

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER VISITED TAJIKISTAN

Benita Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner for External Relations, Europe Aid and the European Neighbourhood Policy, visited Tajikistan.

On 8 April 2008 she visited the Training Centre of the Tajik Border Forces, which was constructed and refurbished by the EU BOMCA Programme and handed over to border guards in June 2007.

Now the newly refurbished and equipped Centre provides short and long term courses with a total capacity of 350-400 cadets. The training package includes methods of operation to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement agencies and integrated border management for border guards.

For the Training Centre the BOMCA Programme provided sixty computer sets with printers, copiers, and furniture for office use, accommodation for cadets, and kitchen equipment. Total project costs together with furniture and equipment amounted to US\$ 1.4 million.



EU HANDS OVER TO KYRGYZSTAN TWO RENOVATED BORDER CROSSING POINTS

On 15 April 2008 a border crossing facility at Ak-Jol was inaugurated, and a day before another one at Karasuu was handed over to representatives of the Kyrgyz Border Service and the State Customs Committee. The total cost of construction works at both BCPs with furniture and specialized equipment (passport readers, drug control kits, endoscopes etc.) made up over 1.2 million EURO.



In 2005 BOMCA supplied much-needed equipment to ten border posts on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border; financed construction works at the National Dog Training Unit in Osh, and handed over a renovated training centre in Osh last year to the Kyrgyz border guards.

At Ak-Jol BCP, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan are piloting an experiment with joint customs and border control on both sides of the 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 the EC TACIS instrument.

