison Officers from the Embassies of Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden as well as IOM China representatives and NIA officers. Participants visited Meilan International Airport, Hainan

University, Immigration Service Center of Haikou, Hainan Ecological Software Park, Yangpu Government Affairs Service Centre, Yangpu International Port, Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City, Sanya Central Business District. Meetings were held with provincial and local government officials, foreign students, foreign teachers and representatives of the international business community.



Mr. Wang Haixing, Director General of Haikou General Station of Immigration Inspection, expressed interest in strengthening cooperation and exchanges with the immigration inspection authorities of EU Member States and Schengen Area countries, IOM and other international organizations to jointly maintain and further promote regular and orderly international mobility.

Mr. Lin Zhaonan, Director of the International Cooperation Division of the International Cooperation Department of NIA, stressed that the visit paved the way for further cooperation between the EU and China. Mr. Giuseppe Crocetti, Chief of Mission for IOM in China, noted that the Hainan Free Trade Port is a useful example of China's continued reform and opening-up in the context of the ongoing dialogue on migration and mobility between China and the EU.



Through the visit, European participants were able to familiarize themselves with immigration inspection policies, learn about policies applied to attract and retain foreign talent and foreign investments as well as specific services provided by the Exit and Entry Administration to foreigners in Hainan province while exchanging views on a number of topics with their Chinese counterparts.

MMSP II EVENTS

Seminar on cross-country cooperation to fight transnational organized crime

The Seminar on "Cross-country cooperation to fight transnational organized crime: experiences of investigation, prosecution and conviction of trafficking in human beings' cases" was held on 12-13 April 2023 in Beijing, China. The event was organized by the IOM in close coordination with and support from the Office to Combat Trafficking of the Ministry of Public Security (MPS OCT).



The seminar was carried out to contribute to cross-border cooperation in preventing and combatting transnational organized crime of trafficking in human beings. Participants of the event have strengthened knowledge and understanding on criminal investigation, prosecution and conviction of human trafficking to better prevent this form of irregular movement of people. Using the communication platform provided by the seminar, counterparts have discussed the latest developments as well as challenges in detecting and convicting perpetrators, while rescuing victims of trafficking.

By sharing European and Chinese policies, practices, approaches related to investigation and good practices on handling cases of trafficking of human beings, both parties enhanced understanding and knowledge of issues and trends related to this type of crime. Both sides expressed willingness to strengthen information sharing and to continue effectively cooperate to jointly fight again human trafficking in order to effectively curb illegal activities at transnational level.



Representatives of the Criminal Investigation Department of the MPS, MPS OCT, Supreme People's Court, Supreme People's Procuratorate, Ministry of Civil Affairs, National Immigration Administration, International Cooperation Bureau of MPS, Public Security and Management Bureau of MPS, Henan and Guangdong Provincial Public Security Departments, China University of Political Science and Law and Beijing Yuanmeng Foundation were in attendance.

European participants have been represented by the officials from the European Commission, DG HOME, experts from the Europol, Eurojust, EMPACT, as well as by the law enforcement professionals from a number of EU countries as well as by the representatives of the EU Member States' Embassies in China. The seminar had also provided experts with an opportunity to re-establish existing and establish new contacts to support their future cooperation in joint fight against human trafficking.

MMSP II EVENTS

Seminar on border management systems to combat illegal movements at ports of entry

On 27 June 2023 in Beijing, the IOM and the NIA have jointly organized a Seminar on border management systems (BMS) to combat illegal movements at ports of entry (POEs).

The activity brought together 25 Chinese representatives from the Department of Immigration Inspection and Border Control of NIA, Exit and Entry Administration Bureaus of Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Hebei and Shandong provinces as well as from the General Stations of Immigration Inspection in these cities and provinces.



Keynote speakers stressed the overall importance of the MMSP and the value of the this Seminar in particular in further facilitation of EU - China technical exchanges in the area of migration and mobility. Mr. Chi Jingyang, Director-General of the Department of immigration Inspection and Border Control of NIA, Ms. Maria Linder, Head of Political, Press and Information Section of the Delegation of the EU to the People's Republic of China and Mr. Andrei Zaitsev, Officer-in-Charge and Programme Manager of the IOM in China spoke at the opening. They all highlighted the relevance of information exchange and intelligence-sharing, as well as the importance of solid international cooperation to successfully combat irregular migration.

European experts from Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in China and Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service were invited as speakers. European and Chinese speakers introduced current approaches and measures taken to strengthen intelligence exchange and law enforcement cooperation against irregular migration at the POEs. Representatives from EU Member States' Embassies in China also attended the seminar to exchange views with their Chinese counterparts. Additionally, IOM presented examples of successful models of integrated border management such as the Border Risk Assessment Centre in Colombo, established in Sri Lanka as a result of close cooperation of the government and IOM.



Discussions and exchanges carried out during the seminar significantly increased familiarity and understanding of Chinese and EU officials about their respective systems used for border control. Presentations provided detailed features of the BMS focusing on their effectiveness in addressing irregular migration, including the most recent developments in the field, as well as the latest trends and challenges.

All participants expressed their willingness to continue exchange on effective implementation of BMS to strengthen coordinated international response to irregular migration. The professional exchanges that the Seminar facilitated laid a good foundation for further cooperation among the parties in the future.

IOM CHINA NEWS

In April 2023 the Director General of the IOM, Mr. António Vitorino, carried out a high-level visit to China, where he met with senior Chinese government officials.

During his second visit to China since 2019, Director General held talks with high level officials of the Chinese government including H.E. Mr. Xu Ganlu, Vice-Minister of Public Security and Commissioner of the NIA.

Director General Vitorino commended China's commitment to the GCM and the strong support to IOM's work and priorities, including MMSP related initiatives.



POLICY CORNER

Following the downgrading of the management of COVID-19, as of 8 January 2023, the NIA optimized Policies and Measures for Immigration Administration as follows:

- Resumed the acceptance and examination of Chinese citizens' applications for ordinary passports for tourism and visiting friends abroad, as well as the processing of endorsements for Chinese mainland residents to visit Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for tourism and business purposes.
- Resumed the acceptance and examination of foreigners' applications for the extension, renewal, and re-issuance of ordinary visas, stay permits, and residence permits, with expedited procedures available for urgent needs.
- Resumed the issuance of port visas, implement the 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy, and issue temporary entry permits in accordance with the law.
- Resumed the issuance of exit and entry permits of the People's Republic of China, as well as exit and entry permits for the border control area.
- Gradually resumed passenger clearance at land ports, allowing the orderly exit and entry of passengers and border residents through land ports and corridors, with immigration inspection conducted according to relevant regulations and the law.
- Resumed the use of fast channels in ports adjacent to Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, enabling holders of travel permits for mainland residents and residents of Hong Kong and Macao to go through immigration inspection quickly.

Full information is available at NIA's website at <https://en.nia.gov.cn/n162/n232/c107304/content.html>