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Central Asia: Border Management and Customs - BOMCA 9 Lessons Learned

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BOMCA 2003 – 2018 in CA

- **Institutional Reforms & Capacity Building**
- **Improvement of Border Management Systems**
- **Developing Trade Corridors**
- **Eliminating Drug Trafficking**

EU funds for BOMCA: EUR 40.8 million (including BOMCA 9)

Every new phase was designed to gradually continue the actions of BOMCA previous phase

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BOMCA 9 CONTRIBUTION 2015 - 2018

- **Strategic and institutional development**
- **Management of mixed migration flows**
- **<u>Trade facilitation regimes adoption</u>**

Budget: **EUR 4 954 785**
90,90% funded by **the EU**,
and 9,10% by
Latvia and **Lithuania**

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IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

- We experienced common history with Central Asia in the 20th Century, and were in more-less the same situation in XX-90s after U.S.S.R. collapsed
- We are mostly from law enforcement, and experts speak Russian

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COMPONENT 3: Expert's General Messages

- Provisions of Customs and other trade-related legislation are largely (i.e. about 70-80%) in line with the provisions of the WTO TFA
- Good progress in the area of establishment of national trade facilitation committees and making plans of measures necessary for full implementation of the WTO TFA
- High level of compatibility of national Customs legislation with the provisions of Revised Kioto Convention (RKC):
  – standard procedures of RKC are being implemented in Customs Administrations;
  - continuous development and improvement of Customs control techniques is visible. But there is still large space for enhancement.

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THESIS for Consideration

<u>THESIS No. 1</u>: All Central Asia countries are on the long way to implement API/PNR systems. The role of Customs and interconnectivity with Customs IT should be a part of API/PNR strategies

<u>THESIS No. 2</u>: The cross-border co-operation concept '*Need to know*' does not give tangible results anymore. The concept '*Responsibility to provide*' nowadays is reality of the 21st Century

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THESIS 1: API / PNR through WCO prism

WCO Coordinated Border Management Concept embraces also API/PNR instruments

Passenger Risk Indicators and Manual 2012

- A section of the WCO Customs Risk Management Compendium (Volume 2)
- Restricted to WCO Members
- Content in two parts:
  - Annex I: List of risk indicators for passengers
  - Annex II: A manual which provides general information, specifies the meaning of each risk indicator, and includes examples, pictures and case studies

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API / PNR, and expected challenges in CA

Airports & Locations

API/PNR

means

Advance Passenger Information/Passenger Name Record

- **Because of realities in border security in CA, highly possible that PNR is the first demand and not API**
- **Strategies and detailed assessment first !**
- **Interconnection to Customs IT will be a complex issue**

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World Best Practices: IBM Handbook for Central Asia

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Учебное пособие

Integrated Border Management Handbook for Central Asia

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THESIS 2: 'Need to Know' vs. 'Responsibility to Provide'

- ✓ **When addressing transnational threats, the cross-border co-operation concept '*Need to know*' does not give tangible results anymore. The concept '*Responsibility to provide*' nowadays is the reality of the 21st Century**

- ✓ **Co-operation in IBM: gradual movement of IBM actors from principle 'Need to know' (i.e. '*You don't tell = I do not care*') to the new principle 'Responsibility to Provide'**

- ✓ **This is NOT about exchange of information which contains state secrets. Especially, in the field of deterring the smuggling of dangerous goods**

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The beginning of good practices: IBM - Tajikistan, and IBM - Kyrgyzstan

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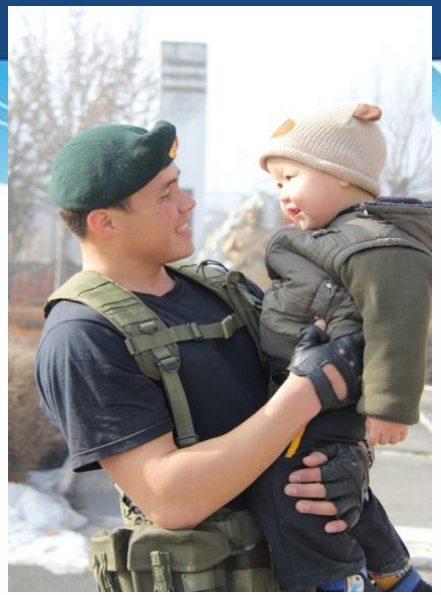

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