

Facilitating trade and transport across the region: OSCE mandate and activities

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OSCE's mission statement

To work for **stability**, **prosperity** and **democracy** in 56 States through political dialogue about shared values and through practical work that makes a lasting difference.



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56 participating States...



...from Vancouver to Vladivostok

3 'dimensions' of security

Politico-military

Economic and environmental

Human



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OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension

Tools: OCEEA, Field Presences

Annual Economic and Environmental Forum

- 2006 - **Transport** development and security
- 2007 - Land degradation and water management
- 2008 - Maritime and inland waterways co-operation
- 2009 - Migration
- 2010 - **Transport** facilitation and security
- 2011 - Sustainable energy and **transport**
- 2012 – Good governance



OSCE Mandate in the area of transport

Ministerial Council Decision on Future Transport Dialogue in the OSCE (2006)

- **Building partnerships** between countries and relevant organizations
- Assisting **Landlocked Developing Countries** to address their unique transit transportation challenges
- Supporting relevant **international legal instruments**
- Promote **good governance** and **public private partnerships**
- **Dissemination and implementation of best practices** and **standards**
- Supporting ongoing **coordination mechanisms** such as the **EATL, TEM/TER**



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OSCE Mandate in the area of transport

Ministerial Council Decision on Strengthening Transport Dialogue in the OSCE (2011)

- **Share best practices**, particularly in the field of **border-crossing facilitation and sustainable transport**
- **Develop more effective national policies** for cleaner and more energy-efficient transportation
- Promote the **establishment of multimodal transport and logistics systems**, including further development of Euro-Asian transport links and corridors
- Identify and tackle **inland transport security challenges** across the OSCE area and improve the co-ordination and effectiveness of national and international efforts in addressing these challenges

Examples of OSCE involvement

Regional & national capacity-building/awareness raising activities on the UNECE Harmonization Convention, WCO/SAFE: Moscow, Belgrade (2006), Almaty, Tbilisi, Kyiv (2007), Astana, Balkanabat, Ashgabat, Tashkent (2009), Skopje (2011)

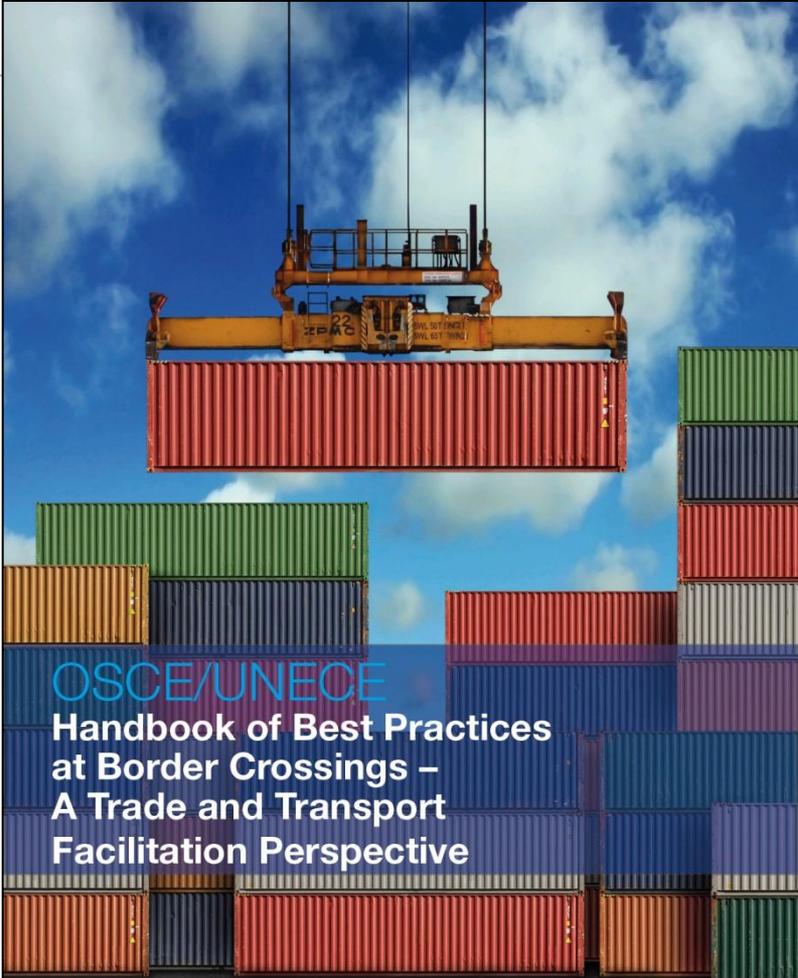
Conference on Transit Transportation through Central Asia
Dushanbe, (October 2007)

Supporting EATL, TEM & TER Meetings: Tashkent, Vienna, Turkmenbashy (2010), Almaty (2011)

Transport Security Roundtable (December 2011, Vienna)

**OSCE-UNECE Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings:
A trade and transport facilitation perspective**

Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings



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



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Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings



GOAL:

- To support OSCE countries in their efforts to make their border crossing practices more efficient, taking into account **trade and transport facilitation** as well as **security aspects**
- To become a **reference document** for national policy makers and **senior customs, border guard and transport officials** when drafting and implementing their border and transit transport facilitation policies

Handbook at Best Practices at Border Crossings



GOAL (more in particular):

- To support **drafting of border management and transit policies**
- Better **balancing security with trade facilitation**
- Highlight **concrete and practical examples** from across the region
- **Foster further dialogue** on these issues among OSCE participating States / UNECE members

Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings



PREPARATIONS:

- Inception, project idea September 2008, consolidation of OSCE efforts in the field of transport, border crossing facilitation
- Two sub-regional “**stakeholders meetings**” involving the Customs/Border Guard and transport authorities were held in October 2008 in Minsk and Bishkek
- Border assessment visits were held: Brest-Koroszcyn and Ak-Jol/Korday borders

Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings

Consist of **9 chapters** and 2 Annexes. Total - more than 250 pages. Contains over 100 international examples. English + Russian versions.



Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings

Table of 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”

Chapter 4: “Processing of Freight: Policies for Control, Clearance and Transit”



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Chapter 5: “Risk Management and Selectivity”

Chapter 6: “Options for the Design of Border Crossing Points”

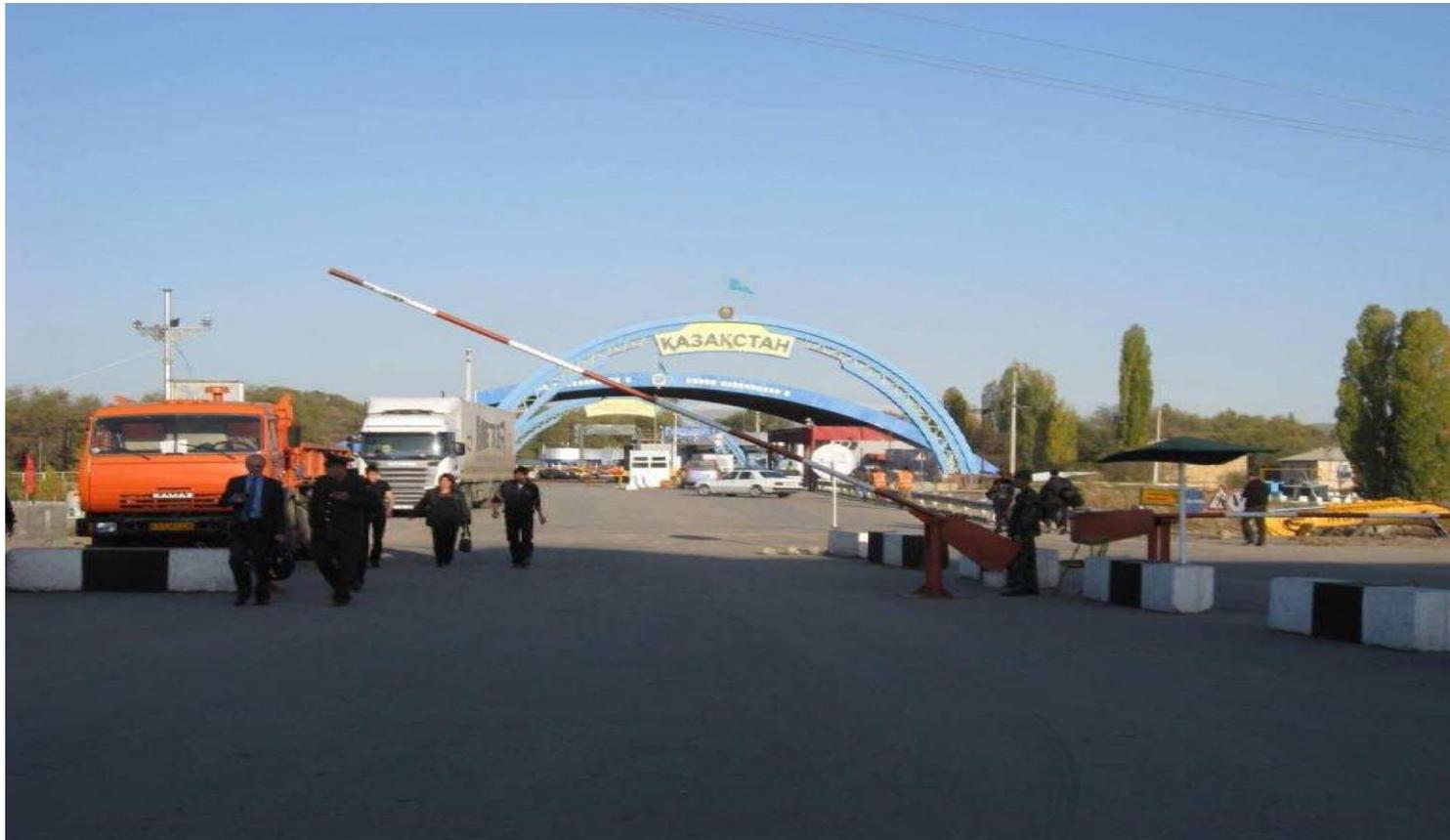
Chapter 7: “ICT and Non-Intrusive Inspection”

Chapter 8: “Human Resources Management”

Chapter 9: “Measuring Border Agency Performance: Options for Benchmarking”

Annex 1-2: Border definitions and role of IOs/IFIs

Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings



Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings

ROAD AHEAD:

High-level **launch, awareness raising** and promotional activities in first half of 2012

Regional **in-depth trainings** delivered, *inter alia*, jointly with the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe

Upon request, regional or national **tailor-made seminars** can be organized on specific aspects of the publication

Further on, training **manuals** could be envisaged

In conclusion

- **Political dialogue** and **regional co-operation** are areas where the OSCE can add value and play a catalytic role
- The OSCE is well placed to **raise awareness**, disseminate experiences and **build capacities** on issues that require **trans-national co-operation**
- The OSCE stands ready to continue its **co-operation with partners**
- **Transport and trade facilitation remains a priority**

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As part of its comprehensive approach to security, the OSCE is concerned with economic and environmental matters, recognizing that co-operation in these areas can contribute to peace, prosperity and stability.

Press releases

OSCE-supported seminar focuses on challenges faced by female migrant workers

ASTANA, 14 September 2010 - Raising awareness of the challenges faced by female migrant workers in the OSCE region and the need for more appropriate policy responses, is the focus of an OSCE-supported training seminar which started in Astana today...

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Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, speaks to the media at a conference on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Serbia, Kragujevac, 28 April 2010. (OSCE/Milan Obradovic)

PUBLICATION: Aarhus Centres Guidelines

PUBLICATION: Guide on Gender-Sensitive Labour Migration Policies

PUBLICATION: Gender and Labour Migration Trainer's Manual

PUBLICATION: Activity report of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, June 2008 - May 2009

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