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Regional Cynology Management Workshop

Dushanbe, Tajikistan (4 July 2013) – The Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the EU-UNDP Border Management in Central Asia Programme host a Regional cynology management meeting of heads and instructors of dog handling centres from Central Asian States and Turkey.

Over the course of two days, senior officers and instructors of dog handling services representing border management and drug control agencies from five countries of Central Asia share experience in dog training, discuss management planning and ways of improvement of dog handlers' trainings in searching, as well as drugs and explosive materials detection. They also discuss perspective trainings, use of interactive and distant training technologies for dog handlers, as well as design of a unified approach for proper breed selection, testing of animals' abilities, training, and feeding.

All participants will visit a Multi-agency dog training center, which was built by EU BOMCA Programme in Tajikistan in 2012. The project site includes a training building with accommodation facilities for dog handlers, veterinary and delivery units, in-door training facilities, puppy-dog facility, an isolation unit for sick dogs and a check point. The Centre is equipped with computer and office equipment, furniture, veterinary and medical equipment, kitchen equipment and a library with training materials. Total construction budget together with furniture and equipment provided for the Centre amounted to €450,000.

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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