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PROJECT**BG65AMNP001-2.007-0004-C01 “Awareness rising for labour mobility in Bulgaria”**

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The **overall objective** of the project is to provide support to prospective migrants from Armenia, Georgia and Moldova to improve their decision-making process in regard to potential labour migration to Bulgaria, by providing them with comprehensive information on living and working in Bulgaria. Thus, the project will allow people to take an informed decision when considering moving in Bulgaria and will reduce the risk of violating the law and/or becoming a victim of abuse and labour exploitation.

The project is implemented by IOM Mission in Bulgaria in coordination and operational collaboration with IOM Missions in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova.

Activities:

1. Information and counseling services provided to prospective labour migrants in Bulgaria from Armenia, Georgia and Moldova.
 - Survey and data collection for in-depth study, carried out in Bulgaria among labour migrants from above mentioned three countries. This will outline the main sectors of their employment, concentration of people from specific regions of Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, key challenges they face after arrival to Bulgaria, including in the area of employment, sojourn, access to public services, social inclusion, discrimination, gender perspectives and particular challenges that may be faced by different gender groups. Up to 100 migrant workers from the three countries will be interviewed.
 - Awareness raising campaigns in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova on relevant aspects of labour mobility in Bulgaria.
 - Design and elaboration of information materials and posting information at the social media and other communication channels used in the three countries;
 - Organisation of 30 information sessions. Up to 1500 citizens of Armenia, Georgia and Moldova are expected to attend the sessions and to expand their understanding and to receive relevant and updated information regarding their prospective movement and residency in Bulgaria, labour market requirements – rights and obligations of the employees, perspectives for social inclusion and cultural adaptation, education, access to social protection and health services, etc. Representatives of Bulgarian public institutions such as Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgarian Employment Agency, Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria, CSOs will be engaged as lecturers to present

summarised information at some of the information sessions held in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova.

2. Dissemination of the information regarding migration in Bulgaria, labour market and legal residency in Bulgaria for the citizens of Armenia, Georgia and Moldova among the representatives of the relevant institutions in the above-mentioned countries.
 - Engaging the representatives of the relevant authorities, working in the field of employment, applications for work permits etc. from the three countries will lead to awareness rising and clarify the information on labour mobility in Bulgaria.
 - Kick-off events with participation of the representatives of the public authorities, working in the field of labour mobility will be organized in the three countries. Closing event is foreseen to be organized in Bulgaria towards the end date of the project.

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End date: 31.12.2022