



Integrated Border Management

An Eastern partnership Flagship initiative

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Rationale

- *Integrated border management (IBM) structures aligned to EU standards are necessary to facilitate mobility of persons.*
- *By effectively tackling customs fraud, trafficking and illegal migration progress can be made in key policy areas such as trade, customs and visas.*
- *Assistance for demarcation of internationally recognised borders could also be provided in the frame of this initiative'.*

Objectives

- *Improve security, reduce smuggling and human trafficking, and facilitate mobility of people across non-EU borders, particularly along the Pan-European Transport Corridors and TRACECA.*
- *Help partners develop IBM strategies, align border management rules and adopt best practices in line with EU standards.*
- *Enhance multilateral cooperation and networking among partners, candidate countries and EUMS.*



A Multi-lateral approach building on existing experiences

The initiative will:

- focus on the multi-lateral aspects of IBM and complement national level activities;
- build on the existing IBM initiative for Southern Caucasus.
- Establish a link for feedback and exchange of experiences with the Western Balkans and Central Asian regional IBM programmes.

Three main elements

- Exchanges of best practices.
- Training and capacity building.
- Pilot Projects along the Pan-European Transport Corridors and TRACECA.

Exchange of best practices

- A specific IBM panel created under the Platform to promote policy level exchanges and exchanges of best practices.
- Replication of successful activities (IBM in the Western Balkans, EUBAM).
- Exchange of information and coordination among the six Eastern partners drafting their IBM strategies and action plans.

Training and capacity building (Multi-lateral level)

- Training and capacity-building on dealing with against higher-risk threats (drugs trafficking, smuggling of excisable goods and counterfeited products, smuggling and trafficking of human beings).
- Introduction of compatible procedures and systems within national administrations and across borders.
- Facilitate cooperation on the ground and improve interoperability between border management bodies of the EU Member States and of the Eastern Partners

Pilot projects on Pan-European Transport Corridors and TRACECA

- Support trade facilitation for goods transport along the TRACECA corridor applying to all modes (e.g. implementation of the TRACECA VISA for international transport of goods).
- Assess equipment needs for border-crossing points, integrated IT border management systems;
- Provide border infrastructure and equipment as necessary for pilot projects located along the Pan-European Transport Corridors and TRACECA.
- *This may include border marking equipment provided that appropriate international border agreements are in place.*



Timing and budget

- Start: end 2009 /beginning of 2010 – launching event to be organised.
- Duration: to be determined
- Budget: from the Regional Programme East – to be determined.
- Open to co-financing from other donors.

Link with the work of the platform

- It is proposed that the Platform will establish a specific IBM panel.
- The panel will facilitate the exchange of best practices towards convergence with EU IBM standards.
- The panel will also ensure the consistency of IBM activities carried out by different parties (including under this initiative) in the Eastern partner countries.