“OSCE-UNECE Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings: A trade and transport facilitation perspective”

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Outline of the presentation

- OSCE transport mandate and activities
- Handbook: history, purpose/scope, planned follow-up, outline of chapters
OSCE transport mandate


- Building partnerships between countries and relevant organizations
- Assisting Landlocked Developing Countries to address their unique transit transportation challenges
- Supporting relevant international legal instruments
- Promoting good governance and public private partnerships
- Dissemination and implementation of best practices and standards
- Providing political support to EATL, TEM-TER projects
Examples of OSCE involvement


- EATL, TEM & TER Meetings: Tashkent, Turkmenbashy (2010), Almaty (2011)

- Conference on Transit Transportation through Central Asia Dushanbe, October 2007

**OSCE/UNECE Handbook of Best Practices at Borders (under preparation)**
Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings

**GOAL:**

- To support OSCE countries in their efforts to make their border crossing practices more efficient, taking into account trade and transport facilitation as well as security aspects.

- To become a reference document for national policy makers and senior customs, border guard and transport officials when drafting and implementing their border and transit transport facilitation policies.
GOAL (more in particular):

- To support drafting of border management and transit policies
- Better balancing security with trade facilitation
- Highlight concrete and practical examples from across the region
- Foster further dialogue on these issues among OSCE participating States / UNECE members
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**RATIONALE & SCOPE:**

- Main focus will be on *policy processes* preceding the occurrence of a ‘best practice’ at the border

- **EU-CIS as well as intra-CIS borders:** Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia but also beyond

- Focus on *inland border crossings* (road and railways) as well *sea ports*
PREPARATIONS:

- Inception, project idea September 2008, consolidation of OSCE efforts in the field of transport, border crossing facilitation

- Two sub-regional “stakeholders meetings” involving the Customs/Border Guard and transport authorities were held in October 2008 in Minsk and Bishkek

- Border assessment visits were held: Brest-Koroszczyn and Ak-Jol/Korday borders
Brest-Koroszczyn assessment visit
Brest-Koroszcyn cargo border crossing
Ak-Jol-Korday border crossing
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PREPARATIONS:

- In co-ordination with UNECE agreement was reached on the Table of Contents/substantial scope
- A team of international experts was recruited
- Identification of best practices, policy analysis, research and drafting process started in the course of 2009. Currently in the final stage: lay-out, design, printing, translation into Russian
ROAD AHEAD:

- High-level launch, awareness raising and promotional activities are foreseen in the autumn/winter of 2011
- A regional in-depth training seminar (technical level) is foreseen at the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe
- Upon request, national tailor-made seminars can be organized on specific aspects of the publication
**Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings**

**Table of Content:**

- **Chapter 1:** “Trade and Customs International Legal Framework”
- **Chapter 2:** “Domestic Co-ordination to International Co-operation”
- **Chapter 3:** “Striking a balance between security and trade facilitation, private industry partnerships”
- **Chapter 4:** “Processing of freight: control, clearance and transit policies”
Table of Content:

- **Chapter 5**: Risk Management and Selectivity
- **Chapter 6**: Border Crossing Point Design Options
- **Chapter 7**: Information technology and equipment
- **Chapter 8**: Human Resources Management
- **Chapter 9**: Public financial management
- **Chapter 10**: Performance indicators and benchmarking
- **Annex 1-2**: Definitions and role of IOs/IFIs
osce.org/eea - a great resource
Thank you for your attention!

Questions, suggestions, feed-back?

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