

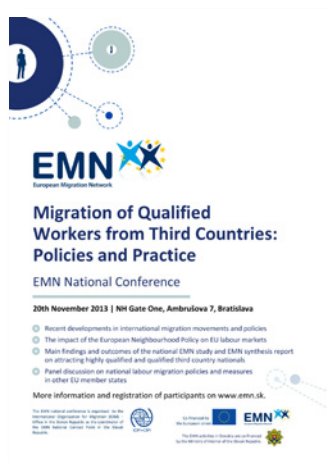
Newsletter

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Organization for Migration (IOM)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Conference on Labour Migration



On 20 November 2013, IOM Bratislava, as the coordinator of the National Contact Point of the European Migration Network (NCP EMN) in Slovakia, is organizing an international conference on policies and practice in the field of labour migration with a special focus on migration of qualified workers from third countries. You can find more information on www.emn.sk and www.iom.sk.

NUMBER

1,502

From January to September 2013, the [IOM Migration Information Centre \(MIC\)](#) was contacted by more than 1,502 clients, whom the MIC provided with 2,032 consultations.

158

In 2013, IOM Bratislava organized seven trainings focused on [identification of victims of human trafficking](#) for 158 employees of municipalities, government, various centres and organisations.

232,000,000

More than [232 million of migrants](#) currently live beyond the borders of their country of origin. With this number migrants would create the [fifth most populous country in the world](#).

PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

Temporary Shelter to 138 Refugees in Slovakia

In July 2013, [two new groups of refugees](#) arrived to Slovakia, both of whom the Slovak Republic provided with a temporary shelter on its territory. The refugees are temporarily accommodated in an Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Humenne which is set up in an asylum facility of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic. During their stay in the Centre the refugees will undergo medical examinations, language courses and complete the preparation for their lives in new country.

The Centre can receive up to 150 refugees. They stay in the Centre for a period of 6 months and after successful completion of all steps they are resettled to a third country which accepts them and provides them with safe conditions for a new life. Both new groups of 79 Afghan refugees from Iran and

One Stop-Shop for Migrants in Košice



Come to the IOM Migration Information Centre (MIC) on Poštová Street 1 in Košice. One Stop-Shop Counselling Day for migrants from non-EU countries will be held there on 21 November 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Counselling will be provided in one place by the MIC consultants together with officers from Alien Police Department, Labour Office and Department of Citizenship and Registry Office.

59 Somali refugees from Eritrea joined other four refugees staying in the Centre. The overall number of refugees accommodated in the Centre thus increased to 142, the highest number since the Centre was opened in 2009.



The humanitarian transfer of refugees through the territory of the Slovak Republic is carried out based on the trilateral treaty between the Government of the Slovak Republic, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and International Organization for Migration (IOM). IOM is responsible for the transportation of refugees from a refugee camp to the Slovak Republic and from the Slovak Republic to a country of resettlement, as well as for services related to medical examinations, cultural orientation and/or language courses.

Until September 2013 IOM in cooperation with its partners resettled through the Transit centre 241 refugees from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia and Sudan.

EMN Seminar on Labour Migration Opportunities and Challenges



NCP EMN in Slovakia organised an [educational seminar](#) entitled *Labour Migration Opportunities and Challenges*. The seminar took place in Bratislava on 20 – 22 August 2013 and was attended by 38 representatives of state and public administration as well as NGOs and academia.

The seminar hosted 12 Slovak and foreign speakers from Bratislava, Prague, Krems, London, Loughborough, Brussels, Rome and Geneva. During the three days, the audience enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about labour migration management, status of labour migrants – third countries nationals – on

the labour market, as well as about risk factors of labour migration and human trafficking. Representatives of EMN NCP also presented EMN activities and publications to the participants.



The seminar included [EMN discussion evening on the labour exploitation of migrant workers](#). The audience watched the documentary film [The Tree Workers Case](#) about the biggest detected case of labour exploitation of migrants in Europe in the last 20 years. The case happened in the Czech Republic and hundreds of migrant workers from Romania, Vietnam, Slovakia and other countries were among the victims. The screening was followed by a discussion about labour exploitation with representatives of NGOs and IOM.

I N B R I E F

Be Informed Before It Is Too Late



IOM introduced itself [at the biggest multicultural Festival Bažant Pohoda](#) for the first time this year in July. From different materials and activities prepared by IOM the visitors could learn more about migration, IOM Migration Information Centre and about assistance to migrants with integration in Slovakia. IOM also launched a new campaign *Nestaň sa obeťou obchodovania s ľuďmi* (Do not become a victim of human trafficking) at the festival. The presented materials warn of the risks of human trafficking and also promote the helpline 0800 800 818. The helpline can be approached by anyone who is in danger of becoming or has already become a victim of human trafficking, or who is considering working abroad.

Journey around the World Started and Finished in Košice



Representatives of the migrant communities from India, Thailand and Peru, in cooperation with the MIC, organized a unique event *World in the Palm of Your Hand*. The happening took place in Košice on 27 July 2013 and the participants had the possibility to discover new traditions, food and cultures of migrants coming from various countries and living in Košice. This trip around the world provided its guests with interesting information on several cultures, gave them a possibility to try to dance an outstanding "Isaan" Thai dance, visit the Latin-American school of dances, taste many delicious specialties from different parts of the world and celebrate the well-known Indian "Diwali" festival of lights. You can look forward to the next trip around this large colourful world in Košice in the upcoming year!

Atlas of Migrant Communities



The MIC invites you to visit its new website *Atlas of Migrant Communities*: www.mic.iom.sk/atlas. The site presents communities of migrants in Slovakia, their cultures, gastronomy, and traditions, as well as invitations to interesting intercultural events. You may also contribute to the content of the website

– we would appreciate your tips on events, favourite recipes, websites and information about the activities of migrant communities. You can send your tips to mic@iom.int.

New Central EMN Website

The new EMN website provides a comprehensive overview of news, studies, reports and statistics on migration and asylum in individual EU countries and Norway as well as overall data on the EU level. Moreover, the site also features a multilingual dic-



tionary of terms from the field of migration and asylum. The website is part of the [European Commission web portal](http://www.ec.europa.eu) which coordinates EMN activities. Information on EMN as well as EMN activities in the Slovak Republic is available on www.emn.sk/en.

IOM CLIENT STORIES

Moldova: Re-opening of a Welding Workshop

Alexander had lived in Moldova – Transnistria region. He went abroad and worked three years in various European countries as a welder, mechanic and constructions worker. He arrived in Slovakia in February in search for a job. Since he had no residence permit, the Alien police detained him and placed him in a detention centre for aliens in Secovce where he was awaiting his deportation from Slovakia. Following the information meeting during which the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme (AVRR) was presented to him, the returnee decided to return home with the assistance of IOM and registered into the AVRR programme. The information meetings on AVRR are organised by IOM staff in detention centres for aliens in Secovce and Medvedov.



IOM provided Alexander with flight tickets and organized his return. In March everything was ready and Alexander could return home. Before his departure he also elaborated a reintegration plan specifying which assistance he would receive from IOM following his arrival in Moldova. The assistance was aimed at re-opening of a welding workshop. After his return to Moldova, Alexander contacted the IOM office in Moldovan

capital Chisinau and confirmed his interest in the assistance. IOM in Chisinau purchased the necessary material and tools for welding of doors and windows and other workshop equipment, as specified in the returnee's plan. The returnee opened the workshop in his parents' house.

Alexander has got a job now and earns a living. Local people can use his services without having to travel to other places in search of a welding workshop.

To find out more about the assistance provided by IOM after the return home, please visit the website of the [Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme](#).

Vitalie



Mr. Vitalie left Southeast Moldova in order to search for work in Slovakia. Moldova is industrially one of the least developed and poorest countries in Europe. He lived in Slovakia for two months illegally. He could not find any work and decided to return home with the assistance of IOM that provided him with further support after his return...

You can see the full story of Vitalie Mereuta in the [documentary film on the YouTube page of IOM](#). For other stories of migrants returning home from Slovakia with the assistance of IOM, visit www.avr.iom.sk.

W E O F F E R

Open Course of SLOVAK LANGUAGE for Foreigners

WHERE: Grösslingová 4, Bratislava (4th floor)

WHEN: Beginners: Every Tuesday and Thursday 18:30 – 20:00
Intermediate: Every Wednesday 18:30 – 20:00

STARTING: TUESDAY, September 10th, 2013

The Open Course is:

- for all foreigners – third country nationals (non-EU) with a temporary, permanent or tolerated residence in Slovakia
- for all age categories
- for very beginners to pre-intermediate without registration and without waiting periods
- each lesson is an individual unit
- FOCUSING ON CONVERSATION SKILLS
- FREE OF CHARGE

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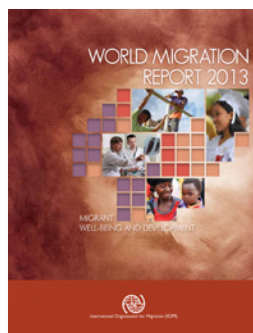
Intermediate Courses of the Slovak Language for Migrants

The IOM Migration Information Center (MIC) offers migrants a free-of-charge intermediate Slovak language course. The intermediate courses take place

every Wednesday between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. [on Grösslingová Street 4 in Bratislava](#), and every Thursday between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. [on Poštová Street 1 in Košice](#). The courses are open to third-country nationals (i.e. non-EU citizens) with permanent, temporary and tolerated residence in Slovakia. There is no need to register for the course or pass any entrance examination. You can start the lessons at any time.

PUBLICATIONS

World Migration Report



The latest [World Migration Report 2013](#) presents for the first time a global picture of the well-being of migrants in the world today and of the actual trends in migration: whether migration leads to better life; how satisfied migrants are with their lives compared to the local population; whether they find it more difficult to find jobs or start a business and whether migration leads to further development. The report is based on the unique findings of a Gallup World Poll, which surveyed basic dimensions of life of more than 25,000 migrants in over 150 countries. You can read the [main findings of the Report here](#).

EMN publications:



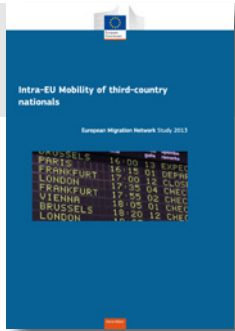
Attracting Highly Qualified and Qualified Third-country Nationals to the Slovak Republic

[English version \(available as a questionnaire\)](#) provides an overview of political and legislative measures in the Slovak Republic in the area of attracting highly qualified and qualified workers – third country nationals. It also deals with challenges and barriers this group of migrants face when accessing the Slovak labour market.



Organisation of Reception Facilities for Asylum Seekers in the Slovak Republic

[English version \(available as a questionnaire\)](#) provides an outline of organization of reception facilities for asylum seekers in the Slovak Republic.



Intra-EU Mobility of Third-country Nationals

The [EMN synthesis report](#) of the European Commission summarizes the main findings of national reports of the EU member states and analyses the intra-EU mobility of migrant workers from third countries. It includes a general overview of labour migration,

European legislation in this field, national visa and residence permits, statistics and obstacles to intra-EU labour mobility. The main findings of the synthesis report are available in a separate [information sheet](#).



The Fourth Edition of the EMN Bulletin

The European Commission issued the fourth edition of [the EMN Bulletin](#) informing about the current affairs, outcomes and statistics in various fields of migration, integration and asylum at the EU and national levels from February 2013 to June 2013.

SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

European Migration Network (EMN) National Contact Point in the Slovak Republic:



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Projects Return and Reintegration Assistance to Unsuccessful Asylum Seekers and Irregular Migrants from Slovakia to Countries of Origin III and Voluntary Return and Reintegration in Country of Origin are co-funded by the European Union from the European Return Fund. Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows.

The project IOM Migration Information Centre to Support Integration of Foreigners in Slovakia (Phase VI) is co-funded by the European Union from the European Fund for Integration of Third Country Nationals. Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows.

I O M I N M E D I A

News selection about activities of the IOM Bratislava published in the Slovak media from July 2013:

The refugees have found temporary shelter in evacuation center in Humenné

TASR, 24. 7. 2013

<http://www.teraz.sk/slovensko/utecenci-unhcr-humenne-tabor/53333-clanok.html>

Report: Slovakia must do more to identify trafficking victims

The Slovak Spectator, 2. 9. 2013

<http://www.slovakspectator.sk/articles/view/51164/2/report-slovakia-must-do-more-to-identify-trafficking-victims.html>

Let's get ready for colourful tomorrow

Pravda, 14. 9. 2013

<http://spravy.pravda.sk/svet/clanok/292854-pripravme-sa-na-farebnost-zajtrajska/>



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