

## **OSCE-UNECE**

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

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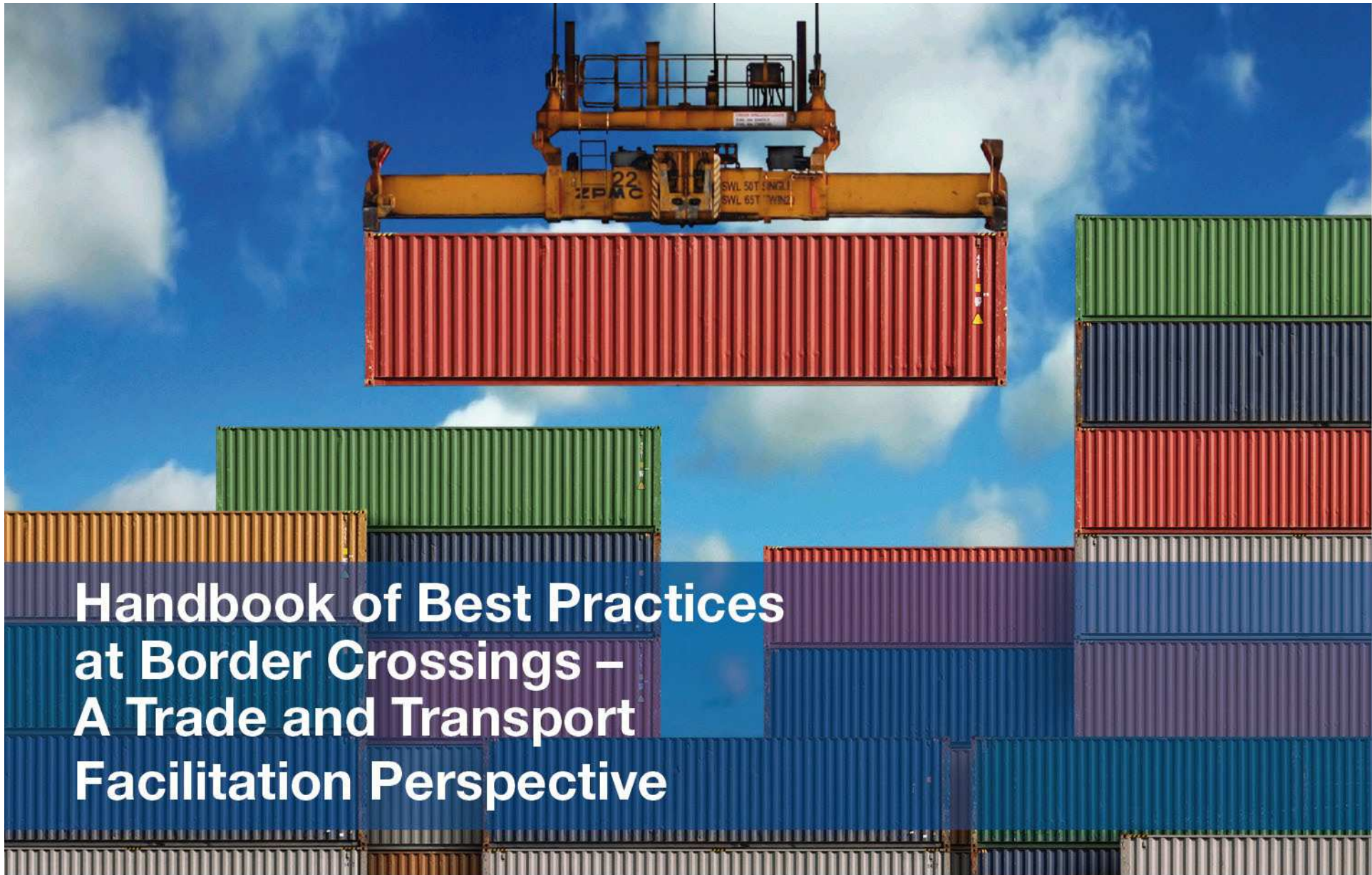
# OSCE rationale and scope of action

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



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# Inception of the idea: Kyiv Round Table

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## History and preparatory process

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- 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







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- 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

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



# Outcome

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- **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

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- **Chapter 1:** “Trade and Customs: The International Legal Framework”
- **Chapter 2:** “From Domestic to International Co-operation”
- **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”



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- **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

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- **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

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





## Accessing the Handbook

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- 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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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the OSCE Secretariat - Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.osce.org/eea/>. The website header includes the OSCE logo, navigation links (Home, Resources, Press centre, Contacts, Sitemap), and an advanced search bar. The main content area features a left-hand navigation menu with categories like 'Homepage', 'About', 'Activities', and 'Press releases'. The 'About' section contains text about the OSCE's approach to security and environmental matters. The 'Press releases' section highlights a seminar on challenges faced by female migrant workers in Astana, featuring a photo of participants. A 'Features' section lists several publications, including 'Aarhus Centres Guidelines' and 'Activity report of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, June 2008 - May 2009'. A photo of Goran Svilanovic speaking at a conference is also visible. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Done', 'Start', and the time '17:53'.