

## Border Management Programme in Central Asia (BOMCA)



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## EU funded BOMCA Programme's Ten Years of Implementation in Central Asia

***Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (23 April 2013)*** – The Border Management Programme in Central Asia (BOMCA) is celebrating ten years of its implementation in Central Asia. The European Union signed a Contribution Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on BOMCA implementation on 23 April 2003. Since then, BOMCA has become a consistent partner of Central Asian governments in their pursuit for increasing security at their borders and facilitating legitimate trade and transit in the region.

“For a decade of its existence, BOMCA has proven itself as the border management programme most recognized by the Central Asian governments, - says Ambassador Chantal Hebberecht, Head of EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic. States in the region have acknowledged the beneficial effect of BOMCA activities and have largely and openly embraced the objectives of the programme.”

For BOMCA's tenth anniversary some events are held in all five Central Asian countries. In Kazakhstan, winners of the photo contest for best photographs of border management officers' work and their service dogs held among photojournalists and staff of border management press services are awarded with prizes. In Kyrgyzstan, mini-football matches are arranged among six teams from border control agencies (State Border Guard Service, Customs Committee, Ministry of Health, State Inspection on Veterinary and Phytosanitary Security, Drug Control Agency and Ministry of Interior). In Tajikistan and Turkmenistan the winners of photo contests are awarded with professional equipment. In Uzbekistan, the contest “Border guards at work” for best drawings among schoolchildren of 11-14 years old was arranged and prizes and presents are handed over to winners.

The overall objectives of BOMCA are to help increase security in the Central Asian region, to contribute toward the facilitation of legitimate trade and transit, and to reduce the illicit movement of goods and people.

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