

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ASIA BORDER SECURITY INITIATIVE (CABSI)

The Eighth Conference of the Central Asia Border Security Initiative (CABSI) to discuss border security and cross-border cooperation in the region was held on 30 September—1 October 2009 in Tashkent.

More than 100 delegates from Central Asia and Europe, including representatives of the OSCE, UNODC, IOM, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, and China discussed Integrated Border Management (IBM) methodologies, border management strategies, IBM training standards and cross-border cooperation in Central Asia.

The Conference was co-chaired by Mr. Bakhtiyor Islamov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan; Mr. Herbert Anderl, Director General for Public Security, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior; Ambassador Pierre Morel, EU Special Representative for Central Asia; Mr. Dirk Meganck, Director of the Asia and Central Asia Directorate of EuropeAid of the European Commission, and Ms. Anita Nirody, Resident Representative of UNDP Uzbekistan.



From left to right: Ambassador Pierre Morel, EU Special Representative for Central Asia; Ambassador Herbert Salber, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and Mr. Dirk Meganck, Director of the Asia and Central Asia Directorate of EuropeAid of the European Commission

CABSI brings together EU Member States, including Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Croatia, Hungary and the United Kingdom, and the USA as an associate partner, the European Commission, UNDP, ICMPD, other International Organisations and beneficiaries from the countries of the Central Asian region.

HANDOVER OF RENOVATED BORDER OUTPOSTS TO THE TAJIK BORDER FORCE

On 23 October 2009 the BOMCA Programme handed over the border outpost “Sokhcharv” to the Border Force of Tajikistan. A handover ceremony was attended by the Commander of the Tajik Border Force, Major General Sherali Mirzo, H.E. Henry Zipper de Fabiani, Ambassador of France, H.E. Trevor Charles Moore, Ambassador of the United Kingdom, representatives of the EC Delegation, UNDP, and the Swedish International Development Agency.

The substantial renovation of the border outposts “Shidz”, “Sokhcharv” and “Pastkhuv” on the Tajik-Afghan border included barracks and officers’ houses, new heating systems, roofs, floors, double glazing and electric wiring. Furniture and kitchen equipment were also provided.

The total cost of the renovations was €370,000, plus an additional €25,000 for furniture, household and kitchen equipment.



Within the framework of the BOMCA assistance programme, the European Union fosters institutional reform in the area of border management, strengthens training capacities, assists in securing the Tajik-Afghan border, enhances infrastructure along trade and transit corridors and helps build counter-drug capacities at borders in Central Asia

