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Container Control Programme makes progress in Albania

Durres and Tirana, Albania: As part of the SPCP-sponsored Container Control Programme (CCP) the UNODC office in Tirana organised a one day awareness workshop on the maritime private sector in cooperation with the Customs Administration and the State Police Directorate of Albania. Customs and police authorities, members of the maritime community and the private sector discussed at length the need to identify and align data standards, business processes and resources. They further identified the need to create a common structure that would enable information sharing among the entities involved in maritime commerce. The workshop took place on 4 March 2014.



Between 3-7 March 2014, UNODC and the World Customs Organisation (WCO) conducted a mentorship visit to the port of Durres, Albania. The purpose of the visit was to monitor and supervise the daily work of the Joint Port Control Unit established at Durres. The mentorship visit was made up of one indoor theoretical session and one outdoor

practical exercise. During the indoor session, the officers were able to profile containers and analyse manifest data, while during the outdoor session they examined containers previously identified on the basis of risk indicators.

IOM Working Group Meetings

Podgorica, Montenegro: In late January 2014, IOM Montenegro hosted a series of working group meetings under the auspices of the SPCP-funded project on joint border patrols. Three working groups were formed between 27-30 January 2014, each comprised of highly ranked border police officials from Albania, BiH, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. The groups will work separately on creating three interrelated documents, namely: a Regional Training Curriculum – to be used in training border officers on how to perform regional joint patrols; a Transnational Crime Manual – on the types and modus operandi of transnational crime to be used by border patrol officers in the field; and a Collection of Regulations - which will comprise all legislation pertaining to the performance of joint patrols in the project locations.

A subsequent three-day working group meeting was organised by the IOM in Podgorica between 19-21 March 2014. During the first two days the participants finalised consultations on the creation of the three project documents mentioned above. On the third day, the working group discussed the upcoming train-the-trainers meeting in April and planned for future training sessions for border security officials in the field.



PCC Secretariat looks ahead to 2014

Ljubljana, Slovenia: The 4th PCC SEE Implementation Programme Way Ahead Meeting took place on 13 and 14 February 2014 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange information regarding the future activities with the aim of avoiding overlapping and duplication of efforts, as well as to explore the possibilities for strengthening cooperation and finding mutual synergies in achieving common regional goals. The Trio PCC SEE Chairmanship, made up of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Hungary, presented their strategic and practical priorities covering the period 2014 – mid 2015, as well as the work programme for 2014. Representatives from international organisations, including the UNODC CCP team in Albania, and implementation partners were invited to present their complementary activities and projects, and to explore possibilities for cooperation with the aim of supporting the Contracting Parties in the full implementation of PCC SEE.

Sarajevo, BiH: The 11th meeting of the Expert Working Group took place on 5-7 March 2014, under the auspices of the current Bosnia and Herzegovina PCC SEE Chairmanship-in-Office and in co-organisation with the PCC SEE Secretariat. Participants reviewed the progress in the implementation of the PCC SEE since their last meeting in September 2013 and the implementation of activities foreseen by the SPCP 2012-2016 and EU Commission co-funded projects. They also discussed the progress in fulfilling the preconditions for personal data information exchange, on-going activities related to the EU Commission-financed project on "Developing E-Learning Modules on Cross-Border Police Cooperation Tools", developments in the Border Security Programme

and the survey that has been drafted on the state of play in the PCC SEE implementation process.

SEPCA Strategy Development and ILECU's Regional Training

Bucharest, Romania: The National Coordinators Meeting of the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA) took place in Bucharest on 25 – 27 February 2014. The main focus of the meeting, in which



Europol participated as well, was to develop a concept for the creation of a Management Information System for the Police Directors General of the member countries, as part of

a new communication and information system for SEPCA. A Memorandum of Understanding between the member countries was drafted, as a basis for the new organisational structure of the SEPCA network.

Moreover, .BK Austria in cooperation with the US Embassy in Zagreb and the Croatian Ministry of Interior organised two regional training modules on project management and controlling for police executives. The training sessions took place within the Security Academy of the Croatian police on 19 – 21 February 2014 and 10 – 14 March 2014, and involved 15 participants from Albania, Kosovo*, BiH, Montenegro, Macedonia and Serbia.

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Contemporary Challenges in Regional Police Cooperation

Opatija, Croatia: On 8 April 2014, a ministerial conference on the theme of Contemporary Challenges in Regional Police Cooperation will be organised. The ministerial conference aims to provide a platform to exchange views on current issues in the field of policing and regional police cooperation. In this context, the conference will present Switzerland's

commitment in the region to address these issues. The conference is planned within the framework of the Swiss Regional Police Cooperation Programme (SPCP 2012-16) and during the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship. The event will be organised back-to-back with the 11th PCC SEE Committee of Ministers Meeting held under the auspices of the Chairmanship of Bosnia and Herzegovina and with the 10th DCAF Annual Ministerial Review Conference on Border Security in Southeast Europe hosted by Croatia.