

PRESS CONFERENCES HELD IN ASHGABAT AND BISHKEK HIGHLIGHT BOMCA-CADAP IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS IN TURKMENISTAN AND KYRGYZSTAN

At two press conferences organized in Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan in December 2007 the European Commission, UNDP and national partners discussed BOMCA-CADAP implementation progress.

His Excellency Christian Lechervy, Ambassador of France to Turkmenistan, and Mr. Joerg Ketelsen, Charge d'Affaires, EC Delegation in Bishkek, briefed journalists on the Programmes' milestones in 2007 and planned activities. Country Managers, Mr. Batyr Kurbanov in Turkmenistan and Mr. Ruslan Baiysh tegin in Kyrgyzstan presented the Programmes' implementation facts to journalists. Representatives of the Border Service and the Customs Committee told about the Turkmen and Kyrgyz Governments' input to successful implementation of projects.



The European Union's assistance through its BOMCA-CADAP Programmes in Turkmenistan is worth about one million Euro. In addition, almost 1.6 million Euro has been allocated for future phases of BOMCA and CADAP – BOMCA 6 (2008-2009) and CADAP 4 (2007-2008).

The European Union provided assistance worth 3.5 million Euro through 2007 for BOMCA-CADAP Programmes in Kyrgyzstan.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSED INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT TRAINING

A Regional Conference to discuss implementation of the European Union's Integrated Border Management (IBM) training was held during 17-19 December 2007 in Bishkek.

To promote training for border agencies, the "Training for Border Staff in Central Asian Republics" has been implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) under the fifth phase of the BOMCA Programme.

BOMCA national teams delivered presentations about the status quo in their respective countries in the field of IBM and training, and discussed training methodologies for border management staff, e.g. border guards, customs, phytosanitary and veterinary inspections. The participants were familiarized with the training manual and discussed IBM training plans for 2008. ICMPD trainers facilitated sample IBM training sessions.



The European Union is funding a number of projects under its Border Management in Central Asia (BOMCA) Programme. The overall objectives of the Programme are to enhance security in Central Asia and contribute to an increased flow of persons and legal goods across Central Asian borders. The specific objective of BOMCA is to strengthen the Central Asian states' capacities in managing their borders in accordance with European best practices. BOMCA is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.

