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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS:

ADETEF - Public Experts in Economics and Finance CA – Central Asia CADAP - Central Asia Drug Programme CAEP – The Central Asia Education Platform (CAEP) 2013 CAREC – The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia CAREN - Central Asia Research and Education Network CARICC – Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre CBRN – The term CBRN can refer to both weaponised and non-weaponised chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials DEVCO - Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid EACEA – Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency EBRD – European Bank for Reconstruction and Development EE – energy efficiency EEAS - EU External Action Service EECCA – Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia EIB – European Investment Bank ENPI – European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument ESIB – Energy Saving Initiative in the Building Sector in the Eastern European and Central Asian countries **ETF** – European Training Foundation EU – European Union EURECA – Regional Environment Programme for Central Asia EUWI – The EU Water Initiative FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations FIIAPP – International Foundation of Administration of Public Policies of Spain **HEI – Higher Education Institutions** GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit IFCA - The Investment Facility for Central Asia IGC – Intergovernmental Commission IHPA – The International HCH and Pesticides Association ILO – International Labour Orgazisation KBPN – National Bureau for Drug Prevention MDGs - Millennium Development Goals MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mol – Ministry of Internal Affairs MoH - Ministry of Health

MoA – Ministry of Agriculture

NCA – National Crime Agency

NEWITS – INOGATE Technical Secretariat and integrated programme in support of the Baku Initiative and

the Eastern Partnership energy objectives

OECD – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

RE – renewable energy

RES-EE – Sustainable Energy Programme for Central Asia: Renewable Energy Sources – Energy Efficiency SMEs – Small and Medium Enterprises

SOFRECO – Société Francaise de Réalisation, d'Etude et des Conseils S. A

TACIS – Technical Aid to the Commonwealth of Independent States

TRACECA – Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia

ZIS – Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Suchtforschung der Universität Hamburg

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

UNEP – United Nations Environmental Programme

UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNFPA – United Nations Population Fund

UNICRI – United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

UNODC – Unite Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



#### THE CENTRAL ASIA DRUG ACTION PROGRAMME (CADAP) 5

Donor: EU

**The EU contribution:** 4, 900,000 EUR (100 % of the total)

Duration: 01/2010-07/2013

Website: http://cadap.eu/

Status: finished



Source: http://cadap.eu/

Delegation in charge: Kyrgyzstan

Implementing institution: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Local institutions involved: Central Asia countries' governments

International partners: ResAd, ZIS, KBPN

Location: several locations (capitals, provincial cities) in all 5 CA states

#### **Objectives:**

The overall objective of the fifth phase of CADAP is the gradual adoption of EU and international good practices to contribute to the reduction of drug production and use.

This intervention has four components with following specific objectives:

OCAN (Overall Coordination and Networking): OCAN is responsible for the overall coordination and advocacy of the project.

DAMOS: To help the governments develop a better understanding of the drug trafficking and drug use situation in the Central Asian region which will result in improved policy and decision making.

TREAT: To support the introduction of modern drug addiction treatment methods.

MEDISSA: To help the governments prevent potential new cases of drug use and reduce the number of current drug addicts by better informing the general population of the risks of drugs use.

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#### THE CENTRAL ASIA DRUG ACTION PROGRAMME (CADAP) 6

Donor: EU

**The EU contribution:** 4, 900,000 EUR (100 % of the total)

Duration: 36 months

Website: <a href="http://cadap.eu/">http://cadap.eu/</a>

Status: pipeline



Source: http://cadap.eu/

Delegation in charge: Kyrgyzstan

**Implementing institution:** Federal Ministry of Health (Germany) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Local institutions involved: Central Asia countries' governments

**International partners:** Trimbos Institute (Netherlands), ResAd (Czech Republic), KBPN (Poland), University of Applied Science Frankfurt (Germany)

Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

The overall aim of the proposed sixth phase of CADAP is to strengthen the institutional capacity to fight the drug phenomenon in the region in a comprehensive, integrative, sustainable manner, in further alignment with the EU standards and practices.

#### **Expected results:**

The knowledge and capacity of the national policy makers in new methodologies of preparing their national strategies and policies is increased and strategies, action plans and legislation employing European good practices adopted by willing governments.

National authorities (decision and policy makers) better informed on the drug situation in the country by wellestablished information network and data collection, and thus the capacity for taking relevant and informed decision is improved.

Health and social responses for tackling drug use in the region are increased, by consolidating best practices and better quality services for drug users and by having social awareness on drugs further raised.



#### HEROIN ROUTE II: INFORMATION NETWORKS ALONG THE HEROIN ROUTE

Donor: EU

The EU contribution:

Total cost: 2, 692, 000 EUR

Duration: 1/2013-12/2015

Website: <a href="http://heroinfo.eu/">http://heroinfo.eu/</a>

Status: ongoing



Source: project's leaflet

Entity in charge: DEVCO B

**Implementing institution:** Consortium of EU Member State organisations led by the International Foundation of Administration of Public Policies of Spain (FIIAPP); partners: National Crime Agency (NCA, United Kingdom), Public Experts in Economics and Finance (ADETEF, France), Agenzia delle Dogane (Italian Customs and Monopoly Agency).

**Local institutions involved:** <u>CARICC</u> (Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre), regional cooperation entities, relevant authorities in partner countries.

**Location:** Focus on Central Asian countries, while maintaining interaction with countries in South Caucasus and the Balkan regions as well as Afghanistan and Pakistan for specific activities.

#### **Objectives:**

The project is part of the second phase of the EU Heroin Route Programme which has as a mandate to fight heroin trafficking in the countries along the so-called "heroin route". The "Information Networks along the Heroin Route" project aims specifically at enhancing the capacities of existing regional platforms such as the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICC) in order to increase regional and trans-regional law enforcement cooperation and coordination in the fight against organised crime and trafficking activities along the heroin route.

Project components:

- 1) Capacity building to regional cooperation entities
- 2) Support to joint operations between regional cooperation entities
- 3) Enhancement of information exchange between regional cooperation entities and law enforcement agencies

4) Awareness raising of the staff of the selected beneficiaries regarding the activities of each other's organisations and commitment to cooperate with each other



#### **BORDER MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA 8 (BOMCA 8)**

Donor: EU, UNDP

The EU contribution: 7, 900,000 EUR Total cost: 8, 790,000 EUR

Duration: 07/2011 - 06/2014

Website: http://www.bomca.eu/

Status: ongoing



Source: BOMCA 8

Delegation in charge: Kyrgyzstan

Implementing institution: UNDP and ICMPD

**Local institutions involved:** state bodies involved in border management (Border Guards Committee under the National Security Service; Customs Committee, MFA, MIA, MoH, MoA)

Location: 5 Central Asian countries; Uzbekistan is involved as a beneficiary only in components 2 and 3

#### **Objectives:**

<u>Overall Objectives</u>: To help increase security in the Central Asian region, to contribute toward the facilitation of legitimate trade and transit, to reduce the illicit movement of goods and people.

Specific Objectives:

Component 1: Institutional Reform:

To support the Central Asian republics to adopt and implement the principles and practices of a European Integrated Border Management (IBM) approach in their border management strategies and implementation action plans

Component 2: Enhancing Professional Skills:

To contribute to the enhancement of professional skills of border guards and customs officers, including those of dog handlers

Component 3: Strengthening Counter Drugs Capacities in Agencies Working at Borders:

To help enhance the capacities of law enforcement officers in charge of fighting trafficking of illicit drugs across borders with the aim to support the interception of drugs and precursor chemicals

Component 4: Border crossing points (BCPs) and border outposts (BOs):

To help improve working conditions and motivation of staff deployed at a limited number of BCPs and BOs which were built under previous BOMCA and CADAP phases



#### BORDER MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA 9 (BOMCA 9)

#### Donor:

The EU contribution: 5, 000,000 EUR

Total cost: 5, 500,000 EUR

Duration: 84 months

Website: http://www.bomca.eu/

Status: pipeline



Source: BOMCA 8

Delegation in charge: Kyrgyzstan

Implementing institution: A consortium of EU Member States' organisations (to be decided)

Local institutions involved: beneficiary institutions located in the five CA states

Location: 5 Central Asian countries

#### **Objectives:**

<u>The overall objective</u> of the programme is to improve effectiveness and efficiency of border management in Central Asia by introducing advanced elements of the Integrated Border Management (IBM), assisting governments in their reforms to improve management of flows of people and goods across borders, strengthening capacities of Border Agencies and thus contributing to the stability and economic development at national and regional level.

#### **Expected results:**

<u>Component 1:</u> Human resource (cadre) policies and administrative management of Central Asian border and migration agencies further developed and sustained, following in theory and in practice principles of IBM and in compliance with law-enforcement international standards and norms.

<u>Component 2:</u> Legal and procedural instruments to manage both regular and irregular migration flows (flow of persons), are further improved in line with EU guidelines and examples of external borders of EU.

<u>Component 3:</u> Measures improving the efficiency of procedures regarding flow of goods at borders, and thus facilitating regional and international trade are introduced and applied.



STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS TO PROTECT AND ASSIST VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND SMUGGLED MIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NGOS AND OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 698,937.44 EUR

Total cost: 873,671.80 EUR

Duration: 11/2011-4/2014

Status: ongoing

Delegation in charge: Kazakhstan

Implementing institution: UNODC, UNFPA

**Local institutions involved:** NGOs, civil society actors, the police, National Security service officers and prosecutors, the Ministries of Justice and Labour

Location: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

**Objectives:** 

Overall objectives:

- To strengthen the capacity of the target countries to identify;
- To protect and assist victims of trafficking in persons and smuggled migrants especially women and children, in partnership with NGOs and other civil society actors.

Specific objectives:

- To strengthen the capacity of criminal justice practitioners to identify victims and witnesses of human trafficking and migrant smuggling and to provide assistance and protection to them in accordance with international legal instruments and best practices;
- To foster cooperation among and between law enforcement agencies and NGOs;
- To improve the availability and quality of services to victims of human trafficking and smuggled migrants, especially women and children.



#### **CENTRAL ASIA - INSTRUMENT FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY COOPERATION 2014**

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 11, 600 000 EUR

Total cost: 11, 600 000 EUR

Duration: 2014



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org

Status: ongoing

Delegation in charge: DEVCO B

Institutions involved: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Location: Central Asia

**Objectives:** 

The objectives of the project are to improve the safety of the uranium legacy sites in Central Asia and to prepare the basis for future remediation works. The actions will include comprehensive remediation studies for Mailuu Suu in Kyrgyzstan and the support to the establishment of a fund for financing environmental remediation works in Central Asia.



#### INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION OF URANIUM PRODUCTION LEGACY SITES OF CHARKESAR AND YANGIABAD

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 1, 500,000 EUR

Total cost: 1, 500,000 EUR

Duration: 24 months



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO B

#### Local institutions involved:

- State Inspectorate for Safety in Industry and Mining (SISIM)
- State Committee for Nature Protection (SCNP)
- Ministry of Health
- State Committee for Geology and Mineral Resources (SCGMR)
- local administrations and authorities of the Charkesar and Yangiabad sites
- provincial centres for state sanitary epidemiological control

Location: Uzbekistan

#### **Objectives:**

The general long-term objective of the project is the safe management and remediation of the uranium production legacy sites of Charkesar and Yangiabad. In the short-term, the immediate objective of the project is limited to the development of an environmental impact assessment and the feasibility study of the related management and remediation activities. This will be achieved through the preparation of costed and integrated conceptual management and remediation plans for the Charkesar and Yangiabad sites, including design criteria and standards for the eventual remedial works and a stakeholder engagement process.

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#### EURECA (REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL ASIA)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 9, 200,000 EUR

**Total cost:** 10, 025,000 EUR

Duration: 2009-2015

Status: ongoing

Delegation in charge: Kazakhstan

Implementing institution: (different for each component)

Local institutions involved: (different for each component)

Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

The <u>overall objective</u> of the action is to promote the stability and security of the countries of Central Asia, to assist them in their pursuit of sustainable economic development and poverty reduction and to facilitate closer regional cooperation both within Central Asia and between Central Asia and the EU.

The <u>specific objectives</u> of the action are to enhance regional cooperation and partnership with Europe in the fields of integrated water resource management, forest and biodiversity governance and environmental awareness raising, supported by strengthened mechanisms of coordination on environmental issues provided by the EU-Central Asia Environment and Water Cooperation Platform. The specific objectives are to be reached through the four components:

Component (1) – Regional coordination and support for the EU-Central Asia enhanced regional cooperation on Environment and Water: **WECOOP**. (*UZ participates as observer country.*)

Component (2) – Forest and biodiversity governance, including environmental monitoring: FLERMONECA.

Component (3) – Partnership of water management and basin organizations in Central Asia: **WMBOCA**. (UZ is not involved.)

Component (4) – Environmental awareness raising: **AWARE**. Supporting environmental awareness raising in the region, enhancing regional cooperation and partnership with Europe regarding environmental awareness on the most problematic environmental areas in Central Asia.

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#### REGIONAL COORDINATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE EU – CA ENHANCED REGIONAL COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (WECOOP)

(EURECA - COMPONENT 1)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 1, 496,320 EUR

**Total cost:** 

Duration: 31/01/2012-30/07/2014

Website: http://www.wecoop-project.org

Status: ongoing

Delegation in charge: Kazakhstan

Implementing institution: Landell Mills Limited

Local institutions involved: national environmental and water authorities in the beneficiary countries

Location: Central Asia (Uzbekistan involved as an observer country)

#### **Objectives:**

The project is to support the development, effectiveness and visibility of the Environment and Water Cooperation Platform aiming at facilitating enhanced regional cooperation both between the EU and Central Asia and within Central Asia, through support to regular high-level meetings and joint expert working groups or other ad-hoc events, and through support to the strengthening of regional institutions responsible for environment and water issues.

Components:

- Component 1: The EU-CA Platform for Cooperation on Environment and Water
- Component 2: Strengthening of institutional and development capacities of the regional institutions
- Component 3: Communication/mapping/networking



Source: http://wikipedia.org

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## FOREST AND BIODIVERSITY GOVERNANCE, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING (FLERMONECA)

#### (EURECA - COMPONENT 2)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 4, 388,250 EUR

Total cost: 4, 388,250 EUR

Duration: 08/04/2013-07/10/2015

Status: ongoing

Source: http://wikipedia.org

Delegation in charge: Kazakhstan

Implementing institution: GIZ

**Local institutions involved:** inter-state regional structures, governments, parliamentarians, the judiciary, subnational and local authorities, NGOs, private sector in beneficiary countries, CAREC

Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

The <u>global objective</u> of the Action is to promote the stability and security of the countries of Central Asia, to assist them in their pursuit of sustainable economic development and poverty reduction and to facilitate closer regional cooperation both within Central Asia and between Central Asia and the EU.

The <u>specific objective</u> is to enhance regional cooperation and partnership with Europe in the areas of forest and biodiversity governance, including environmental monitoring, through supporting the sustainable use and management of natural resources in Central Asia.

Thematic sub-components:

- Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in Central Asia (FLEG Central Asia)
- Ecological Restoration and Biodiversity Conservation in Central Asia (ERCA)
- Environmental monitoring in Central Asia (MONECA)

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS RAISING (AWARE)**

#### (EURECA – COMPONENT 4)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 787,784 EUR

Total cost: 994,325 EUR

Duration: 20/12/2011-20/07/2014

Status: ongoing



Source: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org</u>

Delegation in charge: Kazakhstan

Implementing institution: CAREC (The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia)

Local institutions involved: Regional media networks, NGOs and business community

Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

<u>Overall Objective</u>: Increasing awareness on the most problematic environmental issues in water management, environmental governance and climate change to enhance regional cooperation and EU-CA cooperation and partnership



#### IMPROVING CAPACITIES TO ELIMINATE AND PREVENT RECURRENCE OF OBSOLETE PESTICIDES AS A MODEL FOR TACKLING UNUSED HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Donor: EU, FAO

The EU contribution: 6, 000,000 EUR

Total cost: 7, 000,000 EUR

Duration: 01/01/2012-28/02/2015

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO F

**Project partners:** UNEP Chemicals, Green Cross Switzerland and Green Cross Belarus, • The International HCH and Pesticides Association (IHPA), Milieukontakt International

**Local institutions involved:** Ministries of Health, Ministries of Ecology and Environment, Ministries of Agriculture, Ministries of Industry, local governments, civil society organizations and research institutions

**Location:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

#### **Objectives:**

Overall objective:

Contribute to the reduction of risk to public health and the environment from pesticides in the ENPI East Region, Russian Federation and Central Asia Countries.



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org



#### EU-CA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLATFORM PHASE II

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 2, 000,000 EUR

**Total cost:** 2, 000,000 EUR

Duration: 60 months, since approx. 2014

Status: ongoing

Delegation in charge: Kazakhstan



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org

#### Implementing institution:

**Local institutions involved:** ministries and governmental agencies responsible for environmental and water management, regional, transboundary and interstate organisations

Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

The <u>overall objective</u> of this action is to promote the sustainable and stable development of Central Asia countries and to facilitate closer regional cooperation both within Central Asia and between Central Asia and the EU.

<u>The purpose of this action</u> is the further development, effectiveness and visibility of the EU-Central Asia Water and Environment dialogue and cooperation, in particular through the EU-CA Water and Environment platform, aimed at improved policies, increased capacities and enhanced regional cooperation, both between the EU and Central Asia and within Central Asia.



# ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVE IN THE BUILDING SECTOR IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES (ESIB)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 4, 955, 506 EUR

Total cost: 4, 955,506 EUR

Duration: 1/1/2010-31/12/2014

Website: <a href="http://www.inogate-ee.org/">http://www.inogate-ee.org/</a>

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO F

Implementing institution: consortium lead by SOFRECO (Société Francaise de Réalisation, d'Etude et des Conseils)

Local institutions involved: energy utilities, specific ministries, municipalities, business and architects' associations

Location: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine + 5 CA countries

**Objectives:** 

- The <u>overall objective</u> is to help the INOGATE Partner Countries to reduce their dependency on fossil fuels, to improve security of their energy supply, and to allow them to contribute more actively to climate change mitigation.
- The <u>specific objective</u> is to assist them in ensuring improved control of their energy consumption in the building sector by promoting and developing EE, as well as the use of RE where applicable, in this particular sector.

#### **Expected results:**

- The increased interest for, and knowledge of EE and RE in the building sector amongst energy stakeholders in the region; their expressed willingness to make progress in these areas and to work with the project; evidence of the empowerment of their related institutional and legislative capacities; development of communication campaigns and of EE/RE schemes, including financial mechanisms and collaboration with energy utilities, specific Ministries, municipalities, business and architects' associations; introduction of retrofitting measures in both residential buildings and public buildings, and of updated requirements in the construction sector and other areas such as electrical appliances; increased energy savings through better insulation and construction design, the introduction of improved metering, EE boilers, cogeneration and heat pumps; and the development of RE (such as solar water heaters); and finally, the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions in the sector concerned.

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#### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL ASIA: RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES & ENERGY EFFICIENCY (RES – EE) "CASEP"

#### Donor: EU

**The EU contribution:** 4, 000, 000 EUR (part of the <u>INOGATE</u> initiative)

Total cost: 6, 000, 000 EUR

Duration: 27/04/2013-27/04/2016

Website: <u>http://www.inogate.org</u>

Status: ongoing



Entity in charge: EC DEVCO H2 (Geograf. Coordination Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf, Asia Regional Programmes)

Implementing institution: consortium led by GIZ, together with GFA and CAREC

**Local institutions involved:** Ministry of Industry and New Technologies-Kazakhstan; Ministry of Industry and Energy-Kyrgyzstan; State Committee on Environmental Protection as well as Ministry of Energy and Water Resources-Tajikistan; Ministry of Economy-Turkmenistan; Ministry of Economy-Uzbekistan

#### Location: 5 Central Asian countries

#### **Objectives:**

- Contribute to the increased security, reliability and efficiency of energy supplies in the Central Asian countries and thereby to improve the preconditions for regional integration of efficient and sustainable energy systems and increased cooperation with EU countries.
- To assist in the set-up of the necessary policy, regulatory and institutional mechanisms enabling the penetration of renewable energy sources in the energy mix of the beneficiary countries as well as increasing the energy efficiency at national level (as measured by the energy intensity of the national economies), notably through the introduction of new, efficient and ecologically safe power plants enabled by the development of renewable energy sources for electricity generation in accordance with each country's priorities.

#### Components:

- Support policy design and formulation for introduction of RES & EE nationally and regionally
- Professional development of local partners in RES & EE policies and instruments
- Pilot project development in the fields of RES & EE
- Awareness raising on RES & EE
- Co-ordination with INOGATE activities



#### INOGATE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF THE BAKU INITIATIVE AND THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ENERGY OBJECTIVES (NEWITS)

#### Donor: EU

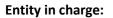
**The EU contribution:** 16, 600, 000 EUR (part of the <u>INOGATE</u> initiative)

Total cost: 16, 600, 000 EUR

Duration: 01/02/2012-31/01/2015

Website: <u>http://www.inogate.org</u>

Status: ongoing



Implementing institution:

Local institutions involved:

#### Location:

#### **Objectives:**

- To ensure that assistance in support of the Baku Initiative/Eastern Partnership as well as the Energy Community objectives is more effective, coherent, sustainable and aligned with partner countries' objectives
- To assist the countries in strengthening energy institutional governance in relation to sustainable energy, in particular by focusing on institutional capacity
- Improved business climate for energy efficiency and renewable energy investments
- To support Partner Countries in improving energy economic planning through enhanced use and harmonisation of energy statistics in line with European standards.
- To enhance convergence of Gas and Electricity Markets on the basis of the EU internal energy market principles,
- To increase efficiency of the gas and electricity supply infrastructures

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#### TRACECA - MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY II

TRACECA

#### Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 2, 999,250 EUR

(part of the TRACECA initiative)

Duration: 16/01/2013-30/06/2016

Website: http://www.traceca-org.org/en/home/

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO F

#### Implementing institution:

#### Local institutions involved:

**Location:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

#### **Objectives:**

The overall objective is to support the further ratification and implementation of international maritime safety and security conventions as well as improving the level of quality of maritime administrations in the Black and Caspian Sea partner countries with the overall objective of making shipping safer, more secure and environment friendly. This should promote the further alignment of the maritime safety and security legislation with the relevant EU acquis in the field and especially with the EU's Third Maritime Safety Package.

- Improved level and coordination of maritime administrations
- Improved performance of the partner countries on the Paris Memorandum Black and Grey lists
- Reduced maritime pollution caused by ships
- Better information available regarding vessel movements and increased sharing of data between neighbouring countries
- Better secured ship and port facilities and enforcement of related measures.



#### TRACECA – CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY II

RACECA

#### Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 2, 737,000 EUR

(part of the <u>TRACECA</u> initiative)

**Duration:** 3/2/2012–3/2/2015

Website: http://www.traceca-org.org/en/home/

Status: ongoing

**Delegation in charge:** Ukraine

Implementing institution: Consortium led by EGIS AVIA

Location: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

**Objectives:** 

Overall objective:

Support the sustainable development of civil aviation in the beneficiary countries, harmonise regulations and working practices to comply with international standards, international best practices and prepare for the implementation of international standards and EU regulations concerning security, ATM and the environment.

#### Specific objectives:

To continue to acquaint aviation personnel (in the sectors of security, ATM and environment of the beneficiary countries) from the administration and from operators with the requirements of international and European conventions, resolutions and standards.

To continue to provide aviation personnel (in the sectors of security, ATM and environment of the beneficiary countries) from the administration and from operators with improved knowledge, skills and capacities in the relevant technical sectors.

To contribute to further development and strengthening of the administrative capacity of the civil aviation authorities of the beneficiary countries in their implementation of international and, where relevant, European security, ATM and environmental standards.

To prepare the civil aviation authorities of the beneficiary countries for closer relations with (Central Asia) or integration (Caucasus, Moldova, Ukraine) to Pan-European aviation structures.

To promote closer regional cooperation between the aviation administrations of the beneficiary countries to optimise the use of scarce resources.



#### LOGISTICS PROCESSES AND MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA II

#### Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 5, 215,000 EUR

(part of the <u>TRACECA</u> initiative)

Duration: 27/04/2011–26/04/2014

Website: <a href="http://www.traceca-org.org/en/home/">http://www.traceca-org.org/en/home/</a>

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO F

Implementing institution: Egis International / Dornier Consulting GmbH

**Location:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

#### **Objectives:**

**Overall objectives:** 

The overall objective of the current project is to contribute to the long-term sustainable development of logistics infrastructure and multimodal transport along the TRACECA corridor.

Specific objectives:

By assessing the network from a regional perspective the assignment will ensure that infrastructure and "soft" projects planned or implemented contribute to the continuity of TRACECA.

The focal points entail:

1. Removal of logistical bottlenecks, focusing on those which hamper the flow of goods between ports and the hinterland with the objective of enhancing trade at regional and international levels.

2. Facilitation of efficient flow of goods between Black Sea ports and between Caspian Sea ones, ensuring better interoperable connections from the ports to the hinterland through logistics platforms and improved maritime services.

3. Targeting regulatory framework and sector reforms for port, maritime and logistics operations as well as introduction of port environmental management systems.



#### TRACECA TRANSPORT DIALOGUE AND NETWORKS INTEROPERABILITY II

RACECA

#### Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 3, 523,080 EUR

(part of the TRACECA initiative)

Duration: 16/01/2013-15/01/2016

Website: http://www.traceca-org.org/en/home/

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO F

Implementing institution: Egis International / Dornier Consulting GmbH

**Location:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

#### **Objectives:**

Overall objective:

The project's overall objective is to support the further development of the transport system in the region and its interconnection to the major trans-European transport axes.

The main aim of the project is to strengthen economic relations, trade and transport links between the EU and the programme's participating countries. The participating countries are Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The project will contribute to the development and implementation of regional transport policy actions such as the relevant actions of the TRACECA Action Plan 2010-2013 related to infrastructure development, the facilitation of multi-modal transport and the harmonisation of transport legislation.

On operations, measures set out by the Commission aim at ensuring the interoperability between the EU transport systems and those of neighbouring countries. Of the beneficiary countries, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, are part of the Eastern Partnership initiative. Eastern Partnership seeks closer approximation of those countries with the EU.



#### THE CENTRAL ASIA EDUCATION PLATFORM (CAEP) 2013

#### Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 2, 000,000 EUR

Total cost: 2, 000,000 EUR

Duration: 2/2012–2/2015

Website:

http://dbase.caep-project.org/ http://dbase.caep-project.org/all-projects/

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO H

**Local stakeholders:** public servants of the education sector in CA countries and their ministries (e.g. Finance, Education, Youth, Employment and Social Affairs) and agencies (e.g. Vocational Education).

#### Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

The aim of CAEP is to strengthen education reforms in the region by promoting policy dialogue in the education sector and better coordinate donor financed education projects and programmes.

#### **Topics for policy dialogue:**

On the basis of a needs assessment and stakeholder consultations, the topics chosen so far for policy dialogues are:

- Quality in vocational education and training & higher education
- Human resource management in vocational education and training & higher education
- Teacher policies, education and training.

The main activities for a follow-on project to run from 2015 to 2018 are:

- Identify further topics for policy dialogue and update the database of programmes and projects in the area of education already established in the first phase of the project;
- Carry out studies to complement the dialogue fora;
- Provide technical and logistical support to the organisation of national and regional dialogue fora (conferences, meetings, workshops).



Source: <u>http://dbase.caep-project.org</u>

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#### THE CENTRAL ASIA RULE OF LAW PLATFORM II

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 2, 000,000 EUR

Total cost: 2, 000,000 EUR

**Duration:** 

Status: ongoing



Source: http://commons.wikimedia.org

Entity in charge: DEVCO H

Local institutions involved: ministries of justice of Central Asian countries, the judiciary

Location: Central Asia

#### **Objectives:**

The <u>overall objective</u> of the project is to contribute towards the development of a stable and democratic political framework in the Central Asian partner countries, as established in the EU Strategy for Central Asia.

The <u>specific objective</u> is to improve the capacity of Central Asian countries to contribute to the modernisation and reform of their legal and judiciary systems, by developing legislation and practices in line with internationally accepted standards.

- Dialogue and exchanges on rule of law issues with Central Asian countries reinforced and improved, leading to experiences, lessons learned and international standards and practices shared between EU and Central Asian actors and between Central Asian countries themselves.
- A network of better trained Central Asian experts in legal professions with closer linkages with EU experts is created and mutual understanding enhanced.
- Better information/dissemination of information at Central Asian level on the EU Rule of Law Initiative, EU projects in the rule of law area and related topics is ensured to promote international standards and best practice.



#### THE INVESTMENT FACILITY FOR CENTRAL ASIA (IFCA)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 45, 000,000 EUR

**Total cost:** 45, 000,000 EUR of which 13, 800,000 earmarked for Uzbekistan

Duration: since 2010

Website: http://www.eib.org/projects/regions/central-asia/technical\_assistance\_and\_grants/index.htm

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO H

Location: 5 Central Asian countries

#### **Objectives:**

The project aims at supporting the creation and operations of a new Investment Facility for Central Asian countries. The IFCA 2011 will focus first on Energy, Environment, SME's and social infrastructure.

IFCA operates by providing financial non-refundable contributions to support loans to Central Asian countries from the EIB, the EBRD and other European multilateral and national development finance institutions. Its main purpose is to promote additional investments and key infrastructures with an initial priority focus on energy, environment, SMEs and social infrastructure. Based on the development of the Central Asia Strategies, a later extension to transport could be envisaged.

- 1. Better energy infrastructure
- 2. Increased protection of the environment and better focus and control of climate changes impacts
- 3. Better transport infrastructure
- 4. Creation and growth of SMEs and improvement of the employment situations
- 5. Improved social services and infrastructures



Donor: EU, OECD

The EU contribution: 5, 000,000 EUR

**Total cost:** 6, 370,500 EUR

Duration: until 31/12/2017

**Website:** <u>http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/regional-cooperation-central-asia/sme-development/ca\_invest\_en.htm</u>

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO H

Location: Central Asia

**Objectives:** 

The <u>overall objective</u> of the Programme is to promote the development of the private sector, with special emphasis on encouraging the growth and expansion of Small and Medium Enterprises.

<u>Specific objectives</u> at regional level:

- 1. To reinforce the role and the competences of Central Asian Business Intermediary Organisations, specifically with regard to their capacity to support SME and to influence policies in favour of micro and small scale companies;
- 2. To improve the business climate for SME, including encouraging regional economic integration.

- 1. Increased capacity of Business Intermediary Organisation to assist local SME and to advocate for better policies in favour of micro and small scale companies;
- 2. Increased capacity of SME to approach the internal and foreign markets, including awareness of their rights and obligations under the national and international law;
- 3. Improvements in the policies related to competitiveness encouraged.



#### **ERASMUS MUNDUS II**

#### PARTNERSHIPS ACTION 2 PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL ASIA AND UZBEKISTAN

Donor: EU

**The EU contribution:** 13, 000,000 EUR of which 3, 000,000 earmarked for Uzbekistan

Total cost: 13, 000,000 EUR

Duration: 2009-2013

Website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\_mundus/index\_en.php

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO H

Implementing institution: EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency)

Local institutions involved: higher education institutions

Location: Central Asia, Uzbekistan

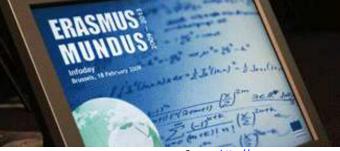
#### **Objectives:**

The <u>overall objective</u> of this programme is to support Central Asian efforts in fostering sustainable development and reform including pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals and the eradication of poverty. The focus on higher education complements the EU's aid programmes for basic education that are driven by the second MDG, which seeks to achieve universal primary education.

The <u>specific objectives</u> are to contribute to (i) promoting intercultural understanding; and (ii) contribute to the sustainable development of Central Asian countries in the field of higher education.

#### **Expected results:**

- Structured cooperation, enhanced networks, and exchanges between higher education institutions and academic staff in Central Asian countries and Europe enhanced.
- A pool of appropriately skilled, open-minded and internationally experienced women/men is further developed.
- Human resources and international cooperation capacity of HEI in Central Asian Countries further developed.
- Access of students from vulnerable groups in Central Asian countries to higher education opportunities in Europe increased.
- An increased profile and visibility of EU higher education institutions in the Central Asia region.



Source: <u>http://eacea.ec.europa.eu</u>



#### TEMPUS IV 2012 FOR CENTRAL ASIA AND UZBEKISTAN

#### Donor: EU

**The EU contribution:** 15, 000,000 EUR of which 5, 000,000 earmarked for Uzbekistan

Total cost: 16, 611,200 EUR

Duration: 2012–2016

Website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index\_en.php

Status: ongoing

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Entity in charge: DEVCO H

Implementing institution: EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency)

Local institutions involved: higher education institutions

Location: Central Asia, Uzbekistan

#### **Objectives:**

The <u>overall objective</u> of the programme is to contribute to the modernisation of higher education in Central Asian partner countries and to promote the voluntary convergence with EU developments in higher education such as the Bologna process.

The <u>specific objective</u> of the programme is to contribute to improved quality, relevance, capacity and governance of higher education in Central Asian partner countries.

- Structured cooperation, enhanced networks, and exchanges between higher education institutions and academic staff in Central Asian countries and Europe enhanced.
- A pool of appropriately skilled, open-minded and internationally experienced women/men is further developed.
- Human resources and international cooperation capacity of HEI in Central Asian Countries further developed.
- Access of students from vulnerable groups in Central Asian countries to higher education opportunities in Europe increased.
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#### **EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION (ETF)**

Funded by: EU

Annual budget: approx. 18, 000,000 EUR

**Operational since:** 1994

Website: www.etf.europa.eu

**About the ETF:** The ETF is a decentralised <u>agency of the EU focused</u> on reform of <u>vocational education and training</u> <u>systems</u> in neighbouring EU countries based in Torino.

Location: Central Asia; countries aspiring to become EU Member States; regions covered by ENPI

Local institutions involved: policymakers, practitioners, donors and social partners

**International partners:** European bodies such as EBRD, EIB or EU member states' bilateral donor organisations; international organisations such as the World Band, OECD, ILO or UNESCO

#### **Objectives:**

The ETF's work is designed to maximise investment in education and training in partner countries, in line with the EU's external relations policies. By supporting human capital development, the ETF contributes to social and economic development, and long-term stability in EU neighbouring countries.

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#### **CBRN CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE**

The EU contribution:



Website: <u>http://www.cbrn-coe.eu/</u>

Status: ongoing

Source: http://www.cbrn-coe.eu/CBRN.aspx

Entity in charge: DEVCO

Implementation: DEVCO, EEAS, UNICRI, Joint Research Centre

Location: Central Asia is one of the target regions (has its own regional secretariat)

#### **Objectives:**

Specific objectives:

- Identification, coordination and strengthening of CBRN risk mitigation capacities at international, regional and local levels.
- Assessment and prioritisation of CBRN-related issues.
- Allocation and optimisation of CBRN responses in terms of expertise, training, technical support or equipment.
- Development if guidelines and best practices.
- Implementation of regional projects in close coordination with other international initiatives.



#### THE EU WATER INITIATIVE IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA (EUWI EECCA)

The EU contribution: EUR 3,200,000 Total cost: EUR 4,000,000

Duration: 2012-2016

Website:

http://www.euwi.net/; http://www.euwi.net/wg/eecca UNECE website on EUWI; OECD website on EUWI

Status: ongoing

Entity in charge: DEVCO F

Location: Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)

#### **Objectives:**

Objectives of the EUWI in the EECCA region:

- Promoting policy reform in the water sector and improving its institutional and regulatory framework
- Ensuring financial viability of utilities
- Identifying and promoting investment in water supply, sanitation and rehabilitation
- Establishing and implementing national policies for IWRM
- Developing the inter-state cooperative structures for trans-boundary river/lake basin management
- Ensuring access of the poor to water services as a basic human right
- Safeguarding public health
- Protecting the environment

National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) are the main operational instrument of the EUWI. Policy dialogues are based on consultations with relevant ministries, agencies and institutions (including science and academia), non-governmental organizations, parliamentary bodies and other national and international organizations.

NPDs support water sector reform mainly by assisting Governments in:

- Developing and implementing water strategies and legislation based on IWRM principles;
- Strengthening intersectoral cooperation to improve water and health and implement the UNECE/WHO Protocol on Water and Health, in particular by setting and implementing targets on the whole water cycle and on the water and health nexus;
- Developing national policies for the management of transboundary waters in accordance with the Water Convention and other international environmental instruments.

In addition to their original function of supporting the development of policies on IWRM and WSS, in several countries the NPDs and their Steering Committees have become national coordination mechanisms for water-related projects.