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ICMPD and Migration Competence Centre organise *Migration Day* at Yerevan State University

On 28 March 2017, within the framework of EU-funded MIBMA project, ICMPD in Armenia and the Migration Competence Centre at Yerevan State University organised *Migration Day* for students of Yerevan State University and Russian-Armenian Slavonic University. The interactive lectures aimed at highlighting the link between migration and development.

Professor Arthur Mkrtychyan, Dean of Department of Sociology at Yerevan State University, thanked the MIBMA project and EU Delegation to Armenia for providing students with the opportunity to participate in interactive discussions on a topic of such importance and expressed the hope that this would be the beginning of a series of events. Mr. Hofstra highlighted the fact that “The lecture provides an opportunity for students for reflection and discussion on specific issues pertaining to the economic consequences of migration. This will lead to a greater understanding of the relationship between migration and development and practical approaches”.

The lectures were delivered by Mr Biagio Speciale, Professor Associate from Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Ms. Lusine Stepanyan from Armenian Caritas and Ms. Kristina Hayrapetyan, Director and Country Representative of International Committee for the Development of People (CISP) in Armenia. *Migration Day* was the first in a series of lectures on migration, which ICMPD in Armenia is planning to organise during this year.

Programme

- 10:00 – 10:30 _____ Welcoming remarks, Mr. Arthur Mkrtychyan, Professor, PhD in Sociology, Dean of Department of Sociology, Yerevan State University; Mr. Carel Hofstra, Team Leader, ICMPD
- 10:30 – 12:00 _____ The Economic Consequences of Migration, Mr. Biagio Speciale, Professor Associate at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 12:00 – 12:45 _____ Practical Approach of Migration and Development, Ms. Lusine Stepanyan, Project Manager of “Migration and development” and “Recognize. Protect. Realize” projects, Armenian Caritas
- 12:45 – 13:30 _____ Role and potential of remittances in Armenia, Ms. Kristina Hayrapetyan, Director and Country Representative of International Committee for the Development of People (CISP) in Armenia

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The overall objective of the MIBMA project is to enhance approximation of the migration and border management in Armenia to European standards of governance, in order to increase security, facilitate trade, and support the possible visa liberalization dialogue between the European Union and Armenia. The project activities target Armenian migration and border management authorities with the final benefit to the general public and citizens of Armenia.



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