

**EU HANDS OVER A TRAINING CENTER
TO THE UZBEK BORDER SERVICE**

On 30 May 2008 the EU BOMCA Programme handed over a new Training Centre to the Uzbek State Border Guards Committee. The training facility for border guards is located in Termez, Surkhandarya Region, Southern Uzbekistan.

The total cost of construction works of the Training centre and specialized equipment is approximately 888 000 EURO.

EU BOMCA assistance in Uzbekistan has also included renovation of the border crossing point "Saryasia-Avto" on the Uzbek-Tajik border; provision of fully equipped new Border Outposts at Mamyk on the Uzbek-Tajik border and at Sokh in the enclave within the territory of Kyrgyzstan.

Further, BOMCA equipped the "Daut-Ata" BCP at the Uzbek-Kazakh border, and "Karasu" BCP in the Uzbek-Kyrgyz border area. Renovation and minor equipping of the "Vuadil" and "Madaniyat" BCPs at Uzbek-Kyrgyz border area, and construction of the Border Post "Tinchlik" in the Uzbek-Tajik border area are also among BOMCA interventions in Uzbekistan.

BOMCA Programme activities in Uzbekistan also seek to improve professional skills of border agencies through provision of special training programmes. Several skills training sessions on the topic "IBM Concept: Basics of Theory and Practice to Better Promote Trade and Transit at Borders" have been conducted for Border Guards and Customs Officers of BCPs "Alat", "Khodjeli", "Andarkhan", "Dustlik" and "Karasuu".



**EU HANDS OVER A TRAINING CENTRE
TO THE KYRGYZ BORDER SERVICE**

On 26 May 2008 the European Union handed over a newly constructed Training Centre in Novopokrovka, settlement outside Bishkek, to representatives of the Kyrgyz Border Service.

The newly refurbished and equipped training facility will provide short and long term courses with a total capacity of 100 trainees. A training package includes methods of operation to increase the effectiveness of border control.

The Center has computer training classrooms, two libraries and a sport hall. BOMCA built the training center during 2007-2008 for enhancing border management training capacities in Kyrgyzstan.

BOMCA has provided furniture, office, teaching and sport equipment for the Training Centre. The total construction budget, together with provided furniture and equipment, amounted to over 400 000 EURO.

Training courses and cross border workshops, organized in the framework of BOMCA Programme, are aimed at improving efficiency of border management in Kyrgyzstan and border cooperation in the region. Several cross border workshops have been held for Border and Customs staff of BCPs "Akjol", "Dostuk", "Karasuu" and "Aktilek" at Kyrgyz-Kazakh and Kyrgyz-Uzbek borders.



The main objective of the BOMCA Programme is to demonstrate to Central Asian Governments the benefits of the EU integrated border management approach for the facilitation of trade and transit, through model projects at Border Control Posts on major Central Asian trade corridors. The BOMCA is funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP. BOMCA is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under

