

OSCE Engagement with Mediterranean Partners

Co-operation on SALW

OSCE States and Partners



Partners engagement with OSCE

- Not liable by OSCE commitments, only voluntary
- No participation in negotiation or decision-taking process
- Invited to formal meetings of PC and FSC
- Special Contact Group for MedPartners and AsianPartners for high level OSCE-Partners Co-operation

OSCE engagement with Partners

- Annual Conferences for Asian and Med Partners on all three dimensions
- Outreach events for Partners in the OSCE area
- Events directly in MedPartners countries are subject to PC decision
- Further activities upon request and PC/FSC decision

OSCE and Tunisia

National Roundtable on SALW
on 21-22 October 2014:



- SALW (export control, PSSM, tracing)
- Border Security
- Counterterrorism
- + Visit to seaport control point

SALW controls

- Weapons trafficking as main challenge
- Link between smuggling and terrorism
- Seized weapons are destroyed
- Need for equipment:
 - > Customs: profiling and risk assessment
 - > Border guards and police: communications, explosives detectors
- Ongoing work on new law on weapons (including on export controls, marking)
- Interested on co-operating on PSSM

SALW smuggling



- 45,000 civilian firearms registered in Tunisia
- Sources: looted Libyan arsenals, hunting rifles from Europe

Border controls

- Objectives:

- > modernization of several border crossing points
- > Implementation of Integrated Border Management Model (BMI)
- > Establishment of national border training centre
- > Establishment of Mediterranean or African Centre of Excellence for Border Management (as the OSCE Border Management Staff College)
- > Upgrade of communication and command system (unfunded)

- Current situation:

- > 1300 km of sea borders (42 fishing ports, 9 tourist ports, 9 cargo ports)
- > Terrorism as main threat, influx of refugees (1.8 mio people)
- > Currently only 44% radar coverage, unprotected communication

Next steps

- Discussion on the mandate for OSCE engagement (food-for-thought submitted to FSC)
- Selection of priority areas and conducting focused assessments
- Selection of implementing partner
- Elaboration of detailed project plan and fundraising

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- Thank you for your attention.
 - Questions?

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