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MAI LAUNCHES THE CAMPAIGN
“YOU TRAVEL FREELY ONLY IF YOU OBEY THE LAW”

The Ministry of Administration and Interior has launched today the campaign **“YOU TRAVEL FREELY ONLY IF YOU OBEY THE LAW”**, which aims at raising awareness of the Romanian citizens’ right to freely travel abroad.

The campaign will be developing between 27 January and 3 February 2006, and aims at informing all the Romanian citizens – in Romania and in other countries – of the new elements and advantages that Law No. 248 implies, and, at the same time, of the obligations of the passports’ owners, travel documents’ validity, requirements that have to be met when leaving the country – for minors, etc.

The activity that starts today in Bucharest – at the headquarters of the General Directorate for Passports and at the police stations that receive requests and where travel documents are released – will extend nationwide, at the level of the communitarian services for releasing passports as well as the level of the cross-border points.

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Minister Vasile Blaga is participating in a pan-European conference regarding migration.

Vasile Blaga, the minister of Administration and Interior will participate, on Tuesday and Wednesday, in the conference on **“Reinforcing the Area of Freedom, Security and Prosperity in the European Union and in its neighbourhood”, in Brussels**. This event is organised under the aegis of the International Organisation for Migration and the Government of Belgium, country that is currently holding the Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (O.S.C.E.).

This high-level inter-ministerial conference represents the first initiative of promoting a global approach to migration issues, considering the priorities of the European Union in managing migration and security, through regional co-operation and dialogue, in collaboration with EU Member-States, candidate-countries and EU neighbouring states.

The main themes of the conference are the following: **Migration and External Relations, Security and migration policies, Justice and migration policies, PROSPERITY and stability through shared responsibilities in migration management.**

The Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs - Karel De Gucht will open the conference, together with Brunson McKinley - Director General of IOM. Other statements will be made by Liese Prokop – the Austrian Interior Minister, and by the European Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy - Benita Ferrero-Waldner. The High Representative for the Common Security Policy of the Council of the EU - Javier Solana will also deliver a speech during this conference.

The Minister of Administration and Interior – Vasile Blaga will present, within the session regarding the security and the migration policies, the progresses recorded by Romania in the fields of illegal migration and the border securing, as well as the priorities for 2006 in these domains.