

Study Tour to Italy

A 10-day Study Tour for Judges, Prosecutors and Heads of Anti-Drug Trafficking Departments of Ministries of Interior from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan was held in Italy, from 30 April to 11 May, 2006. The Tour was organized under the Legal Assistance Project of CADAP Programme, executed by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

In Rome, the group visited the Central Directorate for Anti-Drug Services under the Ministry of Interior, the National Department for Anti-Drug Policy, and the Telecommunication Operative Center (Centro Operativo Telecomuncazioni). In Naples, the delegation visited the Financial Police Office, and the Carabinieri Special Operative Unit.



The delegation participants expressed a genuine interest in future cooperation between corresponding agencies in Central Asia and Italy by signing the Memorandum of Cooperation directly with their Italian counterparts.

Hand Over of the Building Constructed for the Border Post Mamyk at the Uzbek - Tajik Border

In order to secure an area of the state border to allow de-mining to proceed, one of the key beneficiaries of CADAP Programme, the State Border Guards Committee of Uzbekistan, requested assistance in providing technical aid for the border post Mamyk.

The border post Mamyk is located in the Southern Uzbekistan at the Tajik-Uzbek border, 170 km North-East from Termez town. CADAP Programme has financed construction of the complex building that includes office rooms, living facilities, a canteen, a laundry and bath-rooms. The total amount of funds spent for construction and equipping the building is 350 thousand euro.

Third Regional Dog Handlers' Training

On 30 of June the opening of the Third Regional Dog Handlers' Training for border guards from Central Asian countries was held in Kazakhstan. The three months training is designed for 25 border guards from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Dog handlers will be provided with new dogs, and dogs and handlers together will be trained for search of drugs and explosives. Upon completion of the training course the participants will pass a qualification test and go with their newly trained dogs to the borders of their countries.

**Memorandum Signed for the "Prevention of Drugs Use in Prisons" Project**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic signed on 22 June 2006 the Memorandum on the implementation of the CADAP Project "Prevention of Drugs Use in Prisons." The EC is financing this project to support the reform of the law enforcement system, enhance combat against drug addiction and illegal drug trafficking in penitentiary institutions.

The European Commission (EC) is funding a number of projects under its Drug Action in Central Asia (CADAP) Programme. The overall objective of the Programme is to foster a development oriented drug control strategy in Central Asia that ensures a sustained reduction of drug consumption and trafficking in line with the European Commission drug strategies. CADAP is implemented by UNDP through its country offices in all Central Asian countries. CADAP is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.

