



# Press release

International Organization for Migration - IOM

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## **After two years of successful implementation, the Project for Assistance to Discharged Defence Personnel enters the third year**

Since June 2006, the International Organization for Migration in close cooperation with the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia implements the NATO/Partnership for Peace project assisting discharged defence personnel to reintegrate into civilian life.

During the first, two-years of implementation more than 3,150 ex officers, NCOs and other ex defence personnel received one-to-one counselling at the PRISMA-IOM regional offices in Belgrade, Novi Sad and Niš, as well as in the Kraljevo sub-office. A total of 1,839 project beneficiaries received the NTF grants for generating self-employment opportunities in existing or newly established businesses, job placement in existing companies or vocational training.

Building on the extremely good results achieved during the two years of implementation, fourteen donor countries contributing to the NATO/Partnership for Peace project under the lead of Norway, have decided to support the continuation of the project for one more year period, with possibility of further extension.

All interested ex defence personnel who have been made redundant according to service needs since January 2005 can find more information about the assistance provided by the project by contacting the nearest PRISMA-IOM field office at the MoD Resettlement Centres.

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