

CENTRAL ASIAN BORDER GUARDS STUDY THE EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE IN BORDER MANAGEMENT

A study tour for senior representatives of Central Asian (except for Turkmenistan) border management agencies to Lithuania was organised on 16-20 November 2009. Officials involved in the development of border security strategies in their respective countries familiarised themselves with the European Integrated Border Management (IBM) approach as practiced in Lithuania.

The study tour participants studied the way the Lithuanian Border Service has been transformed into a modern law enforcement agency since 1991. They were briefed on the institutional reforms in border management, legislative changes and adoption of trade and traffic facilitation measures undertaken by the Lithuanian Government to ensure a smooth transformation.

The study tour programme also included a field trip to the Lithuanian Border Guards dog handling centre located in Vilnius.



SECOND INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN BISHKEK

The second conference on the EU Integrated Border Management (IBM) was held on 30 November-1 December 2009 in Bishkek. The conference convened representatives of border agencies and instructors of border and customs training centres from all five Central Asian countries.

The participants, previously trained under the BOMCA assistance programme, discussed the current status of the IBM training in their countries and shared their achievements and training perspectives.

The conference was designed to follow up on:

A study tour to external border crossing points of the European Union for senior representatives of Central Asian border agencies in mid-October 2009 aimed to familiarise participants with the EU IBM concept.

Two regional Training-of-Trainers' courses in Dushanbe and Almaty in April and June 2009, during which participants were taught to prepare and conduct IBM training sessions.

Four National air border and three land border management trainings conducted by EU experts and BOMCA-trained local trainers with support from the Vienna-based International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in Central Asian countries throughout 2009.



Within the framework of the BOMCA assistance programme, the European Union fosters institutional reform in the area of border management, strengthens training capacities, assists in securing the Tajik-Afghan border, enhances infrastructure along trade and transit corridors and helps build counter-drug capacities at borders in Central Asia

