

Joint comprehensive approach in building co-operation between MARRI and SEPCA Member States' border police on international airport border crossing points

The new MARRI project titled "Joint comprehensive approach in building co-operation between MARRI and SEPCA Member States' border police on international airport border crossing points" started on 1 September 2011.

This Project was a follow up of the MARRI Project "Establishment of network for co-operation among border police on international airport border crossing points in MARRI Member States" implemented in the course of 2010, which resulted with completion of main Project outcome - Establishment of Permanent Regional Working Group/Network for Cooperation and information exchange consisted of commanders of the border police units from the main International airports border crossing points in MARRI Member States.

The Objective of the Project was to improve the capacities of MARRI and SEPCA Member States' national authorities responsible for border management in particular border police on international airport border crossing points to address issues of irregular migration and crime/terrorism on sustainable and permanent basis and to support joint comprehensive inter-regional approach in building cooperation in that respect.

Specific objectives of the Project were:

- To establish and maintain effective inter-regional co-operation and information exchange mechanisms among border police on international airport border crossing points in MARRI and SEPCA Member States;
- To improve capacities of border police on international airport border crossing points;
- To strengthen performances of Permanent Regional Working Group/Network for Cooperation;
- To increase efficiency in secure movement of persons and goods;
- To prevent/reduce crime/terrorism and irregular migration.

The main output of the Project was establishment of overall effective inter-regional Co-operation Network among border police on international airport border crossing points as well as establishment and setting to function of an enlarged permanent inter-regional Working Group which will be upgraded on executive/strategic level with participation of Heads of the Border Police Services and on operational level with participation of the commanders of the border police units on main international airport border crossing points from three SEPCA Member States (Bulgaria, Romania and Moldova).

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