

## AIR BORDER TRAINING ON INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT HELD IN ALMATY

During 16-20 February 2009, sixteen representatives of the Kazakhstani Border Service, Customs, Phyto-sanitary and Veterinary Services working at airports in Kazakhstan participated in a workshop on Integrated Border Management (IBM) at airports.

The workshop was designed to improve operational and analytical activities of border staff at airports. The agenda included a series of presentations on applying IBM methodologies at airports combined with practical work and a visit to Almaty Airport.



The workshop was conducted by EU and Kazakhstani experts and supported by one representative of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

This workshop was a follow up to two regional Training-of-Trainers courses held in Bishkek and Almaty, respectively, in October and November 2008. During those two events, 20 representatives from border agencies of all 5 Central Asian countries were trained on modern IBM methodologies, as well as on the use of the "IBM Training Manual" developed by ICMPD.

Similar trainings will be rolled out in other Central Asian states in the coming months. Experts from the European Union, together with local trainers, will guide trainees through "on-the-job training cycles", linking daily operations of border control agencies with IBM methodologies.

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## BOMCA DELIVERED KEYNOTE ON BORDER MANAGEMENT REFORM IN CENTRAL ASIA

On 3-5 February, the European Centre for Security Studies of the George Marshall Foundation, based in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and the Border Service of Kyrgyzstan co-organized a Central Asia border management/security conference in Bishkek. The BOMCA Programme contributed to the conference by delivering presentations on topical questions on border security in Central Asia and border management reform.

BOMCA experts also facilitated roundtable discussions and actively participated in the final development of the conference's recommendations.



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