

STUDY TOUR TO EXTERNAL BORDERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

On 1 – 5 December 2008 BOMCA organized a study tour to external borders of the European Union (Polish – Byelorussian and Polish-Russian borders) and to the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the European Union (FRONTEX).

28 participants from five Central Asian countries learned about the Polish border management and customs procedures, got acquainted with Polish border guards' training methodologies and visited two BCPs on the external border of the European Union.

A visit to FRONTEX deepened participants' knowledge on cooperation between EU members in the area of the EU common and integrated border security and opened the field for establishment of ties between Central Asian states and the agency.



CROSS-BORDER WORKSHOP ON THE KYRGYZ-KAZAKH BORDER

To improve border control potential and reinforce border training capacity on both sides of the Kazakh-Kyrgyz border, a cross border workshop was held for staff of the Kyrgyz and Kazakh border agencies on 11 November 2008.



During a one-day training session border guards were presented with specific topics such as use of technical means of checking documents and vehicles crossing the border, interaction and coordination of border agencies at the border, pros and cons of the joint border control at Ak-Jol - Kordai BCP and other.



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.

