

**EUROPEAN UNION** Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Tajikistan

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## EUROPEAN UNION PROVIDES 1,2 MLN EUR FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE WINDOW FOR EXPORT, IMPORT AND TRANSIT PROCEDURES IN TAJIKISTAN

The European Union and Intrasoft International S., A. have signed a contract for the implementation of the project "Support to the establishment of Single Window for export, Import and Transit procedures in Tajikistan". It is expected that the Contractor will design and develop the Single Window software according to specific Terms of Reference. The contractor will implement the Single Window system and put it into operation in the State Unitary Enterprise "Single Window Centre", established under the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and in approximately 15 other key organizations involved, including Government agencies and Business Intermediary Organizations. The Contractor will be equally responsible for the training of the personnel of the State Unitary Enterprise "Single Window Centre" and the other key organizations. It will also draft the specification of the Single Window hardware to enable the EU Delegation to Tajikistan to launch the supply tender. The Contractor will have to ensure the proper visibility of the project and liaise with the inter-Service Coordination council hosted by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, which has the overall responsibility and control on the implementation of the Government Programme for the implementation of the Single Window for export, import and transit procedures in the Republic of Tajikistan.

The European Union, composed of 27 Member States, is the world's biggest aid donor. Tajikistan gets the main share of bilateral assistance in the Central Asian region (€66 million for 2007-2010 and 62 million for 2011-2013) in support to sector programmes, technical assistance and grants. It focuses on social protection, health and private sector development, underpinned by public finance management. Tajikistan also receives regional and thematic assistance in areas like border management and drug control (BOMCA/CADAP), education (TEMPUS, Erasmus Mundus), water / environment, migration, human rights and democracy (EIDHR), non-State actors (NSA) and SME development (CA-Invest). The total value of EU assistance disbursed to Tajikistan since 1992 is over €550 million.

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