



Border Management in TRACECA countries

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Integrated border management systems in the South Caucasus

Overall objective

to enhance inter-agency, bilateral, and regional cooperation within and among the South Caucasus countries, among those countries and the EU and other international actors. Facilitate the movement of persons and goods while maintaining secure borders.

Implementation

- 1 January 2009 – 30 September 2012
- 6 million €

Integrated border management systems in the South Caucasus

Activities

- Module 1: Raising integrated border management awareness and supporting strategic border management capacity
- Module 2: Strengthening operational techniques and procedures
- Module 3: Training and pilot programmes development
- Module 4: Establishment of pilot border crossing points
- Module 5: Providing equipment and IT systems

Integrated border management systems in the South Caucasus

Achievements to date

- Integrated border management Strategy and Action Plan for Armenia drafted and signed
- Cross-border cooperation agreement signed between Georgia and Armenia
- More than 50 capacity building events held
- Equipment for Armenia and Georgia delivered, equipment for Azerbaijan still pending

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Achievements to date

- Designs for three border crossing points for Armenia-Georgia border completed
- Three national Steering Committees and International Advisory Board meetings held
- Initial and mid-term assessment missions completed



Integrated border management Flagship Initiative Training project

Overall objective

to enhance inter-agency, bilateral, and regional cooperation within and among the South Caucasus countries, among those countries and the EU and other international actors. Facilitate the movement of persons and goods while maintaining secure borders.

Implementation

- 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2012
- 2 million €

Integrated border management Flagship Initiative Training project

Activities

- Component 1: Fine-tuning of needs
- Component 2: Capacity building on:
 - Support to the implementation of integrated border management strategy and action plan
 - Document integrity and security, detection of forgeries and imposter recognition
 - Risk analysis for border guards and customs
 - Fight against smuggling of drugs and cigarette/tobacco products
 - Protection of intellectual property rights
- Component 3: Training of trainers

Integrated border management Flagship Initiative Training project

Achievements to date

- Component 1: framework training needs in the project's thematic areas identified – finalised in April 2011
- Component 2: Implementation of all thematic areas except risk analysis for border guards and customs has started
- Component 3: implemented. If budget allows, perhaps an additional training of trainers event in 2012

Integrated border management pilot projects

Integrated border management flagship initiative study (2010) identified six pilot projects

Two pilot projects selected for funding in 2011

- Strengthening surveillance capacity on the “green” and “blue” border between Belarus and Ukraine (2.6 million €)
- Enhancement of the border management capabilities at the Ninotsminda-Bavra border crossing point between Georgia and Armenia (2.4 million €)

Integrated border management pilot projects

Remaining project proposals to be funded

- Demarcation of the border between Ukraine and Belarus (estimated cost – 17.5 million €)
- Creation of an electronic system of pre-arrival information exchange between the customs authorities of Belarus and Ukraine (estimated cost – 4.4 million €)
- Equipment and infrastructure of border crossing point Bagratashen at the border between Armenia and Georgia (estimated cost – 4.1 million €)
- Construction of the border crossing point Unguri (Moldova) – Bronnitsa (Ukraine) (estimated cost – 18.5 million €)

EU Border management programme in Central Asia

Overall objectives

- To help increase security in the Central Asian region
- To contribute towards the facilitation of legitimate trade and transit
- To reduce the illicit movement of goods and people

Implementation

- Programme exists since 2003, phase 8 started in 2011 and will last for 36 months

EU Border management programme in Central Asia

Activities and expected results

- Component 1: Institutional reform
- Expected result: beneficiary countries familiarised with state of the art border management methodologies at policy making level

- Component 2: Enhancing professional skills
- Expected result: capacities of border control and inspection officers increased

EU Border management programme in Central Asia

Activities and expected results

- Component 3: Strengthening counter drug capacities in agencies working at borders
- Expected result: Capacities of agencies working at borders with the aim to support the interception of drugs and precursor chemicals increased

- Component 4: Border Crossing points and border outposts
- Expected result: Working conditions and motivation of law enforcement officers improved



Thank you for your attention