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## BORDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN CENTRAL ASIA - PHASE 9 (BOMCA 9)

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<b>Overall objective</b>	To increase effectiveness and efficiency of border management in Central Asia by introducing advanced elements of the Integrated Border Management (IBM), assisting governments in developing and reforming their migration governance, mobility, and trade facilitation policies, strengthening capacities of Border and Migration Agencies, thus contributing to the security and economic development at national and regional level
<b>Specific objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To sustain institutional development in the transition to more effective and efficient methods of border management, replicating best practices of the IBM paradigm</li> <li>✓ To develop legal and procedural instruments, as well as advanced practices to manage regular and irregular migration at borders, in compliance with international norms and standards</li> <li>✓ To introduce measures to increase the efficiency of border checks and procedures facilitating licit trade and transit of goods, and countering various forms of smuggling</li> </ul>
<b>Coverage</b>	Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	National border management authorities
<b>Implementing Consortium</b>	Consortium of the EU Partners: <b>State Border Guard of Latvia</b> (Project Leader), Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania, Riga Technical University, Food and Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia, State Revenue Service of the Republic of Latvia, and ICMPD. Associate partners: Immigration and Border Service of Portugal, Ministry of Interior of Hungary.
<b>Duration</b>	15 June 2015 – 14 December 2019
<b>Budget</b>	EUR 6 606 380

### Major accomplishments as of August 2019:

BOMCA-9 has covered a comprehensive set of aspects of the IBM-oriented border management. In total **205 activities** were implemented by the end of August 2019 in Central Asia countries with the engagement of **over 3 000 state officials** of beneficiary agencies and provided **equipment to 4 CA countries for over 330 000 EUR**.

1. Resumed functioning of the **Regional Platform of CA Border Guards and Customs Training Centres** with which the countries can sustain durable educational cooperation and advance their training processes with modern educational approaches. Building upon the training needs and best practices, the **exchanges of trainers and trainees** were organised among CA Training Institutions (radiation control & dual-used goods, X-ray scanning, profiling at BCPs, K-9 management service, customs risk management, etc.)
2. Promoted introduction of **IBM elements into the curriculum** of CA Border Guards and Customs higher education and training institutions, and standardization of study programs with professional frameworks of FRONTEX, EC DG TAXUD, and WCO PICARD. Helped Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan higher education institutions preparing Customs specialists with evaluation and improving study programs against the WCO criteria. The Al-Farabi Kazakh National University became the first university in CA which received the **WCO Certificate of Recognition** attesting that its academic program complies with international standards for the Customs profession.
3. Launched the **Distance Learning system** for BG training institutions in **Kyrgyzstan** (Osh & Bishkek) and operationalized the Distance Learning system for CU higher military institute in **Uzbekistan**, enabling the application of modern technologies into educational processes (e-lectures and webinar sessions) and networking with the national and also the EU MS counterpart institutions.
4. Enhanced the **administrative management pillar** of border management agencies through the trainings and on-the-job practices on management of human resources, financial planning and control in compliance with international standards and EU best practices.

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5. Assisted in the mid-term review and further upgrade of the **National IBM Strategies and their Action Plans for the period of 2012-2022 in Kyrgyzstan and the period of 2010-2025 in Tajikistan**, generating recommendations to the priority areas of the IBM Action Plans in each of the countries. Additionally, a situational analysis report of the training system in Border Agencies of Tajikistan was elaborated that provides a baseline of current capacity, and gaps therein, along with key recommendations, contributing to the implementation of Section 16 of National IBM Strategy / Action Plan.
6. Helped CA border management agencies to strengthen the principles of **law-enforcement ethics and professional standards** by targeted trainings covering work relations and environment, intra-service and inter-agency cooperation, anti-corruption measures. Assisted Kyrgyzstan with the updates of the Action Plans on the **eradication of systemic corruption** in three border management agencies (State Border Service, State Customs Service and State Inspection on Veterinary & Phytosanitary Security) that were further endorsed by the Government and transferred for implementation.
7. Supported CA state officials to attend **high-level dialogues** in the frame of Central Asia Border Security Initiative (CABSI), Conference of Regional Cooperation on Border Security in CA (Issyk-Kul Initiative) International Border Police Conference (IBPC) and Almaty/ Budapest/ Prague Processes, as well as **study visits** to EU MS' professional agencies.
8. Assisted CA Border Guard Agencies in establishing/strengthening **identification and profiling mechanisms** and developing Methodology for identification of Foreign Terrorist Fighters at BCPs.
9. Developed recommendations to legal and instrumental procedures governing the **inter-agency and intra-service cooperation and information exchange**, strengthened capacities of management, frontline and patrolling staff on border checks, document security, "green" border surveillance techniques, investigative procedures, reporting and referral mechanisms, public service standards, responses to emergency situations, training of service dog, management of mixed migration flows and policies on return of irregular migrants.
10. Undertaken assessment of existing legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of **migration management and combating irregular migration** for further improvement of a legislative framework.
11. Assisted CA Customs services in developing their **risk management systems** and investigation capacities, as well as new working tools for detection of goods smuggling and fraud, enhanced knowledge and skills in intellectual analysis for risk assessment, Customs cyber intelligence, criminal intelligence and encouraged for the integration of risk management into the process of Customs controls.
12. Assisted CA **Phyto-Sanitary-Veterinary services in developing risk analysis** of imported animals, food and plants as well as working procedures for risk assessment.
13. Helped CA Customs services with advancing their policies towards the **electronic E-Customs environment** for import, export and transit operations by elaborating tailor-made IT strategies and Road-map guidelines for converting paper-based procedures into paperless Customs environment.
14. Assisted with the improvement of practical skills of Customs and Law Enforcement units in the **prevention and detection of illegal trafficking** of goods and means of transport at the road and maritime border crossing points, control of dual-use goods, protection of endangered species of animals and plants (CITES), protection of intellectual property rights (IPR).
15. Helped CA Customs services to improve and align the national legislation with the **provisions of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Revised Kyoto Convention** by providing legal expertise and training on the measures to be implemented for the accession to and/or implementing the international treaties and conventions.
16. Contributed to promoting the awareness of the **EU Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP+) for Kyrgyzstan** and strengthening knowledge of the state agencies on GSP+ provisions/ requirements, and preparations for the introduction of the Registered Exporter System (REX) coming in force January 2019.
17. Supported the State Customs Committee in the **revision of the Customs Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan** for the simplification of customs procedures as per the norms of international conventions and agreements.

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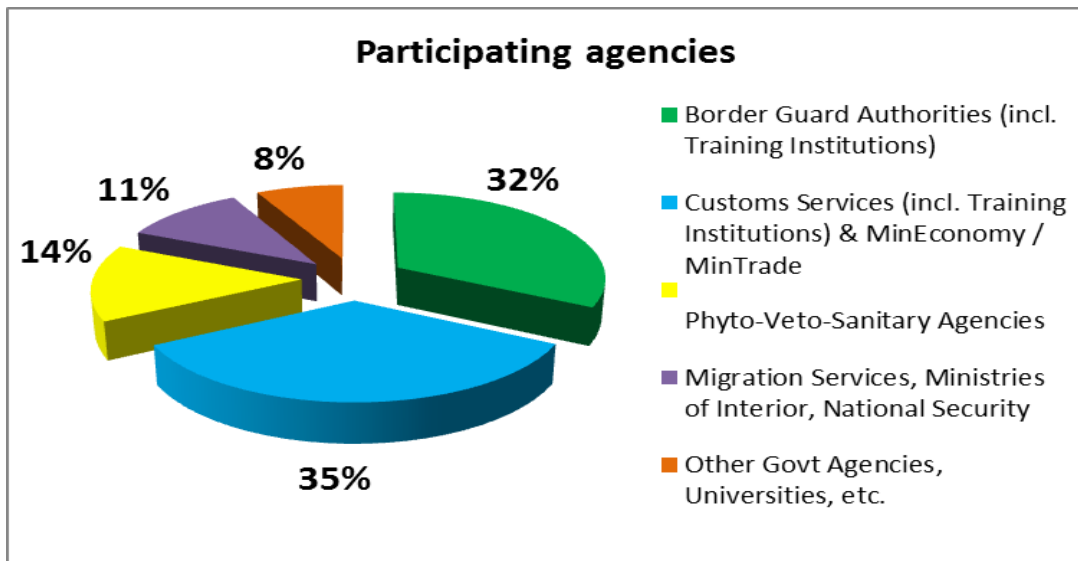
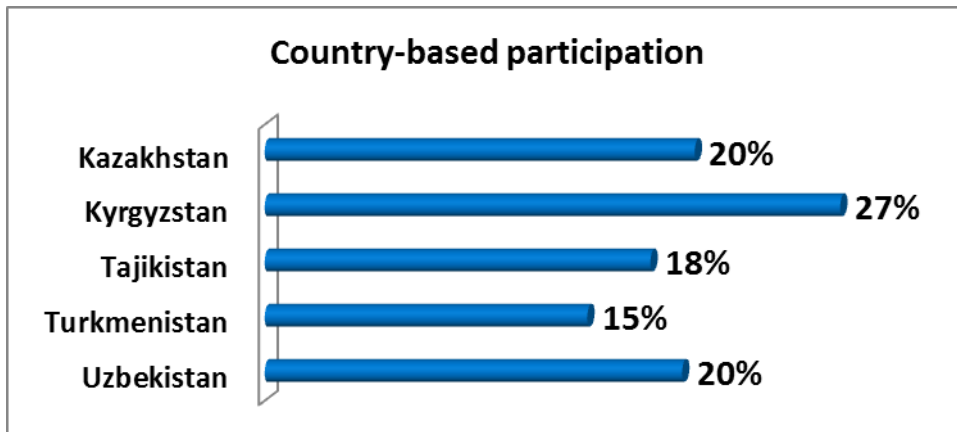
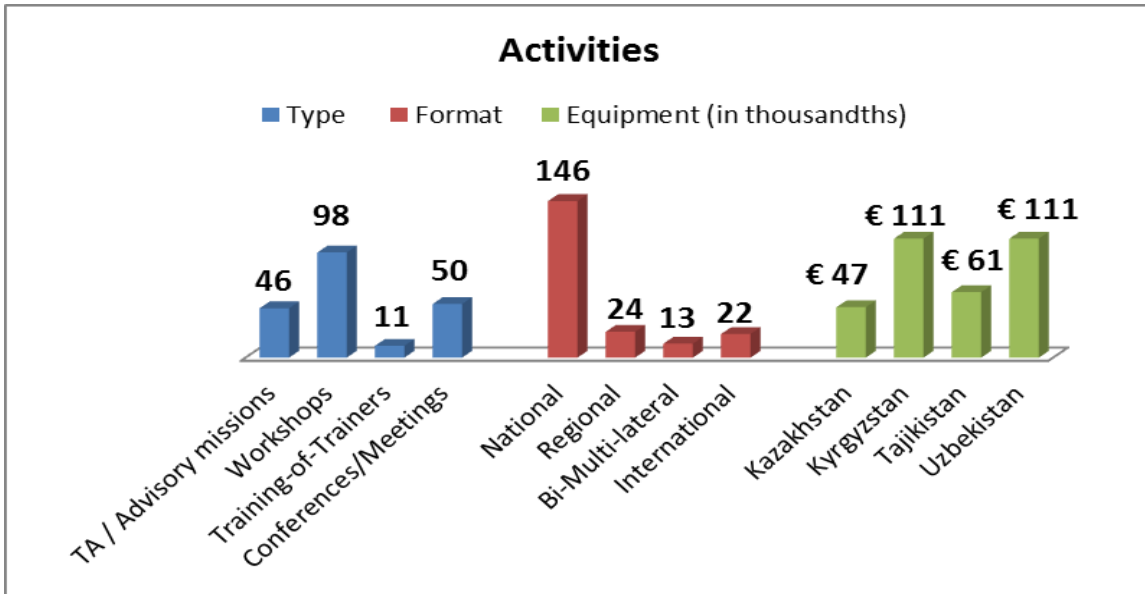


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