

PROJECT FACTSHEET

Border Police Standardization and Systematization Project

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“STANDARDIZATION AND SYSTEMATIZATION OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT OF THE BORDER POLICE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA”

The Project aims to create standards for the technical equipment used by the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and its systematization into organizational units and individual work posts.

Centralized standards and systematization create conditions that enable more systematic and rational acquisition, distribution, maintenance, replacement, training for use and, as a result, greater success and efficiency of the Border Police in its performance of border control.

The Project will enable the Border Police to realize some of its commitments in fulfilling the national strategies and action plans related to border security, as well as the commitments in adopting the EU acquis in the area that falls under Chapter 24 of the negotiation process.

Project goals

The overall goal of the project is that BiH Border Police, through implementing systemic solutions of technical equipment management, improves the effectiveness and efficiency of their work and achieves compliance with the requirements of the EU negotiation chapter 24. This would lead to general improvement of security situation in BiH and neighboring countries.

Expected results

The Project aims to:

- Produce standards of the quality and quantity of all technical resources needed for the successful and efficient work of the Border Police.
- Prepare systematization (distribution plan) of resources at the collective and individual organizational level in accordance with the recognized impact of risk factors on the scope and quality of the work of the Border Police.
- Resource standards are used in the investment process (public tenders) and in the process of obtaining foreign donations, and resource systematization is used for their distribution

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- The Project activities will be carried out through the consecutive Project stages utilizing the following expert subgroups, guided by the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF): - Risk analysis, - Organization and human resources, - Real estate, - Mobility, - Information and telecommunication systems, and - Border checks and border surveillance operational procedures.

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Through a set of field visits and desk research, the Border Police, together with DCAF and international experts, will analyze the existing capacities of the Border Police and evaluate the current and relevant state of affairs in the Border Police. Based on this research, several documents on systematization and standards in relation to the technical equipment of the Border Police will be developed.

IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND PREVIOUS RESULTS

- The Project will have a positive impact on fulfilling the tasks envisaged by the Integrated Border Management Strategy (2019 – 2023) and its Action Plan, and the Migration and Asylum Strategy (2021 – 2025) with its Action Plan. Consequently, the strategic migration and asylum management and suppression of crime will improve. The creation and the achievement of relevant technical standards will contribute to an accelerated EU accession process in this area. The Project will directly strengthen operational capacities of the Border Police in BiH in the field of technical equipment management, decision-making and rapid deployment, or redeployment of equipment to the subordinated regional units and areas where needed due to the dynamics of emerging security events. The work of tactical units and their police officers performing 24/7 border checks and border surveillance will be more efficient.

- Under the auspices of the Swiss-BiH Migration Partnership, Switzerland has supported strategies relating to integrated border management, migration and asylum as well as the establishment of the electronic application "Event diary in the management of business processes and electronic records of sector dossier files in Border Police BiH", closing of illegal border crossings with Montenegro (last requirement for visa liberalization), improved capacities of the Border Police in the criminal intelligence work and work with informants, and development of the technical design and specification for an integrated video surveillance system for international border crossings points.

PROJECT IN BRIEF

NAME: *Standardization and systematization of technical equipment of the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

DOMAIN: Migration

LAND/REGION: Bosnia and Herzegovina

PARTNERS: BiH Border Police is at the same time the direct beneficiary of the Project, and a partner in the Project's execution. The Ministry of Security of BiH is a superior institution in relation to Border Police and is therefore a key stakeholder in the Project. The Project Management Team consists of Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) Ljubljana staff members with many years of experience in the Border Security Programme for Western Balkans. International contracted experts, consisting of high-ranking border police officials from Slovenia and Croatia will deliver usable and applicable expertise.

STARTING POINT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The management of the Ministry of Security and the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina approached the Swiss Embassy in Sarajevo, Swiss Secretariat for Migration, and the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance with the request to engage in the Project aiming to solve the problem of currently non-existent unified standards and systematization of technical equipment.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: BiH Border Police improves the effectiveness and efficiency of its work through implementation of systemic solutions for technical equipment.

TARGET GROUP: BiH Border Police, which is a police agency at the state level. As reported in 2022, the Border Police BiH employs altogether 2.187 staff members.

COSTS: CHF 312'334.81

DURATION:

1 September 2023 – 1 March 2025 (18 months)

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