



### REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR DRUG PROFILING UNITS OF CENTRAL ASIA

A 3-day Regional seminar for Drug Profiling Units, which brought together 34 law enforcement officers from Central Asia, was held during 10-12 November 2008 in Ashgabat.

Participants of the seminar emphasized the importance of improved capacities in the region to combat cross-border crime and drug trafficking, arms trafficking and trafficking in human beings.

To promote border security via information collection and analysis, as well as inter-agency cooperation, the European Union's Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP) together with its Government partners established interagency Drug Profiling Units (DPUs) in all countries of the region.

The agenda of the seminar included exchange of experience and best practices, presentations of country delegations on developments on regulations, infrastructure, working methods and suggestions for further improvement of work. The DPU staff at airports and railway stations presented their working organization, activities, results and seizures.

### COUNTER NARCOTICS SEMINAR HELD IN ALMATY

Twenty representatives of the Border Service, Ministry of Interior, Customs Committee and dog handlers from the Military Institute discussed issues related to counter narcotics at airports during a seminar in Almaty on 18 November 2008 funded by the French Embassy in Kazakhstan and co-funded by the European Union's Border Management and Drug Action in Central Asia Programmes (BOMCA-CADAP).



The course was designed to improve operational and analytical activities on combating drug smuggling at airports. The agenda of the seminar included presentations on implementation of Drug Profiling Units at airports and railway stations in Central Asia, use of dogs in counter narcotics operations, and a visit to the Almaty Airport.

At the seminar, the counter narcotic situation in France was presented by a police officer of the Anti Narcotic Squad of Paris. Special attention was given to case studies on counter narcotics activities, results and seizures at airports and railway stations in Central Asia and Europe.



*The overall objective of the CADAP Programme is to foster a public health approach to drug demand & an interdiction approach to drug supply in line with the European Commission drug strategies. The Programme is funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP. CADAP is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.*

