

EUBAM Support to MDCS and UASCS in further enhancement of Trade Facilitation

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Background of the Mission



EUBAM is the world's flagship EU border assistance mission, and the only EU mission operational in a CIS country

- Established following a request made jointly by the Presidents of Moldova and Ukraine
- Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the EC, Ukraine and Moldova, constitutes legal basis
- Launched on 30 November 2005 with a two-year mandate
- That mandate has been extended three times (in 2007, 2009, 2011)

Specific objectives of EUBAM:

- To enhance border management;
- To make a positive contribution towards the settlement of the conflict in Transnistria;
- To build capacity to implement and apply EU and other international standards/best practices;
- To contribute to the prevention and fighting of trans-national organised and cross-border crime;
- To contribute to compliance and trade facilitation, the implementation of trade policy measures and the modernization of customs procedures;
- To support the anti-corruption efforts of partners, focusing on the implementation of EU principles of good governance.

Area of Responsibility of EUBAM

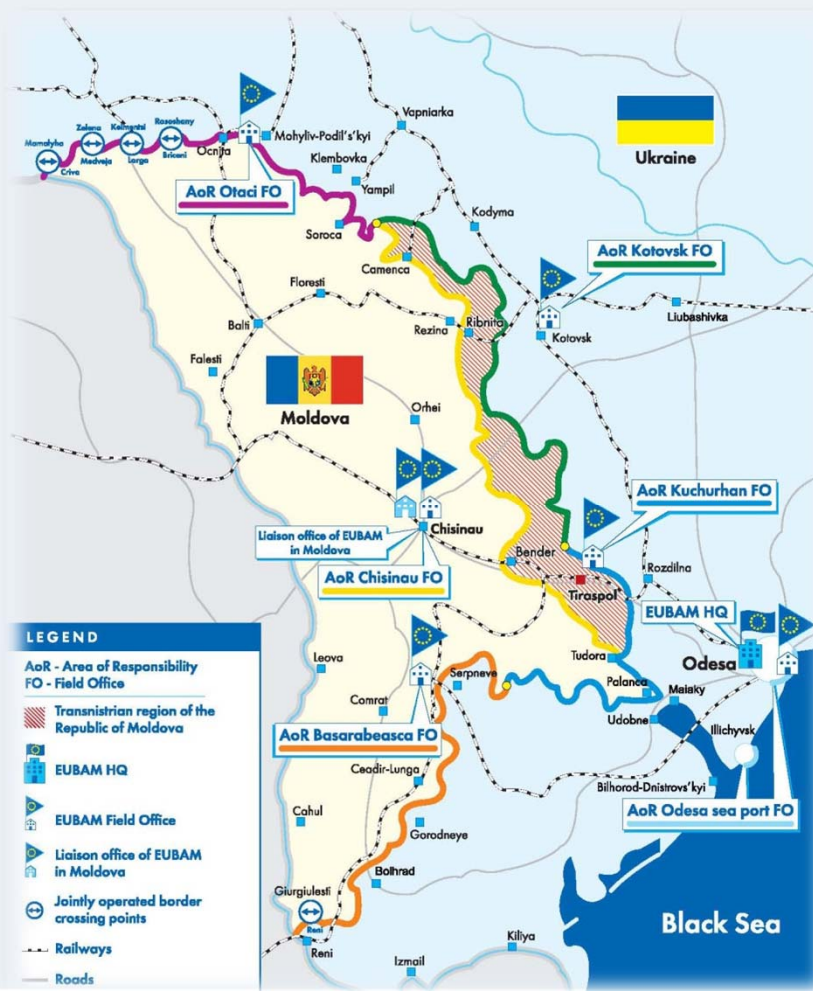
- ✓ **Headquarters in Odessa, Ukraine**
- ✓ **Liaison Office in Chisinau, Moldova**

□ **Field Offices in Ukraine:**

- ✓ **Odessa Ports**
- ✓ **Kuchurgan**
- ✓ **Kotovsk**

□ **Field Offices in Moldova:**

- ✓ **Chisinau**
- ✓ **Basarabeasca**
- ✓ **Otaci**



Representation and Partners

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- ✓ 126 national staff and 100 contracted and seconded internationals
- ✓ Funded by the European Commission and Member States through secondments
- ✓ UNDP is the implementing partner, providing administrative and logistical support
- ✓ Border Guard and Customs Services, and other law enforcement agencies, of MD and UA
- ✓ Civil Society partners
- ✓ National/international stakeholders

Some of the main outputs of the EUBAM:

- To provide advice to overcome identified legal gaps between the border-related legislation of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine and the EU acquis and to support the partner services in the development and introduction of national legislation.
- To continue assisting in the implementation of the Jointly Operated BCP pilot project 'Briceni-Rossoshany' and upon the joint request of the partners to replicate the Briceni-Rossoshany project at other BCPs.
- To assist both countries in implementation of the visa liberalisation action plans;
- Support to the border services in the context of EURO 2012.

Some of the main outputs of the EUBAM (2):

- To provide assistance regarding the demarcation of the border between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, with special attention paid to the central segment.
- To encourage and assist relevant stakeholders to agree on cooperation to fully resume rail traffic through the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.
- At the request of the EU Delegations and other relevant donors to provide advice and assistance in the identification of priorities and needs for the development and modernisation of border infrastructure, technical equipment, border-surveillance systems, and IT and communications systems.
- To continue assisting customs and border guards services to implement selective control based on risk analysis.

Some of the main outputs of the EUBAM (3):

- To deliver training through:
 - individual on-the-job training to practitioners
 - Train the trainers workshops;
 - Conferences and workshops on strategic issues;
 - Study trips to EU MS.
- To support the permanent Joint Working Groups on:
 - Illegal migration and trafficking in human beings;
 - trafficking in drugs and weapons, smuggling of goods and customs fraud;

Some of the main outputs of the EUBAM (4):

- To continue supporting the partner services in organising Joint Border Control Operations (JBCOs) and to take part in them.
- To provide advice to overcome identified legal gaps between the customs legislation of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine and the EU customs acquis and to support the partner services in the development of customs-related legislation.
- Assistance given to the partner services to develop trade facilitation through implementation of:
 - AEO concept;
 - Simplified procedures;
 - Single Window and One stop shop concepts.

Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General:

"Borders divide, Customs connects, and that is what Customs has been doing on the borders; Customs contributes to connecting its national economy with those of neighbouring countries and integrating its market into the global trading system while protecting the health and safety of consumers from illicit trade."



EUBAM assistance in further enhancement of Trade Facilitation :

- * Support to analysis of legislation and its compliance with the EU and WCO standards;
- * Delivering assistance in development of appropriate amendments in customs legislation for further enhancement of Trade Facilitation process and increasing efficiency of customs control;
- * Assistance in development of customs control procedures aimed at further extension of simplifications to be granted to compliant economic operators and at focusing on high risk economic operators;





EUBAM assistance in further enhancement of Trade Facilitation (2):

- * Joint Assistance Actions, e.g. on border control at the Border Crossing Points or on customs procedures at the Inland Customs Posts, performing an analysis of the current state of affairs and suggesting recommendations on enhancement of customs control and Trade Facilitation measures;
- * Panel on AEO concept introduction organized with the participation of representatives of the DG TAXUD and Ministry of Finance of Poland:
 - * discussion of the actual legislation and practice applied in Ukraine and in the Republic of Moldova;
 - * comparison with the WCO recommendations and EU legislation in this scope;
 - * adoption of recommendations and respective action plan on AEO concept introduction in both states and mutual recognition of their AEOs;





EUBAM assistance in further enhancement of Trade Facilitation (3):

- * Official letters sent to the Heads of Customs Services of Ukraine and Moldova with the detailed information on the seminar delivery;
- * Participation in the Working Group activities on the implementation of the pilot project “Single Window – Local Solution” in Ukraine;
- * Organization of the seminar “Implementation of the Single Window concept in the Republic of Moldova”;
- * Seminar on simplified customs procedures organized for the representatives of the State Customs Service of Ukraine;
- * Support to further enhancement of customs control based on risk analysis and post-clearance audit;





EUBAM assistance in further enhancement of Trade Facilitation (4):

- * Train the trainers events on trade facilitation and enhancement of customs control;
- * Individual on-the-job training (delivered by experts of EUBAM Field offices)
- * Study visits to EU Member States (e.g. to Holland, Poland);
- * Procurement and provision of equipment (servers, computers etc.) for both customs services.



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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