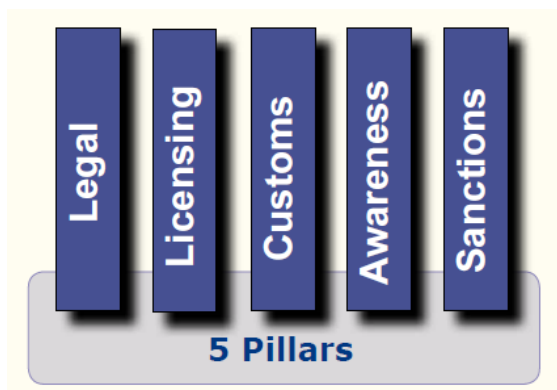


INTERIM RESULT OF THE LONG TERM PROJECT

We have assessed the work done in the first half of the Long Term Project (LTP), which began in March 2008. Only through an assessment, which is a quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the project work, the course for the future tasks can be set. The goal of the report is to identify the positive impact of the activities in the partner countries and to evaluate outstanding issues that still need to be addressed by future activities. This assessment is briefly recapitulated in the "Summary of the Interim Internal Assessment of the LTP", which is on our homepage www.eu-outreach.info.

We would like to inform you about the key concepts of the LTP implementation:

Scope and objectives of the project - The overall objectives of this project are to enhance the effectiveness of the export control systems in the partner countries, to harmonise these different systems, and to create sustainable long-term partnerships. The guiding principle behind is to identify the individual needs of each country and develop a programme adapted to these. The scope of the programme is divided into the following five pillars representing the different aspects of an effective export control system: Legal, Licensing, Customs, Awareness and Sanctions.



Strategies for design of activities - The project ensures sustainability:

” This means using strategies that provide the partner countries with the tools they need to independently carry on the work started under the assistance project, in conjunction with strategies that help diminish external factors that may negatively influence the long-term implementation of measures”



Tailor-made approach - One of the strengths of this project is the ability to tailor the assistance programme to the individual needs of the partner countries rather than offering a general solution. While the five pillars are meant to cover all aspects of export control the condition within a country might only require a part of the pillars to be implemented at a time.

Regional approach -The focus of the project is shifting from country-level assistance to a broader regional approach:

“This approach has a number of benefits. For one, it enables neighbouring countries to work cooperatively together, exchange information and implement similar and cohesive export control systems, thereby the effectiveness of the systems. It also encourages countries to mutually enhance and support local capacities in the region, while spurring them to jointly tighten their common borders.”

Risk and challenges – It is important to acknowledge and address the risk and challenges that are faced during the project and inevitably accompany a programme of this political and technical scope:

“To make these opportunities possible requires long-term cooperation encompassed in an ongoing intercultural dialogue based on trust.”

Concluding thoughts - The results of the cooperation work under the LTP as well as under previous programmes have been very positive so far, yet it is important not to become complacent as there is still much that needs to be accomplished. The process of establishing and/or developing an effective and efficient export control system is not a linear one, and therefore demands constant observation of movements and changes in the partner countries, as well as time and flexibility. For their part, the partner countries have also made clear that they expect long-term cooperation and the continuation of close working relationships with the EU.

We invite you to have a look at the “Summary of the Interim Internal Assessment of the LTP”, there you can also find a brief review of the cooperation work done with each partner country.



NEWS ON PARTNER COUNTRIES OF THE LONG TERM PROJECT (LTP)¹



Georgia: Comprehensive Export Control Act

In 2009 the draft version of a comprehensive Georgian export control act was presented to officials from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Economic Development, Customs and National Security Agency.

In 2010 the legal adoption will be faced. However, due to some changes in the export control staff within some ministries (among others the cut of personnel) this plan might be subject to review.



Morocco: Legal, Licensing and Industry Outreach Seminar

From 3 – 5 March 2010 EU - experts meet the Moroccan legal experts team in Rabat in order to concretise the Moroccan law on export control and to support the ongoing legal process. Simultaneously, agreement has been reached concerning the Industry Outreach seminars all over the country: the first activities will be held in Casablanca, Tangier and Agadir.



Tunisia: Fact-finding Missions

In April 2010 meetings with Tunisian colleagues for fact-finding missions are scheduled in Berlin and in Tunis.

¹ Please note that the future activities with the partner countries mentioned in the newsletter are always mere plans, they are subject to consent of the partner countries and the European Commission.





Ukraine: Series of Customs Seminars

From 17 – 19 February 2010 a working meeting took place in Germany, where the further project activities were discussed with the Ukrainian project partners. You will find the working plan in the updated activities calendar attached to this newsletter. The focus is the adoption of a single dual-use control list, drafted after the Annex I of the EU Dual-Use Regulation 428/2009. To this end, the activities that started in 2008 will be completed.



Activities Calendar 2010

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact point details</u>
January	Moldova – Study Visit on ICP 11 - 15	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250



<u>February</u>		
	Ukraine – Working meeting in Germany 17 - 19	Mr. Werner Schäfer Werner.Schaefer@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-822
<u>March</u>		
	Morocco – Legal, licensing and industry outreach seminars in Rabat 3 - 5	Ms. Claudia Topp Claudia.Topp@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-393
	BiH – Interagency seminar, Sarajevo 8 - 10	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	Ukraine – Customs seminar, Lviv 30 - 31	Mr. Werner Schäfer Werner.Schaefer@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-822
<u>April</u>		
	Morocco – Legal, licensing and industry outreach seminar in Casablanca 6 - 9	Ms. Claudia Topp Claudia.Topp@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-393
	Tunisia – Fact finding mission in Berlin 14 - 15 Tunisia – Fact finding mission in Tunis 20 - 22	Ms. Claudia Topp Claudia.Topp@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-393
	FYR of Macedonia – Customs seminar in co-operation with Dutch customs (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	Serbia – Customs seminar: Company audits (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	China: Experts Meeting (tbc)	Mr. Kai Kießler Kai.Kiessler@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-270



May		
	Legal, licensing and industry outreach seminar in Tangier 3	Ms. Claudia Topp Claudia.Topp@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-393
	Ukraine – Customs seminar, commodity identification in Odessa (tbc) 18 - 20	Mr. Werner Schäfer Werner.Schaefer@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-822
	Albania – Strengthening dual-use export controls – role of customs (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	Montenegro – Strengthening dual-use export controls – role of customs (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	UAE – Customs seminar, interdictions and risk management in Dubai (tbc)	Mr. Holger Beutel Holger.Beutel@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-712
June		
	Ukraine – Export control conference in cooperation with EXBS (USA), Kiev (tbc) 8 - 9	Mr. Werner Schäfer Werner.Schaefer@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-822
	Moldova – Customs seminar, customs clearance process in Chisinau (tbc) 22 - 24	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	Croatia: Customs seminars: Company audits (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	China: Seminar on Licensing and Industry Outreach (tbc)	Mr. Kai Kießler Kai.Kiessler@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-270
	BiH: Customs seminars: Company audits (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	BiH – Industry outreach seminar (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	Regional – National list – BiH, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia workshop – updating of national list, technical expertise etc.	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250



	(tbc)	
	Serbia – Interagency seminar: penalising breaches of export control law (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
	FYR of Macedonia – Interagency seminar: penalising breaches of export control law (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
July		
	Export control conference at central customs point in Germany (tbc) 5 - 7	Mr. Werner Knapp Werner.Knapp@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-652
	China – Customs seminar, risk management (tbc) 21 - 23	Mr. Kai Kießler Kai.Kiessler@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-270
	BiH and Serbia: practical exercise at the border (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250
August		
	Ukraine – Customs seminar, closing event to previous seminars in Kiev (tbc) 24 - 25	Mr. Werner Schäfer Werner.Schaefer@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-822
September		
	China: Experts Seminar on Enforcement (tbc)	Mr. Kai Kießler Kai.Kiessler@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-270
	FYROM: Customs study visit to the Netherlands (tbc)	Ms. Sandra Raca Sandra.Raca@bafa.bund.de +49 6196 908-250



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