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

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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
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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 Co-operation”
- **Chapter 3**: “Balancing Security with Trade Facilitation and Developing Partnerships with Private Industry”
Content

- **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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