

## EU-UNDP BOMCA ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME HANDED OVER A REFURBISHED TRAINING CENTRE OF THE STATE BORDER SERVICE IN TURKMENISTAN

A refurbished building of the Training Centre of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan was handed over to the Government on 18 March 2009.

To reinforce training capacity in Turkmenistan, the EU-UNDP BOMCA Programme organised and funded renovation works at the second building of the Training Centre of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan. The Training Centre was also equipped with computers and electronic equipment, furniture and stationery supplies.



Representatives of the State Coordination Commission on Drug Abuse under the Cabinet of Ministers and the State Border Service of Turkmenistan were present at the handover ceremony. Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Europa House, European Commission of the European Union, OSCE, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, as well as Embassies of the United Kingdom, Germany, France, the USA and Romania were also invited to attend the inauguration.

Earlier in 2007 under its training component the BOMCA Programme allocated about 230,000 Euro to construct a Veterinary Unit and refurbished the first building of the Training Centre of the State Border Service in Turkmenistan.

## REGIONAL TRAINING-OF-TRAINERS COURSE COMPLETED IN DUSHANBE

A Regional Training-of-Trainers course on Integrated Border Management (IBM), organised with the support of the BOMCA Programme, was held during 20-24 April 2009 in Dushanbe.

During five days, experienced trainers from the European Union, supported by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), instructed representatives of border agencies from all five Central Asian countries on modern training methodologies to prepare and conduct trainings as trainers, on the IBM concept, and on cooperation and coordination between border agencies.



*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 the EC TACIS instrument.*

