



Ukrainian parliament passed the draft law on external labour migration at first reading

08 October 2015 – Interfax

243 parliamentarians voted for the draft law aimed to establish legal grounds for state regulation of labour migration and social welfare of Ukrainians, who temporarily worked or still work abroad, and their family members. This law is included into the legislative package required by the EU-Ukraine Visa Liberalization Action Plan.

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Self-proclaimed Donetsk republic ready to admit UN agencies as soon as they submit accreditation documents

28 October 2015 – Kyiv Post

The self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic “does not see any obstacles barring UN humanitarian agencies from resuming their work on its territory as soon as they submit the necessary accreditation documents”, DPR ‘human rights commissioner’ Darya Morozova told Interfax.

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Ukraine to introduce new system of citizens’ identification in January

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The old internal passports will be gradually replaced with ID cards over next five years, the State Migration Service of Ukraine informed. Ukrainians will first be issued ID cards starting at the age of 14.

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Customs authorities of Belarus and Ukraine start using information exchange system PRINEX

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An official launch ceremony of the pre-arrival information exchange system on goods and vehicles between the customs authorities of Belarus and Ukraine took place on 22 October at the “Novaya Guta” border crossing point in Belarus. The main aim of system is to improve the efficiency of customs control, reducing customs fraud, minimizing the human factor in operations through increased automation, facilitating transparent customs procedures and reducing border crossing time.

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Iceland ratified agreement with Ukraine on simplifying visa requirements

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Iceland has ratified the agreement on simplifying visa requirements for Ukrainian citizens, according to the Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Finland and the Republic of Iceland Andrii Olefirov.

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Over 400,000 Ukrainians found work in Poland during the first half of 2015

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The number of Ukrainians who worked in Poland broke a record with a 50% increase year-on-year during the first six months of 2015. Around 70% of Ukrainians were employed in agriculture, construction and manufacturing.

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Ukraine government reports new U.S. visa validity durations for Ukrainian sea and airplane crews

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Ukraine welcomes the decision taken by the United States to increase the visa validity period for non-immigrant U.S. visas issued to members of the marine and aircraft crews (C1/D), who are citizens of Ukraine, from 5 to 10 years.

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