



Regional Workshop:

Highly skilled mobility and the development of the research & innovation sector of the Republic of Moldova: the need for a structured vision

12 of October 2012 / Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Main objective of the workshop:

To brainstorm on the available instruments and strategies that can be put in right place in order to capitalize on the competences, resources and expertise of the members of the highly skilled diaspora for the development of the research & innovation sector of the Republic of Moldova.

The main outputs will be: 1) A policy white paper providing concrete examples illustrating diaspora initiatives/interventions in home country development, the reasons of the success and/or failure, as well as identifying specific instruments and strategies that can be implemented for capitalizing on skilled diaspora resources. 2) Identification of potential partners, key topics and funding opportunities that could enable us to continue and expand ASM-EPFL-IOM collaboration to the advantage of development in Moldova and the SEE region.

Participants:

- 1) members of Moldovan scientific diaspora;
- 2) representatives of R&D institutions from Moldova;
- 3) international experts;
- 4) representatives of public authorities from Moldova;
- 5) representatives of international / donor organizations.

Location:

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DRAFT AGENDA

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12.10.2012

8.00 – 8.30: Registration

8.30 – 9.15: Welcome and introduction

Acad. Gheorghe Duca, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

European Union Delegation of Moldova (*tbd*)

Mr. Ghenadie Crețu, Labour Migration Program Coordinator, International Organization for Migration, Mission to Moldova

Dr. Evelyne Glättli, Deputy Director of International Cooperation Unit, Swiss National Science Foundation

Dr. Silvia Hostettler, Deputy Director of Cooperation and Development Center at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland

Morning session (9.15 – 12.45)

Moderator:

Dr. Dorin Dusciac, President of the Basarabian PhD Holders and PhD Students Association in France

9.15 – 10.45: 1st session: Presentation and discussion of the IOM-ASM results & success stories of the pilot project: “Addressing brain-drain through temporary return of expatriated Moldovan scientists and overseas young researchers to strengthen Moldova as a research & development hub and to promote temporary and permanent return and skill transfer”.

Speaker:

Dr. Lidia Romanciuc, Director of the Center of International Projects of ASM

Contributions:

Beneficiaries of the IOM-ASM project: members of Moldovan scientific diaspora & representatives of the host institutions from Moldova.

10.45 – 11.15: Coffee Break, Golden Hall of ASM

11.15 – 12.15: 2nd session: “Connecting the scientific diaspora of the Republic of Moldova to the scientific and socioeconomic development of the country of origin” - results & main findings of the ASM-EPFL project:

Speakers:

Dr. Gabriela Tejada, Scientist and Project Leader at EPFL

Mr. Vitalie Varzari, Senior Specialist at ASM

12.15 – 13.15: **Lunch Break, Golden Hall of ASM**

12.16

Afternoon Session (13.30 – 18.00)

Moderator: Dr. Jean-Baptiste Meyer, Director of Research at Université de Provence & Institute de la Recherche pour le Développement (France)

13.15 – 14.45: 3rd session: National policies on highly skilled diaspora: good practices

Speakers :

Prof. Adrian Curaj, General Director of the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (Romania).

Dr. Caroline Hornstein Tomic, Research Associate at the Institute of Social Sciences, IVO PILAR “*Croatian National policies in managing highly skilled diaspora*”.

Mrs. Syuzanna Barseghyan, Researcher at the Department of Diaspora Studies, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia. “*Comparative Study of the Armenians in Their Own and Other National Environment*”.

Mrs. Antonina Rishko, PhD Student at the Institute of Sociology, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences “*Ukrainian National policies in managing highly skilled diaspora*”.

Contributions:

Mr. Roman Chirca, Managing Director of the Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer

14.45-15.15: Coffee Break, Golden Hall of ASM

15.15-16.45: 4th session: Regional, and international practices in the field of connecting migration to development of R&D in the home country: from good governance to objective expertise

Speakers:

Dr. Tanja Pavlov, Program Director at Grupa 484 (Serbia) and **Mr. Bernard Zeneli**, Program Manager of the Albanian Brain Gain Program (Albania). “*Brain gain national policies in case country examples of Balkans and South East Europe*”

Mrs. Malina Dumas, Program Associate at the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (USA). “*Connecting Skilled Diaspora Communities to International Development Projects*”

Dr. Evelyne Glättli, Deputy Director of International Co-operation Unit, Swiss National Science Foundation (Switzerland). “*The role of funding mechanisms encouraging scientific cooperation and capacity development in Moldova; the experience of SCOPES*”.

Contributions: IOM, ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, SDC

16.45: Conclusions, recommendations and further actions at the national and regional levels

17.15: Dinner, Golden Hall of ASM