

HAND OVER OF EQUIPMENT TO DRUG PROFILING UNIT AT INTERNATIONAL SEA PORT IN TURKMENBASHY

In cooperation with CADAP the Government of Turkmenistan established a multi-agency Drug Profiling Unit (DPU) at the Turkmenbashi seaport. It is expected that the DPU will encourage inter-agency exchange of information and cooperation enhancing effectiveness of law enforcement actions in combating illicit drug trafficking.

The emphasis of the DPU will be on intelligence collection locally, with its close neighboring countries, and internationally. Reliable links will be created locally by developing exchange of information between all the agencies concerned. The total amount of funds spent for construction and equipping the DPU is over 45 thousand Euros.

**NATIONAL SEMINARS ON TRANSITIONAL CARE**

On-the-spot national seminars on transitional care based on the "Atlantis" programme (a rehabilitation programme for drug addicts) were held in September in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

These seminars were aimed at exchanging experience in narcological treatment and rehabilitation of drug addict prisoners. The seminars were led by International transitional care experts, pilot prisons' chiefs, participants from Ministries of Justice, and NGOs' representatives.

BORDER GUARDS FROM CENTRAL ASIA HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO USE SNIFFER DOGS IN COUNTER-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS

Twenty-five border guards from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan were awarded with the qualification of Certified Dog Handlers at a closing ceremony of a regional training organised in the framework of CADAP on 29 September in Karaoy / Kazakhstan.

Ambassador Adriaan van der Meer, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, handed over certificates to trainees. Representatives of UNDP, the Border Service, Ministry of Interior and the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as CADAP staff participated in the ceremony.



The comprehensive training programme included search and detection of drugs and explosives for border guards as well as training in veterinary basics and theoretical and practical training in dog handling techniques. They were also acquainted with best EU practices in dog training, in particular, of the Canine School of the Austrian Police Academy.

The European Commission 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. The Programme is a multi-annual assistance programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.

