

THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ASIA BORDER SECURITY INITIATIVE

On 22-23 September 2008 the seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Asia Border Security Initiative (CABSI) convened representatives of the EU member states and Central Asian partners to review the progress of BOMCA-CADAP Programmes and to discuss their future direction and necessary funding.

The Conference participants discussed current goals of the BOMCA programme and further development of CABSI towards a co-ordination platform on border management in Central Asia.



CABSI is a consortium of EU member states led by Austria. Its members include the UK, Finland, France, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Croatia, Hungary and the USA as independent partner.



TRAINING-FOR-TRAINERS COURSE ON INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT

A Training-of-Trainers Course to present the European Union's Integrated Border Management (IBM) was held by international trainers, Ms. Anita Csenar and Mr. Werner Schranz during 20-24 October 2008 in Almaty with participation of 20 trainers from all 5 Central Asian countries.

The training was aimed at familiarising participants with pedagogical methodology necessary to successfully deliver IBM training. Participants discussed training methodologies for border management staff, e.g. border guards, and customs, phytosanitary and veterinary inspections.

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

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.

