



**Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe**

Strategic Police Matters Unit

AGENDA

Workshop

“Enhancement of comprehensive cooperation in combating illicit drugs in South-East European region

23-24 November 2009

Venue-

Regional Coordination Council

Trg Bosne I Hercegovine 1 / V

Sarajevo

The illicit trafficking of opiates from Afghanistan constitutes a serious threat to security in the OSCE area. International drug trafficking organizations are constantly seeking the easiest and most profitable path for smuggling opiates from Afghanistan into the consumer countries. The latter include the lucrative markets of Western Europe and, increasingly, those of Eastern Europe: according to the UNODC Annual Report 2008 the largest part of Afghan opiates are destined for European markets.

According to a SECI Center research the Balkan route remains as of significant importance for heroin smuggling to Europe. The evidence of this is an increased up to 17% heroin seizure in Turkey. However, the traffickers are constantly looking for new methods and new routes to reach the destination countries in Europe, like the Northern Black Sea route with use of harbours in Bulgaria and Ukraine. In general the heroin seizure in Eastern Europe has increased to 13% in 2008.

The OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU), based on the Ministerial Decision 5/06 and PC decision 758, continues its assistance to law enforcement agencies of the participating States in improving cooperation to combat drug and precursor trafficking. To this end the SPMU organizes a drug-fighting expert's workshop in Sarajevo, in close cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the UNODC, SECI Center and other international organizations involved in supporting the fight against drug trafficking.

The purpose of the workshop is further identification of drug fighting issues in law enforcement field, where the OSCE could play an effective role in supporting efforts to combat illicit drug trafficking, and to discuss experiences in using special investigative tools to fight drug trafficking. The following agenda includes several inputs and ideas received from law enforcement agencies in the region, based on the current situation in their respective countries. Participants are especially encouraged to share specific national experiences, to identify needs and areas of possible improvement.

Specific focus shall be on how OSCE and international organizations might effectively strengthen assistance to law enforcement agencies of the region to enhance drug supply reduction.

To facilitate the discussions and to allow questions and comments from the floor, the experts will have up to 15 minutes to make their presentations. They are also encouraged to provide more detailed written remarks to all the participants. Power Point presentations are welcomed.

Because of the sensitivity of law enforcement issues to be discussed, workshop proceedings will not be open to the general public or to the media.

Working language: English

Monday, 23 November

08:45 – 09:30: Registration of participants

09:30 – 10:00. Opening session

Chair: (tbd)

Welcoming remarks by

- Representative of MIA BiH
- Representative of SEPCA
- Head of SPMU

10:00-11:15 **Session I – Reducing the threat of spreading of drugs in SEE countries**

In this session the UNODC will present an evaluation of regional and global illicit drug trafficking trends to foresee future impacts and actions. The participants will provide a general assessment of the situation with drug supply in respective country, proposed strategies of countering drug supply, cooperation and co-ordination mechanisms developed among countries of the region and effectiveness of such structures.

Keynote speakers:

Moderator: (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:30 **Session I (continue)**

13:30-15:00-Lunch

15:00-17:00 **Session II – Enhancement of operational tools of Law Enforcement Agencies of SEE states to combat drug trafficking based on current situation.**

Session II will focus on new technology, alternative routes, methods used by traffickers to reach markets in Europe and counter measures proposed by law enforcement agencies, new tactics and methodology used to enforce anti-drug trafficking programs.

Keynote speakers:

Moderator: (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

Tuesday, 24 November

09:00-11:00 **Session III. Case studies positive and negative drug and precursor operations.**

In this session participants of the workshop of each country will present lessons learned on successful and failures drug or precursor operations:

Any of the following thematic areas can be used to present such cases:

1. Controlled deliveries.
2. Backtracking investigations.
3. Simulated purchase or sale of drugs.
4. Technical surveillance.
5. Infiltration and ex-filtration of agents.
6. Witness protection in trials against drug dealers.

Keynote speakers:

Moderator: (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 **Session III (Continue)**

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 **Session III (Continue)**

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17.00 **Closing session: Recommendations and conclusions**