

## **EU Strategy for Central Asia: Priorities for Tajikistan**

Tajikistan has expressed satisfaction with the level of co-operation with the EU to date, and confirmed at the last Joint Committee meeting held in Dushanbe in November 2008. The following areas continue to be identified as of particular interest: human rights (incl. the human rights dialogue), border management and combating drug-trafficking, promotion of renewable energy, environmental protection and water management, support to social sectors including health, social protection and education, as well as improvement of trade and investment cooperation (in particular EU assistance to Tajikistan in its WTO accession preparations), transport and energy development, support to de-mining of the Tajik-Uzbek border and elsewhere, and the promotion of the rule of law.

Tajikistan has emphasised that it is striving to implement economic reforms in order to help reduce poverty, and has expressed its appreciation for support from the EU in these areas.

The successful visit by President Rahmon to Brussels in February 2009 confirmed the positive state of relations between Tajikistan and the EU, and the mutual interest in broadening relations further. The entry into force of the PCA will permit a significant broadening and deepening of our relations (ratification by one Member State is still outstanding).

Given the current global economic and financial crisis, which also severely impacts Central Asia and has created new challenges for a sound macro-economic framework, indicates that progress on public finance management remains particularly important.

Continued challenges in respect of security of energy supplies continue to undermine the economic and social situation in the country. The EU will continue to provide advice and assistance where necessary.

In response to the global food crisis, and in particular the difficult economic situation of Tajikistan, the EU will provide additional assistance through the newly created Global Food Facility (GFF), with support to social safety nets and support to food security and agriculture development.

The scope for EU support measures should increase with the expansion of the EIB mandate to Central Asia. A framework agreement between the EIB and Tajikistan was signed during the recent visit by President Rahmon to Brussels which should facilitate an active role of the EIB in the country.

Relations are strengthening with increased interaction, including enhanced political dialogue and the important role played by EUSR Morel, European Commission Delegations and EU Member State Embassies. The Ministerial Security Forum held in Paris in September 2008 has given impetus to cooperation on security-related issues, as reflected in the first-ever joint EU-Central Asia declaration agreed on this occasion.

## **Human rights, rule of law, good governance and democratization**

A first structured EU-Tajikistan human rights dialogue meeting took place in October 2008 in Dushanbe allowing for an exchange of views on a number of human rights issues. A complementary civil society seminar will be organised in May 2009. It has been agreed that the next human rights dialogue meeting will take place in October 2009 under Swedish Presidency.

The EU will support Tajikistan in ensuring full alignment with all OSCE norms. There is a need to enhance the rule of law and improve the functioning of the legal system. Good governance is a focal area for EC assistance which will require continuing policy reform commitments linked to a policy dialogue.

Co-operation will intensify further in the context of the Rule of Law Initiative, launched at the EU-Central Asia Ministerial conference in Brussels 27-28 November 2008. Follow-up events include EU-Central Asia regional seminars on judicial training and on penal law, to be held in Bishkek and Tashkent, respectively, in the course of 2009. In addition, a new project being implemented in the context of the Rule of Law Initiative will support judicial reforms and the role of the Venice Commission in this area (co-financed by the European Commission under EIDHR).

### Main cooperation activities in this area

#### EC

- European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights programme, 900.000 Euros. (EC, bilateral)
- Implementation of the Non-state Actors programme to co-finance initiatives proposed/carried out by civil society organisations and local authorities in the area of development and capacity building in the policy making process, 2007-2008: 1,5 M € (EC, bilateral)
- EC Venice Commission /German Joint regional programme on the rule of law 1M€(EIDHR, regional)
- EC regional programme on journalism training, 1.25M€(EIDHR, regional, 1.25M€)
- EC ODIHR/OSCE Joint Programmes for Central Asia: promoting legislation reform and criminal justice in CA; freedom of assembly/human rights for women and counter terrorism activities, (EC, regional, 1M€)

#### Member States

- Judicial and legal reforms (Germany - regional, Netherlands - bilateral)
- Support to civil society and human rights and governance (Sweden - bilateral, Austria - bilateral)
- Public Advocacy Centre, training of lawyers, (NL, bilateral)
- OSCE Media Freedom (Ireland, regional)
- OSCE/ODIHR Fair Trials (Ireland, regional)
- Central Asian News Service, Media and Human Rights (Netherlands, regional)
- Local self governance 1,5 M€(Sweden)
- Support for the independent media including training for TV journalists and the provision of broadcast equipment (UK, bilateral).
- British NGO Children's Legal Centre to run human rights workshops for vocational schools.

## **Investing in the future: youth and education**

Education remains a key priority for Tajikistan. Co-operation is intensifying through the Education Initiative, participation in the TEMPUS programme for higher education, modernisation and related meetings, including regular Ministerial meetings, and in all education possibilities offered by the new Erasmus Mundus/Action 2 programme (mobility programme for students and scholars).

Information activities about EU higher education cooperation programmes and study opportunities have been strengthened, including through the organisation of information days by the Commission's DG Education and Culture in March 2009 in Dushanbe, as well as the forthcoming publication of a compendium on study opportunities in the EU for students from Central Asia.

The Ministry of Education has instructed all universities to start introducing the main tools promoted by the Bologna Process, in particular the use of the European credit transfer system. Since the Tajik University of Commerce was one of the first successful universities to introduce it in the context of a Tempus project, it is now being used as an example and a pilot for all Tajik universities.

Tajikistan is invited to participate in the next meetings on EU-Central Asia education cooperation to be held on 11 June and November in Brussels.

Further to the launch of the Central Asia Research and Education Network (CAREN) programme at the first Executive Committee on 12-14 February, the first steering committee meeting involving Central Asia government officials will be held on 30 June-2 July in Almaty.

The European Training Foundation (ETF) has an important role to play in promoting vocational training activities and Tajikistan is invited to participate in ETF programmes.

### Main cooperation activities in this area

#### EC

- Poverty alleviation in Tajikistan through Education and Non-formal training " - 540.000 EUR (EC, bilateral)
- Support for Vocational Educational Training, (launch in February 2008) 0.9 M€ (EC, bilateral)
- Continued cooperation in higher education in the frame of the TEMPUS IV programme (building on ongoing TEMPUS III support of 3.3 M€), which will continue to provide grants for partnerships with EU higher education institutions (EC, regional/bilateral): 2007-2008: 10 €M
- Launching of Erasmus Mundus/ partnership exchange programme- a university scholarship programme for students and scholars. 2007-2008: 7 €M. In 2009, increased opportunities are foreseen for the participation of universities from Tajikistan (EC, regional/bilateral)
- Launching of detailed feasibility study for a CAREN ( Central Asia Research and Education network- e-silk highway) 2008: project expected in 2009: 5 €M (EC, regional/bilateral)
- Partnering for Education Reform in Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO), Tajikistan, 0.75 M€ (EC, bilateral).

- Medium term Expenditure Framework in social sectors including education (EC, bilateral)

### Member States

- Capacity Development and Investment in School Education; construction and rehabilitation of schools, regional capacity development programme, (Germany, bilateral)
- Capacity Development in Vocational Education Training (Germany, bilateral plus regional exchange and cooperation programme)
- Programme in Agro-economic Education including exchanges with Germany (Germany, regional)
- Lecturer Programme (Germany, bilateral)
- Scholarships schemes from EU MS (Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Romania, UK - bilateral)
- Support to OSCE Academy in Bishkek (Finland, Germany, Italy, Austria - regional)
- Youth education in the field of prevention of natural disasters (Poland, bilateral)

### **Promotion of economic development, trade and investment**

In relation to trade and investment issues Tajikistan has reaffirmed its interest in joining the WTO and the EU is ready to offer assistance in the accession process. Tajikistan has emphasised the importance of a further enhancement of EU-Tajikistan bilateral trade, as well as of intra-regional trade in Central Asia. Tajikistan is aware of the opportunities offered by the EU Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) and will deploy efforts to make a significantly better use of them in order to increase and diversify its exports to the EU. Tajikistan acknowledges the need to further intensify its efforts in order to improve its trade and investment regulatory framework, and attract more investment into its economy.

The existing focus of EC assistance towards poverty alleviation projects is still considered an important contribution to the economic development process, while reform progress on agriculture and land reform remain key elements for this to be successful.

The EU Central Asia Invest programme was launched recently, with four grant projects benefiting Tajikistan for a volume of around 2 M €. A meeting of Central Asia Invest stakeholders will be held in Bishkek on 28-29 April, where the second edition of the programme will be discussed.

Private sector development remains a focal sector of EC bilateral assistance.

### Main cooperation activities in this area

#### EC

- During the Joint Committee in November 2008 it was confirmed that EU-Tajikistan bilateral trade remains very low and non-diversified, particularly Tajik exports to EU. EC will co-operate with Tajikistan to improve the situation, including through its enhanced trade related technical assistance (EC, bilateral)
- The EC is ready to continue assisting Tajikistan in its WTO accession preparation (EC, bilateral)
- EC will assist Tajikistan in its work to strengthen its financial institutions and public finance governance, as well as to improve its investment legislation and its implementation in order to attract more FDI, and to support SMEs notably relating to the agricultural processing sector (EC, bilateral).

- Support to improvement of Public Financial Management (PFM), 900.000 € (EC, bilateral)
- Support to MTEF (Medium-Term Expenditure Framework) in social sectors (Health, Education and Social Protection), 2.8M€ (EC, bilateral)
- Support to macro-economic forecasting and modelling, 1.5 M€ (EC, bilateral)
- PFM - modernisation project (with the World Bank), 2 M€ (EC, bilateral)
- Support to Civil Service Reform Strategy, 1 M€ (EC, bilateral)
- Reform and modernisation of the Customs Service in Tajikistan, 1 M€ (EC, bilateral).
- Support to the creation of a one stop shop for FDI, 975.000 Euros (EC, bilateral).
- PRSP monitoring, 700.000 € (EC, bilateral).
- Support the National Coordination Unit and State Investment Committee (aid effectiveness) 500.000 €(EC, bilateral)
- Central Asia Invest (1<sup>st</sup> edition), to promote economic development of the private sector and SME's in CA countries, 5.0M€ (EC, regional); recently a new Call for proposals for CA Invest II has been launched, 4.0 M€(EC, regional); concept notes are to be submitted by 12 March 2010
- Support to land mapping capacities 1,96 MEURO, (EC, bilateral)
- EU contribution to EBRD Tajik Agricultural Finance Framework Phase II, 2010-2012, 5,2 M€ (EC, bilateral), improved access to adequate financial products of the Tajik Agro-sector and business development services
- Tajikistan Agribusiness Finance and Business Environment Project, 1,5 M€(EC, bilateral), improvement of business environment for the agriculture and agribusiness entities and improved access to agri-leasing

### Member States

- Sector Program in Sustainable Economic Development: Microfinance, Refinancing and Capacity Development, Support to Small and Medium Enterprises, VET (Germany – bilateral plus regional exchange of experience programme)
- Support to Regional Economic Integration, (Germany, regional)
- Credit Facility for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (Germany - bilateral)
- CIM (Centre for international Development and Migration) and DED (German Development Service) Expert Services (Germany, bilateral)
- Promoting Transparency and Accountability, 0,5 M€(Sweden)
- Seed development, Plant Genetic Resources and veterinary services (Sweden)
- Projects on land reform, land management and cadastre (Sweden)

### *Social sectors*

- Budget Support for Social Protection Support Programme (SPSP) to assist the government in improving the design, management, delivery and effectiveness of national policies in the Social Protection sector in line with national development strategy (NDS), and Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRSP). The programme also aims to strengthen public finance management in aforementioned sector on intervention. 23 M€ (EC, bilateral).
- Food Security Programme to improve food security in favour of the poorest and most vulnerable people and contribute to achieving the MDGs on poverty and hunger; social protection and SMEs in rural areas; 15.5 M€ (EC, regional)
- NGO local development schemes for poverty alleviation, 3 M€ (EC, bilateral).
- Support to the development of a Health Management Information System (HMIS), 1 M€ (EC, bilateral).

- Enhancement of living standards in Khatlon and Sughd regions, (Food Security Programme to improve food security in favour of the poorest and most vulnerable people and contribute to achieving the MDGs on poverty and hunger), 18 M€ (EC, bilateral).

### Member States

- Sector Program Health: Maternal and Child Health, Fight against Tuberculosis (Germany, bilateral plus regional exchange and cooperation programmes)
- HIV/AIDS (reduction activities), (UK, regional)
- Private sector and rural development, good governance and improving the performance of donors, including multilaterals; (UK DFID's annual support £4 M, increased to £7 M in 2010).
- Community and Basic Health Project (Sweden, co-financing with WB)
- Health Reform Strategy (Sweden, jointly with other DPs)
- Programme on child protection and social protection (Sweden)
- Long Term Health Policy Adviser (Sweden, financed through WHO)

### **Strengthening energy and transport links**

The improvement of energy development and transport links are important priorities for Tajikistan. Modernising the transport links with its neighbours is particularly necessary for trade encouragement. Particular emphasis should be pursued in energy sector reforms, notably conditions for hydropower energy development (in order to address repeated widespread chronic electricity shortages throughout the country during the winter months), as well as promotion of renewable energy, and advice on energy infrastructure development. Tajikistan is invited to actively participate in all events related to the 'Baku Initiative' on energy and transport. In this context, Tajikistan has confirmed its interest in cooperation in the related regional support programmes TRACECA (for transport) and INOGATE (for energy).

### Main cooperation activities in this area

Tajikistan is invited to actively participate in all events related to the 'Baku Initiative' on energy and transport, including follow-up meetings to the Baku Ministerial on transport held in December 2008. Tajikistan should strengthen safety oversight in the field of aviation.

### *Energy specific cooperation activities*

### EC

- Renewable energy in Zerafshan valley, thematic line, 750.000 € (EC, bilateral)
- Strengthening of the INOGATE Technical Secretariat (ITS) in support of the Baku Initiative, 3 M€ (EC, regional)
- Support to energy market integration and sustainable energy in NIS (SEMISE), incl. convergence of regulatory practices, investment facilitation, implementation of sustainable energy policies, 5.7 €M. (EC, regional)
- Enhancement of Environmental Protection Measures in Oil/Gas Industry of CA, 2.65M€service contract, 2.0 €M equipment supplies (EC, regional)
- Harmonisation of standards, rules and practices in the electricity sector in the NIS, 1.5 €M. (EC, regional)
- Central Asia Rapid Response expert facility for developing energy supplies and inter state transportation, 2,4 €M (EC, regional)
- Development of co-ordinated national energy policies in CA, 2M€(EC, regional)

- Capacity-Building for Energy Regulators in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 300.000 €(EC, regional)
- Energy Saving Initiative in the Building Sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ESIB), 5M€(EC, regional)
- Central Asia Regional Energy Programme, RAP 2009, 15 M€(EC, regional) (1. Sustainable Energy: Renewable Energy Sources & Energy Efficiency, 2. Energy Investment Preparation Facility)

### Member States

- Renewing of the 220kV-Switchyards of Nurek Hydropower Plant, 25M€ (Germany - bilateral)
- Credit Facility for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (Germany, bilateral)

### *Transport specific cooperation activities*

### EC

- Transport safety and security in civil aviation and land transport (support to safety control and certification authorities, improvement of safety and security standards and regulations), 6€M (EC, regional)
- Analysis and Forecasting of Traffic Flows for TRACECA countries and Interregional Transport Integration, 3.2M€ (EC, regional)
- International Logistical Centres/Nodes Network, 2.0M€ (EC, regional).
- Training in Civil Aviation administration, the personnel involved in the air transportation and operational air control, 4,5M€ (TRACECA - EC, regional)
- CA Links with Pan European Transport Corridors - Feasibility studies, 2.0M€ (EC, regional).

### Member States

- Renovation of Dushanbe's Airport, 20 M€(France - bilateral)

### **Environmental sustainability and water**

Tajikistan has emphasised that support to the environment is considered a priority, in particular the rational use of water management in the region, as well as environment/climate challenges.

Tajikistan is invited to continue participating actively in the EU-Central Asia Environmental Dialogue and its water working group. This includes involvement in the related regional co-operation initiatives which will address water, climate change or land /forest degradation issues. Twinning projects should be considered as an instrument to develop co-operation in this area.

At the request of Tajikistan the EC will in 2009 launch a National Policy Dialogue on Water in the framework of the EU Water Initiative Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EUWI EECCA). This dialogue process will support Tajikistan in establishing an improved framework for water policy related issues and co-ordinate the mobilisation of donor support.

### Main cooperation activities in this area

## EC

- Water governance in CA, 1,8 M €(EC, regional)
- Harmonization and Approximation of Water Standards and Norms in Central Asia, 200.000 €(EC, regional)
- Strengthening Public Participation and civil society support to implementation of Aarhus Convention, 1.5 M € (EC, regional).
- Support to Kyoto Protocol Implementation, 5.0M€ (EC, regional).
- Support to the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), 1.5 M € (EC, regional)
- Promoting IWRM and Strengthening Transboundary Dialogue in Central Asia. EC-UNDP (EC contribution: 1,5 M € Regional)
- Support to participation in the FLEG EECCA process (EC, regional)
- Integrated natural resource management, 650,000 €(EC, Tajikistan)
- Development of an Environmental Management Programme to Facilitate the sustainable Development of the Varzob Region, 61,000 €(EC, Tajikistan)
- Sustainable use and management of trans-boundary aquifers in CA (SUMTACA) (EC, max 2 M€ regional), (planned)
- Integrating aquifers into the conjunctive use (quantity / quality / sustainable management) of water resources in the Ferghana Valley for improved integrated water and Land resources management (EC, max 2 M € regional), (planned)
- Central Asia Regional Environment Programme 2009 – EURECA 2009: climate change, water management, monitoring the environment, environmental awareness raising, 9.5 M € (EC, regional)
- Dipecho 5 will finance projects in the field of disaster risk reduction (floods, earthquakes, landslides) in the 5 Central Asian countries for a total amount of 7 M € (EC, regional)

## Member States

- Capacity Development in the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, including soil, wildlife, biodiversity and water (Germany, regional)
- Natural Disasters Prevention (Germany - bilateral, Austria - bilateral)
- Dam Safety in Central Asia, (Finland, regional).
- Environment and security assessment, Amu-Darya river basin, (Finland, regional).
- Regional Water Management with three sub components: legal institutional questions (in cooperation with UNECE), small river basin cooperation, national fast track projects (as a complement to subcomponents 1 and 2), 10 M € (Germany - bilateral)
- Educational and Scientific Network, implemented by GFZ (Geo Science Center Potsdam). Cooperation and establishment of regional scientific and educational structures as entry point for common understanding and approach of regional water problems (Germany – bilateral).
- Reforestation (Germany, bilateral)
- Lecturer Programme (Germany, bilateral)
- Seminar on international water law for experts from the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan, (Austria/ OSCE)
- Irrigation project in Khatlon, 840,000 €(Italy, bilateral)

## *Nuclear safety*

The Commission is working with the IAEA (Vienna) on the remediation of the uranium production legacies in Central Asia. A framework document is being prepared jointly by the



Commission, UNDP and IAEA experts assessing the remediation needs of Uranium mines, tailings and mills in the Central Asian region, including the status of the legislation and regulations. This framework document will provide a comprehensive overview of the needs, prioritise actions, establish a roadmap and propose a series of fundable projects. The framework document will be made available to donor organisations prior to a donors' conference before the end of 2009.

## **Combating common threats and challenges**

Following their independence the five former Soviet Republics of Central Asia have been confronted with the problem of new borders, and the new responsibility for managing these borders. Effective border controls are especially important in the region for security reasons—particularly in light of increase in cross border crime and drug trafficking, arms trafficking, and trafficking in human beings. Migration issues are also of major importance for Tajikistan. Effective border management will also assist in promoting legitimate trade and transit.

Tajikistan has stressed the importance of a continued active presence of the EU in the region, and confirmed its commitment to and appreciation of the BOMCA/CADAP programmes. Tajikistan has committed itself to adopt and implement an Integrated Border Management Strategy. The EU stands ready to contribute to its implementation.

The Central Asia Border Security Initiative (CABSI) meeting on 23 September 2008 in Astana, and the Ministerial Conference "Border management and drug control in Central Asia", held on 21-22 October 2008 in Dushanbe have consolidated efforts to ensure closer coordination on the promotion of integrated border management practices and drug control issues.

The EU-Central Asia Drug Action Plan 2009-2013 outlines in detail the main objectives and priorities for cooperation in this area.

### Main cooperation activities in this area

Tajikistan official representatives are invited to continue their active participation in all Steering Committees, and other meetings related to the BOMCA/CADAP programmes.

### Planned assistance on Border Management in 2008

#### EC

- Construction or renovation of infrastructure of 3 border crossing points at Tajik-Afghan border.
- Renovation of the border guards training centre in Dushanbe.
- 2-month training course for border guards and DCA drug sniffing dogs and their handlers in Dushanbe.
- Regional 3-month dog training course at Almaty Dog Training Centre.
- Regional Train-the-Trainers' session Part I in Almaty.
- Regional Train-the-Trainers session Part II in Bishkek.
- Regional training on IBM in Almaty and Bishkek.
- Study Tour to FRONTEX in Poland for senior border Agency staff.

Additional upcoming events in 2009:

- Completion of construction of Drug Profiling Units in Nau, Khoshadi and Proletar.
- Air border training in Dushanbe.
- Cross-border training at Tajik-Kyrgyz Border.
- Upgrading/renovation of 3 border outposts (BO) on the Tajik-Afghan border in Gorno-Badakhshan including provision of equipment. The 3 proposed locations are: BO Khorogskaya (near Khorog), BO Shidz; and BO Pastkhuv.
- Regional training on IBM training methodologies in Dushanbe.
- 3-month dog handlers course in Tashkent.
- Regional training on IBM training manual in Almaty.
- Study tour to the border guards of Hungary.
- Study tour to EU external borders and FRONTEX.

### Member States

- Support to Borders Control programmes (UK within BOMCA)
- Within the framework of the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept, to which Tajikistan adhered in 2006, EU Member States have been providing substantial financial and logistical assistance to ongoing OSCE projects in Tajikistan, e.g. elaboration of a National Border Strategy (Finland) or setting up of Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe (GER with contributions of other EU Member States).

### Contributing to the reduction of drug supply

#### EC

- Delivery of drug identification and detection equipment to BCPs. (CADAP - EC, regional)
- Delivery of specialized lab equipment and reagents for laboratories, including training conducted on usage of new equipment. (CADAP - EC, regional)
- Tendering and contract for renovation and construction of 4 new DPU's (1 at airport and 3 at railway stations) in 1<sup>st</sup> till 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters 2008. (BOMCA and CADAP -EC, regional)
- Establishment of a network of police laboratories and facilities for tracing containers and forged documents, to help improve the fight against cross border organised crime. (Stability Instrument) with ECO Secretariat and CARRIC.
- Pamir Alai Transboundary Conservancy Area, 1,5 M€(EC, regional)

### Member States

- Support to the “Tajikistan Drug Control Agency” (Italy - bilateral)
- Provision of video-conferencing equipment for the regional offices of the Tajik Drugs Control Agency (UK, bilateral).

### Drug prevention

#### EC

- National training on core demand indicators conducted in Dushanbe where about 30 representatives from rayon/oblast level took part, 19-20 June 2008
- National seminar on core epidemiology indicators, on early warning system and drug crime indicator, 16-18 July 2008
- Drug prevention information campaign, autumn 2008 – spring 2009

- Construction of Rehabilitation Centre in pilot prison's hospital
- National training for prison staff on Atlantis drug treatment approach held in Dushanbe, 25-26 November 2008
- Adoption of Annual Report on Drug Situation

#### Additional thematic programmes in the area of JLS complementing BOMCA and CADAP:

Under the Instrument for Stability a new 9.5 M€ project was recently launched: "Fight Against Trafficking from/to Afghanistan". The project will be implemented by a consortium of EU Member States and with UNODC and Interpol as partners. The overall project objective is to reinforce trans-regional cooperation against organised crime within the Economic Cooperation Organisation area, through the reinforcement of the ECO/DCCU Secretariat, including the setting up of a network of forensics laboratories and support to border control.

The project complements the Central Asia-specific Interpol support project mentioned below, which *inter alia* will support the establishment of an Interpol office within CARICC premises as soon as the renovation of the new CARICC office in Almaty has been finalised.

#### *Interpol*

- Support to Interpol Offices in five CA countries, September 2008 – December 2010, 3.0M€ (EC, regional)

#### *Migration*

#### EC

- Central Asia labour migration programme, June 2007 – December 2009, 1.7 M€ (EC, regional)
- Cooperation in strengthening protection of rights of Tajik labour migrants, (EC, bilateral).

Projects under the Thematic Programme of Cooperation in the Areas of Migration and Asylum:

- Effective Governance of Labour Migration, November 2006-November 2009, 1.9 M € (EC, regional), Aeneas Programme
- Regulating Labour Migration as an Instrument of Development and Regional Cooperation, March 2008-March 2011, 0.96 M € (EC, regional), DCI-MIGR
- Central Asian Red Crescent Labour Migration Network, December 2008-December 2010, 0,6 M €(EC, regional), DCI-MIGR
- Adding Value to the Central Asian Migration: Awareness, Capacity Building and Networking for Maximising the impact of Migration on Growth and Development, January 2009-December 2010, 1.4 M €(EC, regional), DCI-MIGR

#### Member States

- Cooperation in the field of preventing corruption (organized by the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau in Latvia), (Latvia, bilateral/regional)
- Support to CARICC, 0.7 M€(Finland, regional)
- Combating human trafficking, (Netherlands, regional)
- Precursor Control Projects, (Italy, regional)
- Improving the living conditions of migrants' families and refugees (Finland, Ireland - bilateral)

- Destruction of small and medium-sized weapons in Tajikistan (Austria/OSCE)

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