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EASO delegation visits Romania

On 6 March 2014, an EASO delegation, headed by Dr Robert K. Visser, EASO Executive Director, visited Romania to analyse the asylum situation in Romania.

On 6 March 2014, the Executive Director of EASO, Dr. Robert K. Visser, visited the Asylum and Integration Directorate within the Romanian General Inspectorate for Immigration and was extensively briefed on the actual situation of asylum in Romania.

Discussions focused on the practical cooperation activities between the Agency and the asylum authorities of Romania. Among others, a description of the Romanian capacity on asylum and reception as well as the national operational preparedness was presented.

The programme included a visit to the Reception and Procedure Centre for Asylum Seekers in Bucharest, where the comprehensive chain of the asylum procedure was illustrated.

The Executive Director of EASO also spoke with the Secretary of State for EU Affairs in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania and visited the Constanta Harbour, where meetings with the Romanian Coast Guard and the Romanian Immigration General Inspectorate representatives were held.

During his visit, Dr. Robert K. Visser expressed his appreciation for the very active cooperation of Romania with EASO and the wide-range of activities developed in support of other Member States. Romania remains an active actor in the region and an implementing partner of EASO.

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