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**Opening Session**

Please find attached the presentation by Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade of Moldova.



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## **BENEFITS FROM LEGAL MIGRATION FOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

The Republic of Moldova experience

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## **Main migration policy directions**



- **Developing effective mechanisms for management and control of migration flows.**
  - Law on labor migration.
  - Action plan for consolidation of migration management and asylum system in the Republic of Moldova for 2008-2009.
  - Plan of actions on fostering the return of Moldovan labor migrants from abroad.
  - Joint Declaration on Mobility Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova.
- **Developing and strengthening the external bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of migration.**
- **Developing and implementing effective mechanisms for attracting and use of remittances for economic development.**
- **Overcoming the world financial crisis after-effects.**



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## Benefits of legal migration



### **For migrants and members of their families:**

- ◉ Income increase and rise of buying capacity;
- ◉ Accumulation of savings and possibility of investing;
- ◉ Access to services requiring substantial financial expenses (healthcare, education);
- ◉ Acquiring valuable professional skills and experience;
- ◉ Familiarization with other cultures, development of language skills, adopting certain behavioral models.



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## Benefits of legal migration



### **For development of the country:**

- Poverty reduction and rise of salaries;
- Normalization of labor market, unemployment reduction;
- Growth of investments;
- Increase of creditworthiness of the country and access to international market;
- Use of remittances for development of small and medium enterprises (especially in the rural area);
- Familiarizing with advanced technologies, “import” of production methods and practices;
- Reducing pressure on social security system.



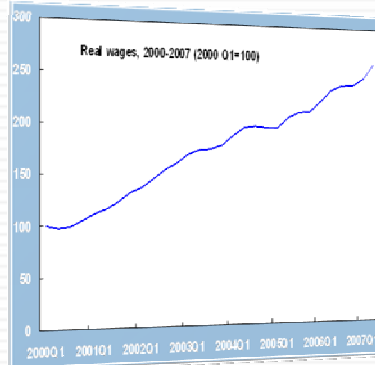
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## Impact of remittances

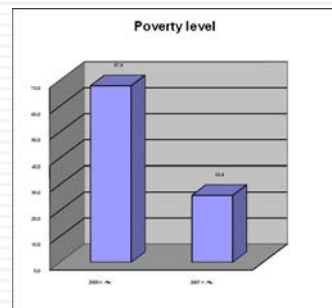


According to the National Bank data, in 2007, **1,5 billion US \$** were transferred to Moldova through official channels. Ratio to GDP is 35%. The volume of remittances for 9 months 2008 constituted **1,43 billion US \$**.

Rise of salaries



Rise of incomes



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## Recommendations for maximizing of the benefits from migration



- Providing possibilities for legal migration and regularization of migrants in the countries of destination.
- Promoting the temporary character of the migration to avoid massive migration of high skilled specialists.
- Developing and improving mechanisms of cooperation between government and diaspora.
- Taking measures for improving the demographical situation.
- Improving the financial literacy of migrants and their families' on using official channels for money transfer.
- Improving and developing financial services and dissemination of information on the possibilities of transfer and use of remittances in the countries of origin, including entrepreneurship.
- Promoting the return and reintegration of migrants.
- Creating infocenters within embassies abroad for informing and dissemination of information on social-economic situation in the origin countries, situation on the labor market as well as possibilities of use of remittances for investment.



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