

OSCE-UNECE

Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings – A Trade and Transport Facilitation Perspective

**Presentation by Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Adviser/ Project Manager
Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

**Seventy-fourth Session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee,
Geneva, 28 February 2012**



OSCE rationale and scope of action

- **Regional security organization** (56 OSCE pS + 12 Partners for Co-operation)
- **Political dialogue and practical work**
- **A network of 15 field operations**



Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings – A Trade and Transport Facilitation Perspective

Inception of the idea: Kyiv Round Table





History and preparatory process

- Two sub-regional “**stakeholders meetings**” gathering customs and transport officials held in 2008 in Minsk and Bishkek
- Assessment visits to the **Brest-Koroszczyn** (BY-PL) and **Ak-Jol/Korday** (KAZ-KYR) border crossing points

Brest-Koroszczyn assessment visit



Brest-Koroszczyn assessment visit



Ak-Jol-Korday assessment visit





History and preparatory process

- In co-ordination with UNECE agreement was reached on the **structure** and **substantial scope**
- Teams of **international experts** were recruited
- **Identification of best practices, policy analysis, research and drafting process** started in the course of 2009



Important considerations

- **Balance** (security and facilitation; between concepts; geographical)
- **Focussed** (on trade and transport)
- **Innovative** (benchmarking)
- **Challenges:** diversity of the contents, vast amount of references



Outcome

- **9 chapters and 2 Annexes**
- **265 pages** in total
- More than **120** international best practice examples and case studies
- Original version in **English, Russian translation** under preparation



Content

- **Chapter 1:** “Trade and Customs: The International Legal Framework”
- **Chapter 2:** “From Domestic to International Co-operation”
- **Chapter 3:** “Balancing Security with Trade Facilitation and Developing Partnerships with Private Industry”



Content

- **Chapter 4:** “Processing of Freight: Policies for Control, Clearance and Transit”
- **Chapter 5:** “Risk Management and Selectivity”
- **Chapter 6:** “Options for the Design of Border Crossing Points”
- **Chapter 7:** “ICT and Non-Intrusive Inspection”



Content

- **Chapter 8:** “Human Resources Management”
- **Chapter 9:** “Measuring Border Agency Performance: Options for Benchmarking”
- **Annex 1-2:** Definitions and role of International Organisations/ International Financial Institutions



Road ahead

- **High-level launch, awareness raising and promotional activities** are foreseen for 2012
- A **regional in-depth training seminar** (technical level) at the **OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe**
- Side event at the **International Transport Forum** in Leipzig



Road ahead

- Upon request, **national tailor-made seminars** can be organized on specific aspects of the publication
- **ExB follow-up project** under preparation



Accessing the Handbook

- Access the **OSCE** or **UNECE** websites
- **Contact OCEEA** or the **UNECE Transport Division** to obtain hard copies or CD-ROMs
- Copies will be distributed through the **15 OSCE field operations**



Thank you for your attention!

- OSCE Secretariat, OCEEA:

Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Co-ordinator/ Chief Editor:
alexey.stukalo@osce.org

Roel Janssens, Economic Adviser/ Project Manager:
roel.janssens@osce.org

www.osce.org/eea

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the OSCE Secretariat - Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.osce.org/eea/>. The website header includes the OSCE logo, navigation links (Home, Resources, Press centre, Contacts, Sitemap), and an advanced search bar. The main content area features a navigation menu on the left with categories like 'Homepage', 'About', 'Activities', and 'Press releases'. The central text under 'About' states: 'As part of its comprehensive approach to security, the OSCE is concerned with economic and environmental matters, recognizing that co-operation in these areas can contribute to peace, prosperity and stability.' A 'Press releases' section highlights an 'OSCE-supported seminar focuses on challenges faced by female migrant workers' held in Astana on 14 September 2010. A photograph shows Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, speaking at a conference. To the right, there are three publication links: 'Aarhus Centres Guidelines', 'Guide on Gender-Sensitive Labour Migration Policies', and 'Gender and Labour Migration Trainer's Manual', followed by an 'Activity report of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, June 2008 - May 2009'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, the active window title, and the system clock at 17:53.