

VIS: Operational Training – Advanced Level (L3)

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- Overview of the Change Management Procedure,
- Incident Management,
- VIS testing,
- VIS in operation,
- BMS,
- VIS business aspects
- Data quality,
- VIS Mail,
- The future of VIS and NIST.

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This training session was the last, for now, in the line of VIS Operational Training courses delivered in the context of eu-LISA Development Training Program for IT Operators (DTPITO). IT operators can progress further by obtaining the appropriate instruction skills and methodologies to be able to train their national peers. For this purpose eu-LISA offers a “Train the Trainer – SIS II, VIS, Eurodac for IT Operators” which gathers national IT Operators from all three systems. The next scheduled course will take place on 13-14 June in Tallinn, Estonia.

A new cycle of VIS DTPITO is scheduled to start in November 2018 with “Operational Training -Entry Level (L1)”.

Vacancy notice – Senior Policy Officer – Corporate Finance and Reporting profile (extended deadline: 23/04/2018)

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Gender wage gap figures make for

shocking reading as women must wait two more centuries for equality

All companies, charities and public sector bodies with more than 250 employees were required to publish the difference in the hourly rate paid to men and women last week. Some of publications have made for shocking reading.

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Company fined and director sentenced to community service for default on Labour Tribunal Award

MEML Holdings Limited and its director were prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for defaulting on the sums awarded by the Labour Tribunal (LT) to an employee as required by the Employment Ordinance (EO). The company and its director earlier pleaded guilty at Eastern Magistrates' Courts, and were respectively fined \$20,000 and sentenced to 80 hours' community service today (April 9).

The company failed to pay the employee the awarded sums of about \$455,000 in total within 14 days after the date set out by the terms of the LT award in accordance with the EO. The director concerned was convicted for his consent, connivance or neglect in the offence.

"The ruling helps disseminate a strong message to all employers and responsible officers of companies that they have to comply with the EO and pay the awarded sums to employees according to the terms of the awards of LT or Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board. The LD will not tolerate these offences and will continue to make dedicated efforts in enforcing the EO and safeguarding employees' statutory rights," a spokesman for the LD said.