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Czech colleagues will come to the Netherlands to prepare for mission

Two colleagues of OAMP, the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy (part of the Czech Ministry of Interior) will visit the Netherlands from 9 – 11 October 2007. Their visit is part of the project "Durable Solutions in Practice", DSIP, that makes it possible to "look and learn" from the experience of the Dutch reception organization, COA, on the issue of "resettlement".

The Czechs will take knowledge of all preparations for a selection mission, as well as for the cultural orientation mission of COA which will take place in Kenya this coming autumn.

During their visit to the Netherlands they will meet representatives of the ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and IOM. Of course they will visit the COA case managers in the center of Leersum, to learn how they prepare themselves for the selection mission.

At the end of October the Czechs will travel together with the mission members to Kenya for the selection mission. Later in the autumn they will join the cultural orientation mission to Kenya, and they will be in the Netherlands when the refugees arrive from Kenya.

In the beginning of 2008 colleagues from Belgium and Rumania will also go through the same program to "look and learn" from the Dutch experience.

In spring 2008 a dissemination conference will be organized to share the experiences of the missions.