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Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings – A Trade and Transport Facilitation Perspective

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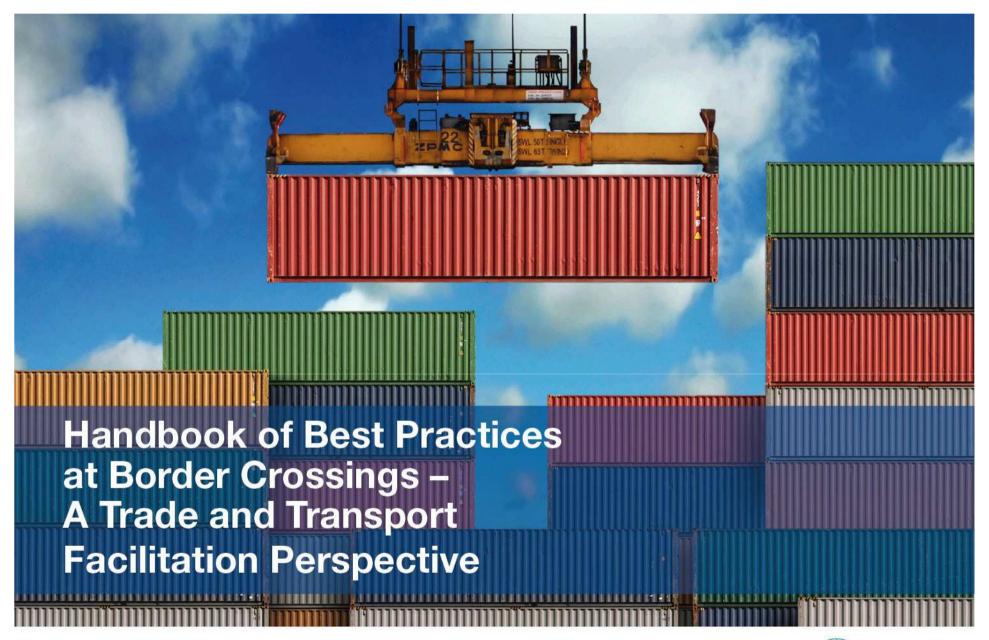
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OSCE rationale and scope of action

- Regional security organization (56 OSCE pS
- + 12 Partners for Co-operation)
- Political dialogue and practical work
- A network of 15 field operations









Inception of the idea: Kyiv Round Table





History and preparatory process

- Two sub-regional "stakeholders meetings" gathering customs and transport officials held in 2008 in Minsk and Bishkek
- Assessment visits to the Brest-Koroszczyn (BY-PL) and Ak-Jol/Korday (KAZ-KYR) border crossing points



Brest-Koroszczyn assessment visit





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Ak-Jol-Korday assessment visit





History and preparatory process

- In co-ordination with UNECE agreement was reached on the structure and substantial scope
- Teams of international experts were recruited
- Identification of best practices, policy analysis, research and drafting process started in the course of 2009



Important considerations

- Balance (security and facilitation; between concepts; geographical)
- Focussed (on trade and transport)
- Innovative (benchmarking)
- Challenges: diversity of the contents, vast amount of references



Outcome

- 9 chapters and 2 Annexes
- 265 pages in total
- More than 120 international best practice examples and case studies
- Original version in English, Russian translation under preparation



Content

- Chapter 1: "Trade and Customs: The International Legal Framework"
- Chapter 2: "From Domestic to International Cooperation"
- Chapter 3: "Balancing Security with Trade Facilitation and Developing Partnerships with Private Industry"



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- Chapter 4: "Processing of Freight: Policies for Control, Clearance and Transit"
- Chapter 5: "Risk Management and Selectivity"
- Chapter 6: "Options for the Design of Border Crossing Points"
- Chapter 7: "ICT and Non-Intrusive Inspection"



Content

- Chapter 8: "Human Resources Management"
- Chapter 9: "Measuring Border Agency Performance: Options for Benchmarking"
- Annex 1-2: Definitions and role of International Organisations/ International Financial Institutions



Road ahead

- High-level launch, awareness raising and promotional activities are foreseen for 2012
- A regional in-depth training seminar (technical level) at the OSCE Border
 Management Staff College in Dushanbe
- Side event at the International Transport
 Forum in Leipzig



Road ahead

- Upon request, national tailor-made seminars can be organized on specific aspects of the publication
- ExB follow-up project under preparation



Accessing the Handbook

- Access the OSCE or UNECE websites
- Contact OCEEA or the UNECE Transport
 Division to obtain hard copies or CD-ROMs
- Copies will be distributed through the 15 OSCE field operations



Thank you for your attention!

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