

BORDER MANAGEMENT

Development of the capacity of dog handling services of border guarding institutions in Moldova and Georgia

 Project completed

About the Project

This Action contributed to strengthen the border management capacity of Moldova and Georgia by further developing the dog handling services of the respective border guard institutions while facilitating alignment of national dog handling standards to those of EU Member States. This was achieved mainly thanks to (1) joint workshops and trainings in Moldova, Georgia and Latvia to improve knowledge and exchange good practices on dog handling; (2) the donation of service dogs and training equipment to both partner countries; and (3) the improvement of the respective service dog gene pools.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the State Border Guard College of Latvia in coordination with the Border Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova as well as the Patrol Police Department and the Border Police of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia.



Countries

Latvia, Georgia and Moldova



Time frame

March - October 2017 (7 months)



Budget

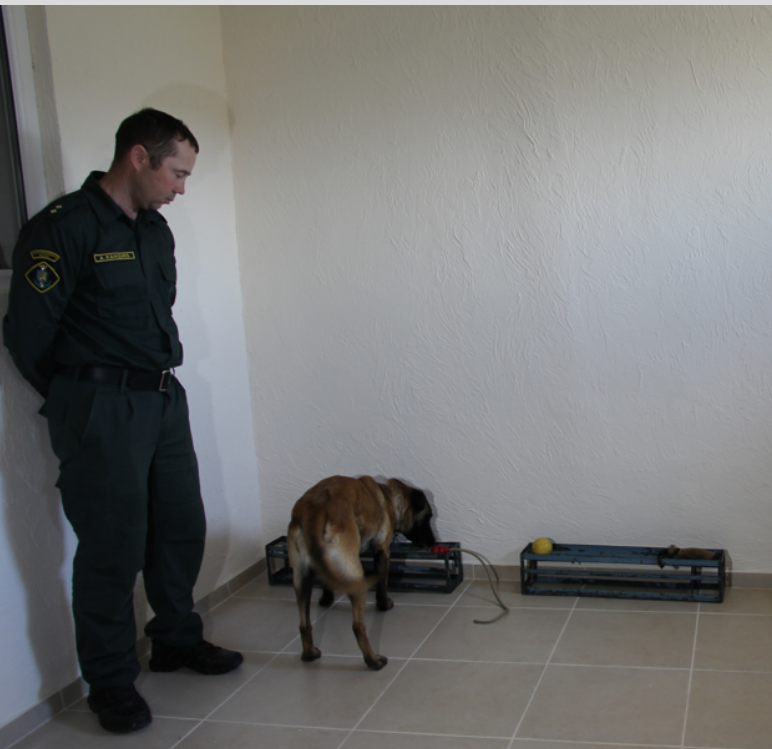
EUR 92,079.49 (95% from ISF Borders and Visa)

Activities



Workshops and trainings

Two workshops focused on enhancing the methodology for selection, training and use of service dogs were organised in Georgia and Moldova for dog handlers from both countries. Moreover, the Dog Handling Centre of the State Border Guard College of Latvia hosted a training for dog handling instructors from the partner countries' border guard institutions. In total, 28 Georgian and 22 Moldovan dog handlers as well as 3 dog handling instructors from each country were trained through the project. Additionally, dog handling equipment was purchased for training use and handed over to the Moldovan and Georgian border guard institutions.



Specialized training on search of human scent and the identification of narcotic substances (Georgia, May 2017).



Newly donated pup to be trained for border control and contribute to gene pool in Georgia (May 2017).



Purchase and training of service dogs

Seven service dogs were purchased, trained and donated to the final beneficiaries. All of them received specialised training in search of human scent, while two dogs were additionally trained specifically for the identification of narcotic substances. The acquisition of the new service dogs also substantially contributed to an improvement of the gene pool in both partner countries.



Unified training methodology and sustainable cooperation

The knowledge and practical skills acquired during the Action were replicated in the training programmes of the two beneficiary countries afterwards. A unified approach reinforced the opportunities for joint activities that already started to take place within the frameworks of bilateral cooperation. Overall, besides capacity building, the Action contributed to the strengthening of institutional cooperation among the partner countries' border guard services.



Dog handling training for border guard instructors from the Republic of Moldova and Georgia (Latvia August 2017).



Workshop on the methodology for selection, training and use of service dogs for dog handlers in Georgia (May 2017).

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The Migration Partnership Facility



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