

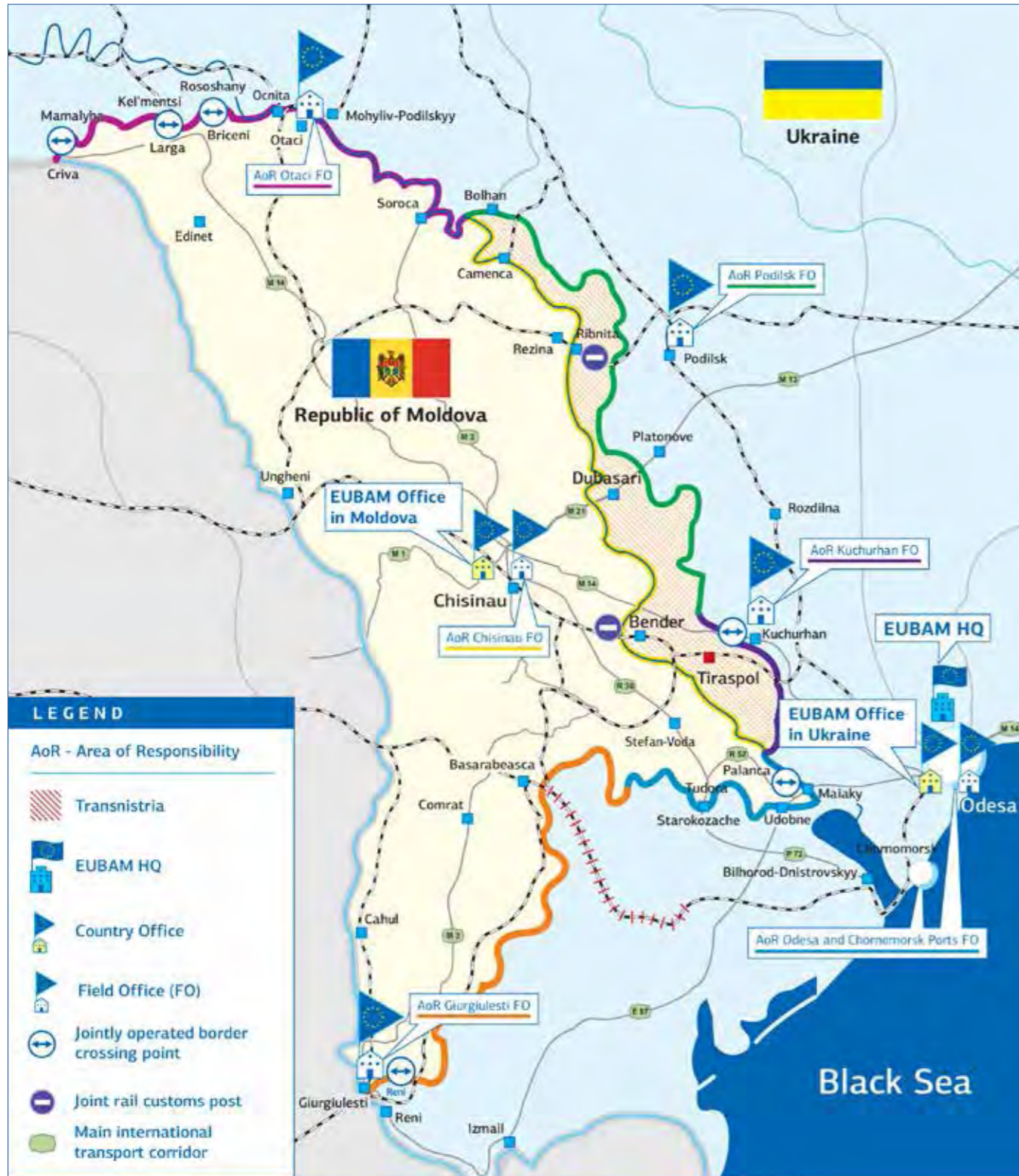
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## EUBAM

### FOREWORD FROM THE HEAD OF MISSION

*Slawomir Pichor*



This report showcases the many ways in which EUBAM supports the regional economic development and security through the work with our Moldovan and Ukrainian Partners, the qualitative change we brought to the border management, the technical support provided to the Transnistrian settlement process and the efforts undertaken to address the threats related to cross-border crime.

Our Mission moved towards a new mandate starting from 1 December 2017 with new objectives focused on supporting confidence building measures, implementing integrated border management concept and combating cross-border crime. And our joint results and the progress we achieved together during the first year of the Mission's renewed mandate, all the significant steps forward, make me confident that the good cross-border cooperation between the two countries will continue for the benefit of the people and the trade.

*One of the fundamental vectors of EUBAM 12 remains supporting the settlement of Transnistrian issue, and confidence building efforts are the common thread tying up all Mission's activities. In this connection, the first twelve months of our new mandate were marked with significant and tangible developments in the settlement process to which EUBAM contributed greatly.*

Rewarding results were also achieved with the launching of the modernised diesel train Chisinau–Odesa–Chisinau that fostered people-to-people contacts offering them better travel conditions for visiting each other and learning about their cultures. Moreover, the left bank vehicle owners were handed over the first neutral-design licence plates issued in Vehicle Registration Offices in Tiraspol and Rybnita that allowed the means of transport from Transnistria to participate in the international road traffic.

*Our work in the area of the Integrated Border Management (IBM) has successfully advanced as well, the adoption and coming into force of the new Agreement on joint control of persons, vehicles, goods and items at the border crossings points on the Ukraine-Moldova state border representing the most important achievement within the last years.*

That has laid down a solid foundation for a qualitative change in advancing the IBM concept, therefore confirming the trust and the deepness of cooperation between both countries aiming at the facilitation of legitimate trade and movement of bona fide travelers. In the same vein, another accomplishment, in the very first month of the Mission's new mandate, was launching of the joint control at Palanca border crossing point (BCP). Apart from that, after 12 years of break and nine months since the joint control had been officially established, the gate for exports from Transnistria has been opened with the exports beginning finally to be cleared at the Kuchurhan-Pervomaisc JOBCP. Against this background, we encourage our partner services to put even more efforts for the expansion of the joint control on the common border by addressing outstanding technical aspects.

*Preventing and fighting cross-border crime in the region was also in our focus, EUBAM maintaining its efforts in addressing the threats related mainly to smuggling tobacco products. In this framework it is important to highlight the Mission's support for the UASBGS in international investigations on illicit tobacco production.*

Among them, I want to refer to the successful accomplishment of EUROPOL-led operation (code-named 'DOLIUM') on dismantling an organised criminal group managing an illegal tobacco factory with a production capacity of over two million cigarettes per day. Furthermore, as an important tool in fighting cross-border crime, over the precedent months, the Mission facilitated two joint operations tackling the illicit trade in tobacco products and weapons trafficking respectively. EUBAM was continuously rendering its assistance to enhancing risk management capacity of partner services by delivering a series of targeted workshops and contributing as well to the development of the Risk Management Strategy of the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova for 2018-2020. Against this backdrop and recognizing the benefits inherent in the development of an international experts' network, the Mission continued the rewarding cooperation with relevant organizations, among them: EUROPOL, FRONTEX, OLAF and SELEC.

In summary, I believe this has been a successful year for both EUBAM and its Partners that inspires us to move forward to witnessing future developments. But none of these achievements presented here would have been possible without our active and supportive Partners in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, and EUBAM's own staff, and I want to thank to all of you.

SLAWOMIR PICHOR  
*The Head of Mission*

## THE YEAR IN ACHIEVEMENTS

December 2017 - November 2018



### INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT

In December 2017, joint control at the Maiaky-Palanca-Udobne Border Crossing Point was launched on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

In December 2017, joint border patrolling on the entire common state border, including the Transnistrian segment, started to be performed.

In May 2018, the new Agreement on joint control between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine entered into force, allowing joint control to all border crossing points on the common state border.

In November 2018, the National Strategy for Integrated Border Management for 2018-2023 of the Republic of Moldova was approved by the Moldovan Government.

### CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

In March 2018, a modern and faster diesel train connecting people from Chisinau, Tiraspol and Odesa was launched.

In September 2018, the first neutral-design licence plates were handed over to the left bank vehicle owners allowing them access to international traffic.

In October 2018, a workshop promoting trade with EU and access to the EU market was delivered for Transnistrian business community in Tiraspol.

Throughout 2018, an IPR project aimed at enhancing capacities and building confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol customs experts was implemented.

### CROSS-BORDER CRIME

In December 2017, an illegal tobacco factory producing more than 2 million cigarettes per day in Spain was dismantled during an Europol-led operation.

Throughout 2018, the risk management capacity of partner services was enhanced by a series of targeted workshops and the enactment of the Risk Management Strategy of the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova for 2018-2020.

Between May and June 2018, the joint operation 'JANUS' tackling the illicit trade in tobacco products was successfully implemented.

In October 2018, the EUBAM's Annual Task Force Tobacco meeting was held in Odesa debating and addressing emerging threats in cigarettes frauds.

## GENERAL BORDER POLICE INSPECTORATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

## FREDOLIN LECARI

Chief Commissioner  
Head of the General Border Police Inspectorate  
of the Republic of Moldova



For many years, the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova has had fruitful cooperation with EUBAM, which has been providing support and assistance, since its very inception, in strengthening state border security of the Republic of Moldova.

*EUBAM remains a reliable partner of the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova on the way towards expanding its institutional capacities.*

The year of 2018 was an important period for evolvement of the border agency of the Republic of Moldova.

We would like to highlight that in 2018 the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova has continued implementing the Integrated Border Management concept.

A new intergovernmental Agreement on Joint Control on the Moldova-Ukraine border, signed on 6 October 2017, entered into force, enabling us to achieve a qualitatively new level of organizing control at the border crossing points through advanced information technologies and modern technical means.

Aiming to implement the provisions thereof, EUBAM has created optimal working conditions for border and customs experts of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, fostering the development of eight draft inter-agency Protocols on organization of joint control at the jointly operated border crossing points: Goianul Nou-Platonove, Novosavyske-Kuchurhan, Giurgiulesti-Reni, Palanca-Maiaky-Udobne, Briceni-Rossoshany, Pervomaisc-Kuchurhan, Criva-Mamalyha, Larga-Kelmentsi.

*Moreover, we commend EUBAM for its support in developing the Road Map. This document specifies the main areas for developing the concept of joint control on the Moldova-Ukraine border.*

We hope for an early implementation of the Integrated Border Management Project through joint control and information exchange on the Moldova-Ukraine border. The Project likewise involves revamping of infrastructure at Pervomaisc-Kuchurhan and Giurgiulesti-Reni road border crossing points on the territory of Ukraine.

The Concept of joint patrolling of the Moldova-Ukraine border, especially of its central (Transnistrian) segment, is currently underway.

The border agency of the Republic of Moldova was intensively engaged in the joint successful international operations within the framework of joint activities on counteraction of cross-border organized crime. During the operations, new trends and areas of international illegal activities were detected and prevented, including its methods and modi operandi.

Thus, the goals set up in the Integrated Border Management Strategy for 2015-2017 were successfully fulfilled. In 2018, a new Integrated Border Management Strategy for 2018-2023 was approved. Its implementation shall ensure interrelation of Integrated Border Management concepts at the European Union level.

We hope for further collaboration with EUBAM, for its technical and advisory support. I pledge our commitment to continue cooperation with the Mission, with our partners, pursuing to jointly ensure a high level of border security.



## STATE BORDER GUARD SERVICE OF UKRAINE

## PETRO TSYGYKAL

Colonel General  
Head of the State Border Guard Service  
of Ukraine



The issues of territorial integrity and border security remained a priority for Ukraine which had been countering the military aggression of the Russian Federation for five years already.

Systematic reforms of the border agency of Ukraine allowed to enhance border security. In this respect, intensification of cooperation with international partners, where the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine stands out, was critical.

*In 2018, with EUBAM's support, we have continued implementing the best practices of Integrated Border Management. Concerted actions enabled effective counteraction of cross-border crime and ensured situation control.*

Simplification and optimisation of control procedures moved forward, primarily focusing on creation of comfortable conditions for bona fide citizens and economic operators. Balanced functioning of border crossing points under the ever-increasing volume of border crossing procedures was ensured by application of such border control principles as "green corridor", "one-stop-shop", risk-based control, alongside with effective collaboration of the parties' control services. All international and interstate border crossing points are equipped with modern systems of biometric control and connected to Interpol databases.

Signing of a new Agreement on joint control between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova, enforced on 25 May 2018, manifested the successful performance in this area.

The working meetings and consultations contributed to development of steps on implementation of joint procedures on the Ukraine-Moldova border, including its central segment, being successfully applied over the year at Kuchurhan-Pervomaisc road BCP.

*With EUBAM's support, the BCPs' infrastructure was assessed, facilitating the development of a Road Map for expanding the joint control. By 2022, it is envisaged to implement joint procedures at other 20 BCPs.*

The opening ceremony of renovated Palanca joint border crossing point, attended by the President of Ukraine and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, became the centrepiece of 2018, likewise the financial assistance of around four million euros invested by the European Commission under the Eastern Partnership Program for infrastructural adjustments of Kuchurhan and Reni joint BCPs.

Special focus was given to reinforcement of the borders, including streamlining of border legislation. The border surveillance was enhanced, alongside with upgrading and rolling-out of new units.

The annual Special Operation 'Frontier' and joint patrolling have now become a good tradition, contributing, with EUBAM's active support, to effective counteraction of smuggling in weapons, cigarettes, illegal migration and drugs trafficking. In this context, targeted operations 'Janus' and 'Orion' are worth a special note. Cooperation of law enforcement units and European experts allowed for tracking down suspicious consignments, detection of new modi operandi on validation of stolen vehicles, production of forged documents and counterfeited goods, including detention of their organizers and other wanted persons.

The EUBAM, fostered by extension of its mandate, has considerably facilitated the Ukraine's integration into a single all-European security zone. The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine extends its gratitude to the European Union Border Assistance Mission for its support in building border-protection capacity and developing an advanced border agency in Ukraine, able to efficiently address new challenges. Only our joint efforts will generate a high level of border security.



## CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

## VITALIE VRABIE

Director of the Customs Service of  
the Republic of Moldova



In 2018, the strategic partnership with EUBAM has continued to gain momentum and yet again proved its significance and efficiency.

We have progressed in our fruitful cooperation on enhancing Integrated Border Management, primarily, in developing the joint control. However, we still have a long way to go to enable travellers, economic operators, as well as customs and border guard agencies of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, to fully benefit from it.

*With EUBAM's support, the planning and preparatory activities were undertaken with regard to development and further expansion of joint control to other border crossing points (BCPs).*

In this context, the draft Protocols for 8 BCPs were developed and agreed on the basis of the new Agreement on joint control of 6 October 2017: at 6 existing and 2 new BCPs - Goianul Nou-Platonove and Novosavytske-Kuchurhan. We hope for an early signing of these international treaties.

Successful implementation of the Project on construction of Palanca-Maiaky-Udobne jointly operated BCP on the Moldovan territory and its official opening by the management of both states is undoubtedly one of the most significant achievements in 2018. EU-funded and co-financed by the Government of the Republic of Moldova, it is currently the most advanced BCP on the Moldova-Ukraine border, constructed in line with the European standards. It's noteworthy that joint control at this BCP was initiated in December 2017, when the construction works under the relevant Project were underway.

Currently, another EU Project is being implemented, covering the infrastructure development of Pervomaisc-Kuchurhan and Giurgiulesti-Reni BCPs on the territory of Ukraine.

The lessons-learned from the Palanca Project have illustrated the complexity of constructing joint BCPs to meet the aspirations of citizens, businesses and control agencies, aiming to speed up the border crossing and increase safety and security.

In fact, joint control at Kuchurhan-Pervomaisc BCP has been launched in July 2017 through performing customs clearance

solely on exit from the RM, but since April 2018, we have started customs operations for legal entities and clearance on entry to the RM. It's our strong believe that we shall embark on the full-fledged joint control in the nearest future.

Undoubtedly, the performance priorities of MDCS are determined by its commitments under the Moldova-EU Association Agreement. In this context, large amount of work has been done in the field of further harmonization of customs legislation and facilitation of trade, i.e. drafting of new Customs Code with EUBAM support, which will be submitted to the Government and the Parliament of the RM for approval in the nearest future; ongoing EU Twinning Project on implementation of NCTS and Single Window; development of AEO concept, etc.

*Last year, special emphasis was placed on combating cross-border crime. The Mission has provided a platform for discussion of current trends in illegal activities and implementation of relevant counter-measures.*

We should continue developing our collaboration in the law-enforcement area, including, introduction of new methods of operational cooperation between the law-enforcement agencies in the region for efficient counteraction of illegal activities at the border.

We highly appreciate the longstanding partnership with the Mission and Ukrainian colleagues, which enables us to jointly promote cross-border trade and security of the Moldova-Ukraine border, and the region in general.



## STATE FISCAL SERVICE OF UKRAINE

## OLEKSANDR VLASOV

Acting Head of the State Fiscal Service  
of Ukraine



Another year of intensive and fruitful cooperation of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine with EUBAM and partner services has elapsed. Countering cross-border crime, enhancing Integrated Border Management and organising joint control at the Moldova-Ukraine state border crossing points were in the spotlight of EUBAM 12 activities.

*In this context, EUBAM's input into organisation of joint operations on the Ukraine-Moldova border with involvement of international law enforcement institutions and EU agencies should be especially highlighted.*

European experts and representatives of international organisations foster the quality of law enforcement activities and introduce European practices in tackling cross-border crimes. We expect that the law enforcement component will be preserved as one of the main EUBAM activities.

A special focus gains the Integrated Border Management concept. The new Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on joint control of persons, vehicles, goods, and items at the joint border crossing points across the Moldova-Ukraine border, enforced on 25 May 2018, provides for launching of joint control at any border crossing point on the Moldova-Ukraine border. A number of expert meetings between the customs and border guard services of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova were organised under the auspices of EUBAM, including joint fact-finding visits to border crossing points aimed at exploring the current mode of operation of border crossing points and developing proposals for its improvement (adjusting infrastructure, creating comfortable conditions for enhanced activities, cooperation between the control agencies, and joint control implementation). The experts have elaborated joint proposals on priority border crossing points for expanding joint control at the border between Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. The joint efforts of our experts are highly appreciated, and the initiated activities are moving forward.

In 2018, the infrastructure adjustment at Reni-Giurgiulesti, Kuchurhan-Pervomaisc, Maiaky-Palanca-Udobne border crossing points was carried out within the framework of the EU international technical assistance projects.

The official ceremony of launching the road border crossing point Maiaky-Palanca-Udobne on 28 December 2018, became a landmark event of the year.

The joint control was launched at this border crossing point from the moment of its opening, being constructed in line with the EU Integrated Border Management principles.

*Highlighting the advisory role of EUBAM, the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine expects to continue cooperation in this area and relies on EUBAM's support in involving international donors for further implementation of the technical assistance projects on equipping the border crossing points and implementing the Integrated Border Management principles.*

In 2019, in the context of further cooperation with EUBAM and partner services, the UASFS gives priority to implementation of joint control at border crossing points, enhancing security of the Ukraine-Moldova border, engagement of donors of international technical assistance projects for development of infrastructure and equipping the border crossing points. We are looking forward to further EUBAM support in this area.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude to EUBAM, to partner services of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, including international organisations, for their effective cooperation, encouragement, openness, commitment to dialogue and support in boosting security of the Ukraine-Moldova border. For its part, the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine has always been a reliable partner and is committed to develop cooperation and implement joint projects.



Photo top left

The 30th meeting of the Advisory Board was held in Odesa on 26 June 2018.

From left to right:

Mr Maciej Popowski,  
Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood  
and Enlargement Negotiations at the  
European Commission

H.E. Peter Michalko,  
European Union Ambassador to the  
Republic of Moldova

Mr Slawomir Pichor,  
Head of European Union Border Assistance  
Mission to Moldova and Ukraine

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The 31st meeting of the Advisory Board took place in Chisinau on 28 November 2018.

Ms Urszula Pająk,  
Deputy Head of EU Delegation to the Republic  
of Moldova

Mr Slawomir Pichor,  
Head of European Union Border Assistance  
Mission to Moldova and Ukraine

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## ADVISORY BOARD

2018

*The Advisory Board is the decision-making and governing body of EUBAM. It is chaired by the Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova and composed of representatives from European Union Delegations to the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, European External Action Service, European Commission, Foreign Ministries of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, border, customs and law enforcement agencies of both countries as well as International Organization for Migration and Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe.*

**The biannual meetings of the Advisory Board provide its members an opportunity to review and assess the progress achieved as well as the Mission's action in all its fields of activity.**

The 30th meeting of the Board was held in Odesa on 26 June 2018 and reviewed the progress achieved in the period December 2017 - May 2018. The meeting was also attended by the European Commission's Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), Mr Maciej Popowski who delivered a keynote speech saluting the great work EUBAM had done since its inception in 2005 and its extensive contribution to regional stability and security.

The Board members congratulated also the partner services on enactment of the new Agreement on Joint Control and highlighted EUBAM's and the partner services' active contribution to implementing the joint control, supporting the de facto Transnistrian customs and trade related rules' approximation to EU-Moldova DCFTA requirements, as well their collective efforts on combatting tobacco products smuggling in the course of the Joint Border Control Operation "JANUS".

The 31st meeting of the Board took place in Chisinau on 28 November 2018 reviewing the Mission's work during the period June - October 2018. With that occasion, the Board welcomed the progress in the implementation of the EUBAM 12 Action Plan and the continuous and active cooperation between the Mission and its Partner Services.

Among others, EUBAM's support in strengthening Intellectual Property Rights protection, fighting against cigarettes smuggling and developing the Road Map for the expansion of joint control to the border crossings points at Moldova-Ukraine border were acknowledged.

## SUPPORTING TRANSNISTRIA-RELATED CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

*EUBAM's support for the development of Transnistria-related confidence building measures was marked by tangible progress during the reporting period.*

We witnessed progress in approximating the customs and trade related legislation and procedures on both sides of the Nistru River, but also in enhancing the interaction among the responsible structures. Therefore, EUBAM also advanced its direct support to the de facto customs agency in Transnistria by examining the amendments to the de facto Customs Code of Transnistria and assessing their compliance with the international and EU standards. Also the Mission promoted the trade with the EU to the Transnistrian business community. During the entire year, EUBAM was, as well, continuously engaged in the technical consultation process for restoring international transport corridors for passenger and cargo traffic. Against this background, the launching of a modern passenger train between Chisinau and Odesa via Tiraspol, and the access of Transnistrian private vehicles to the international road traffic were the most important successes.

## ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC FOR TRANSNISTRIAN PRIVATE VEHICLES

On 24 April, Chisinau and Tiraspol finally signed a Protocol Decision on a mechanism allowing the participation of private vehicles from Transnistria in the international road traffic. The mechanism became operational on 10 September when the first neutral-design licence plates and temporary registration certificates were handed over to the left bank vehicle owners at the Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) in Tiraspol, marking the beginning of the implementation of the so-called "licence plate" agreement. EUBAM supported this initiative within the Road Transportation Expert (Working) Group, as a part of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova team, contributing also to the training of specialists from both banks of the Nistru River working in the VROs in Tiraspol and in Rybnitsa.

### 1759 TRANSNISTRIAN PRIVATE VEHICLES REGISTERED AT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICES IN TRANSNISTRIA

Source: OSCE

September - December 2018



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**Maja Kocijancic**  
The High Representative of  
the Union for Foreign Affairs  
and Security Policy Federica  
Mogherini's spokesperson

The Protocol decision on vehicles registration, signed today by Chisinau and Tiraspol, represents an important step forward and contributes to a positive dynamic in the Transnistrian settlement process.

This agreement will allow vehicles from the Transnistrian region to participate in international road traffic, in accordance with international rules, and in doing so will bring tangible benefits to the population, bringing both banks closer together.

## CHISINAU-ODESA THE TRAIN CONNECTING PEOPLE

On 30 March, EUBAM two-year efforts were well paid off with the launching of the modern and faster diesel train Chisinau-Odesa-Chisinau. EUBAM – with close support of the EU Delegation and the EU High Level Advisers Mission in the Republic of Moldova – largely supported and motivated the Railway Administrations of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to make the train more attractive for travelers. The replacement of the old-fashioned rolling stock with a modernised train not only brought the quality and comfort of the journey to a new level, but it also reduced its duration by 120 minutes. The improved conditions of the journey between Chisinau and Odesa provide an opportunity for a convenient international connection facilitating people-to-people contacts and practical co-operation between the two banks of the Nistru River.

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**Ambassador Peter Michalko**  
Head of the EU Delegation to the  
Republic of Moldova

The launch of the Chisinau-Odesa train represents a great opportunity for connecting people. The new train is modern, safe and quick, and the safe movement of persons and goods is a key EU value. This will also bring great benefits, more opportunities and more income for touristic and economic activities. Most importantly, the new train will radically improve the entire travel experience of passengers with its modern facilities and services.

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**Chiril Gaburici**  
Moldovan Minister of Economy  
and Infrastructure

The modern Chisinau-Odesa train will offer its passengers travelling comfort, safety and reduced travel time. I am confident this change will also have an economic impact.

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**Slawomir Pichor**  
The Head of EUBAM

For EUBAM the improved travelling conditions will definitely foster people-to-people contacts offering them better opportunity to visit each other and to learn about their cultures. I want to congratulate all people involved in this project for making the running of this modernized train a dream come true.

## BRINGING IPR PROTECTION IN LINE WITH EU NORMS AND STANDARDS

Throughout 2018, EUBAM implemented an IPR project aimed at enhancing capacities and building confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol customs experts. Considering the novelty of IPR issue in Transnistria, the Mission engaged an external short-term expert to address IPR-related rules in place with the view of its alignment to the international standards and the EU-Moldova DCFTA requirements. Following the recommendations of the Assessment Report, in June, Tiraspol issued an order prescribing a more detailed procedure regulating the suspension of the release of goods infringing IPR. EUBAM paid as well attention to the training of the customs experts from Chisinau and Tiraspol responsible for IPR enforcement, subsequently five workshops moderated by EUBAM's experts and a study visit to Poland were organized to learn about international and EU standards in ensuring IPR protection.

## SUPPORT TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN TRANSNISTRIA

Contacts with the left bank business community have significantly developed during the reporting period. Thus, 40 representatives of the business community from both banks of the Nistru River participated in a workshop organized on 23 April by EUBAM and EU Delegation to Moldova jointly with MDCS on providing updated information and consultancy on the main aspects of DCFTA Protocol on rules of origin.

Later on, in the same vein, 16 companies representing Transnistrian business community in Tiraspol received practical advice on trade with the EU during a workshop the Mission organized jointly with the EU Project "Visibility and Communication for AA/DCFTA" and the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova on 09 October.

## COOPERATION IN THE VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MATTERS

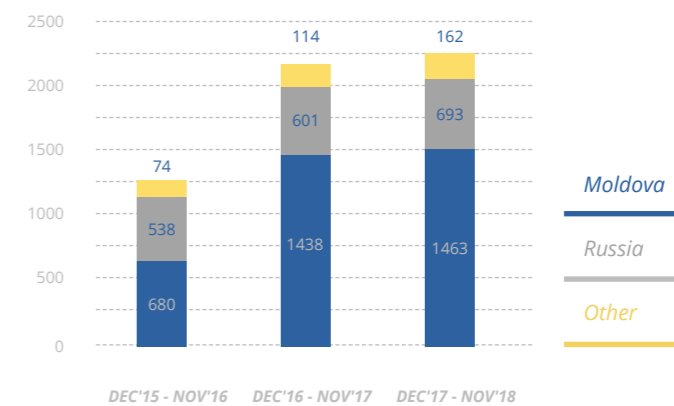
On 15 February, in the OSCE office in Chisinau, the Chief Negotiators signed the Protocol Decision on interaction in the area of veterinary, quarantine and plant protection between Chisinau and Tiraspol. In a nutshell, the Protocol Decision provides for the exchange of information between the Parties and organisation of joint round-tables and other methodology-sharing activities. EUBAM constantly

provided technical expertise to the elaboration of this document within the Working (Expert) Group on Economy, attempting also to find the middle ground between the counter-proposals of the parties. This Protocol Decision is an important element in the context of foreign trade activity of Transnistria, in particular with the EU.

## TRAVELLER TRENDS

Between December 2017 and November 2018, the number of travellers crossing the Transnistrian segment of Moldova-Ukraine border dropped by 4% compared to the same period in 2016-2017. The months with the highest number of persons crossed this border segment were July and August. The number of border crossings made by Russian passport holders increased by 2%, compared to the same period of the previous year. Refusals of entry to Ukraine increased by 8%. The Russian passport holders accounted for 30% of all travellers refused entry, compared to 28% in the preceding twelve months.

### NUMBER OF TRAVELERS REFUSED ENTRY TO UKRAINE BY CITIZENSHIP



**5 WORKSHOPS**

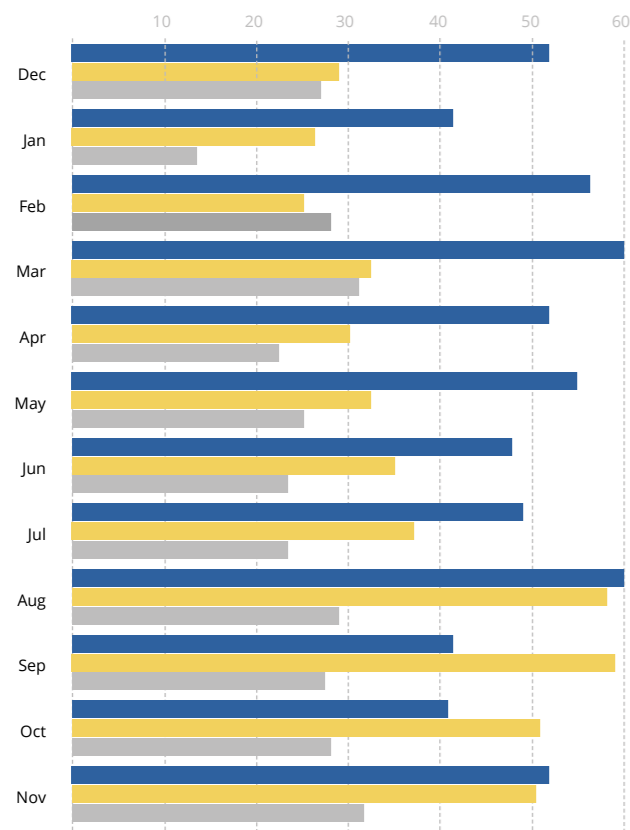
**FOR 85 PARTICIPANTS**

## TRANSNISTRIA EXTERNAL TRADE\*

Between December 2017 and November 2018, Transnistrian foreign trade grew by 51% in USD monetary value compared to the precedent twelve months. The value of goods exported by Transnistrian economic operators in December 2017 - November 2018 grew by \$149mln or 32%, accounting for \$609.6 mln (Fig.1).

### EXPORT BY TRANSNISTRIAN OPERATORS, VALUE, USD MLN

Fig. 1

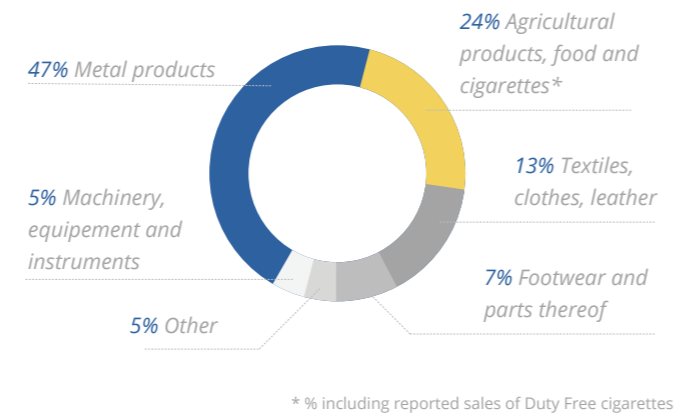


— Total Value of Goods Exported Dec 2017- Nov 2018  
 — Total Value of Goods Exported Dec 2016- Nov 2017  
 — Total Value of Goods Exported Dec 2015- Nov 2016

Mainly, metal products (47%), agricultural, food and tobacco products (24%, including sales of duty free cigarettes being nearly one third of this share), textiles and clothes (13%), footwear (7%), machinery, equipment and instruments (5%) built up the pattern of Transnistrian merchandise exports in the reporting period. (Fig. 2)

### CATEGORIES OF TRANSNISTRIAN GOODS EXPORTED AND THEIR SHARE BY VALUE, USD MLN

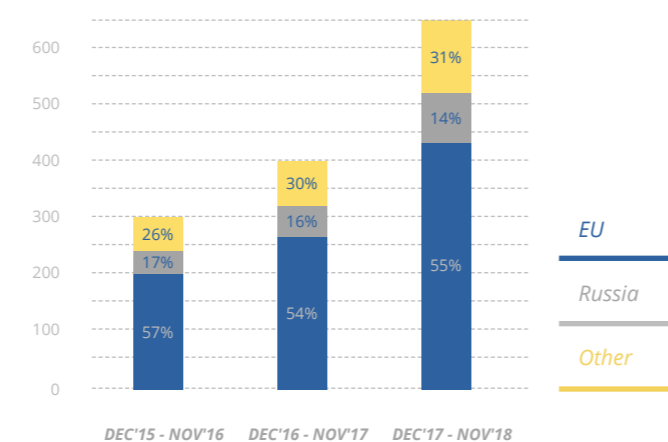
Fig. 2



Transnistria's external trade retained its reliance on the EU markets. Transnistrian exports to the EU posted a 36%-growth accounting for \$338 mln between December 2017 and November 2018. The EU continued as Transnistria's largest export market claiming 55% of overall Transnistrian exports. (Fig.3) The Russian Federation (14%), Ukraine (13%) and Serbia (2%) ranked second, third and fourth accordingly, while Malaysia (1%) rounded out the top five key Transnistrian export markets. These top five markets claimed around 86% of total Transnistrian exports in USD value.

### MARKETS FOR TRANSNISTRIAN EXPORTERS IN % OF EXPORT VALUE, USD MLN

Fig. 3



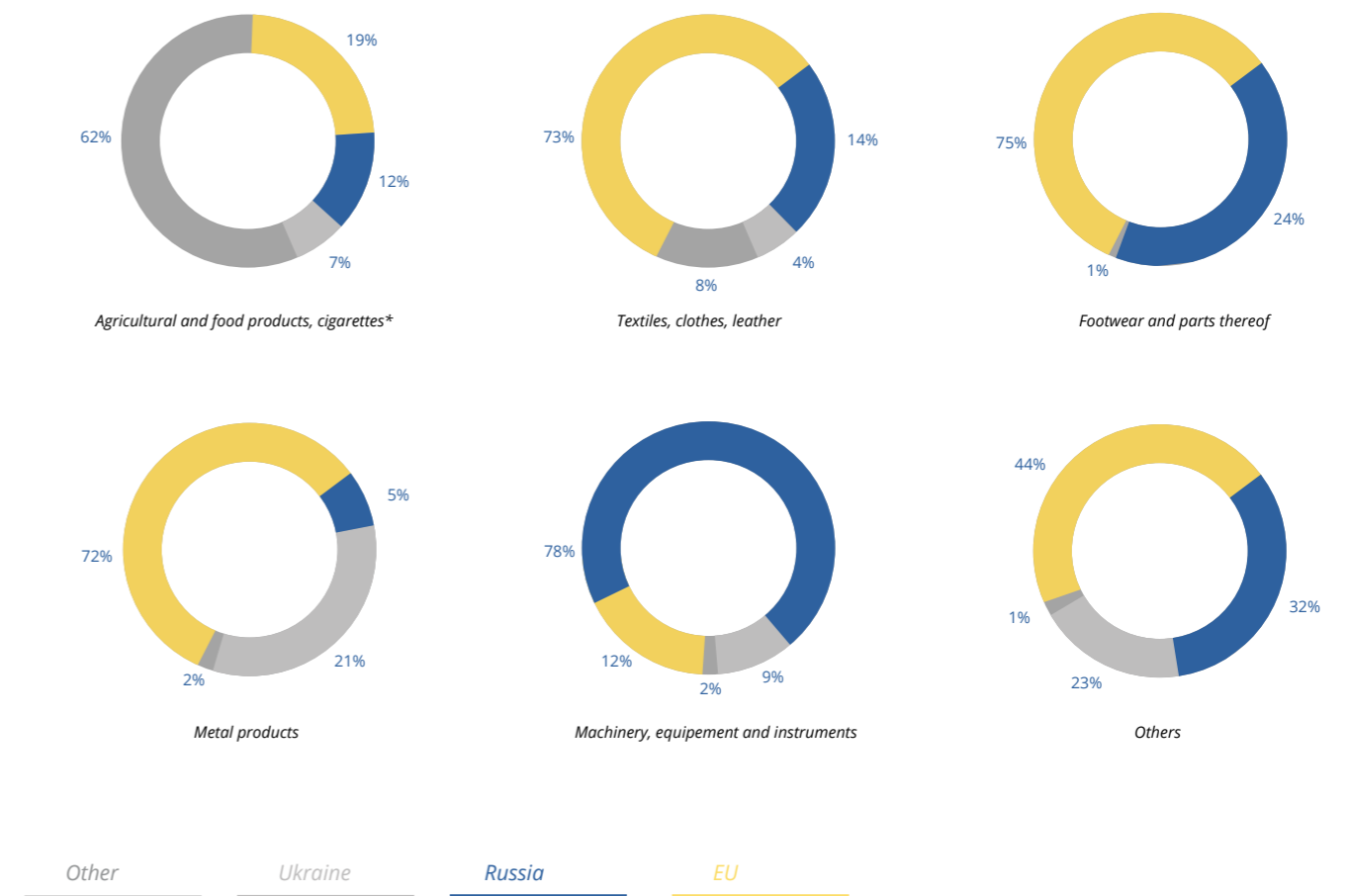
Major Transnistrian exporting industrial sectors continued to make endeavours to climb back from recession of past years, though slightly lagged in the second half of 2018. Growth spanned four of the major export categories, except textiles. (fig.2) Products of steel and other metals continued as Transnistria's first-large export category. Transnistrian metal products exports took a leap forward by 51%, despite the operational conditions that were compounded by Ukraine's latest rising of a steel scrap export duty.

Thus, exports of metal products drove the overall exports growth in the reporting period. The EU remained the pivotal trading destination for Transnistrian metal products, claiming 72% of this export category. Transnistria increased metal products exports to Ukraine by 20%, while expanding its trade to Serbia. Agricultural and food products made a second largest Transnistria's exports. In USD value, 50% of this category fell with cereals and oil seeds which exports grew by 14% year-on-year. The EU, Ukraine, UAE, Indonesia, Malaysia

and Bangladesh were Transnistria's largest cereal and oil seed export destinations. Vegetables, fruit, footwear, textiles, electric motors, plastic films and articles of various metals composed Transnistrian exports to the Russian Federation, which value grew by 16% year-on year. The Russian Federation claimed 78% of Transnistrian exports of machinery, equipment. Metal products remained the key exports from Transnistria to Ukraine followed by sunflower seeds, portland cement and cotton fabrics. (Fig. 4).

### KEY CATEGORIES OF EXPORTED GOODS AND THEIR MARKETS, % OF USD EXPORT VALUE

Fig. 4



\* including reported sales of Duty Free previously imported cigarettes

\* Source: Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova

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## IMPLEMENTING THE INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT CONCEPT

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*The reporting period displayed tangible achievements in the joint control implementation on the Moldova-Ukraine state border that brought a qualitative change in the border management.*

Therefore, from the very outset of the Mission's new mandate, we witnessed important developments with the launching of the joint control at Palanca-Maiaky-Udobne BCP and advancing the joint control at Kuchurhan-Pervomaisk BCP where the first exports from the Republic of Moldova being cleared at this BCP after 12 years break. Further on, after the enactment of the new Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine on joint control of persons, vehicles, goods and items at the border crossings points on the Ukraine-Moldova state border on 25 May 2018, EUBAM continued to support partner agencies in the development of joint control against the upgraded legal framework set by the new Agreement and the implementation of the border infrastructural projects.

### JOINT BORDER PATROLLING ON THE CENTRAL SEGMENT

The undertakings of the joint working group established upon EUBAM's initiative in 2010 yielded in signing the Agreement and subsequent Protocol on joint border patrolling by MDBP and UASBGS in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

As the joint activities have been performed since then exclusively on the northern and the southern segments of the Moldova-Ukraine border, on 19 December 2017, MDBP and UASBGS expanded the joint border patrolling to the central segment as well, on Ukrainian side exclusively.

With extension of the joint patrols coverage, EUBAM have rendered assistance to MDBP and UASBGS in planning and coordinating the joint patrolling and the observations certified that the cooperation between the border agencies was at high level and the performance of the control procedures was in line with the Agreement on Joint Patrolling.

### JOINT CONTROL AT PALANCA- MAIAKY-UDOBNE

On 19 December 2017, border authorities of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine launched joint control at Palanca BCP. Largely and expertly assisted by EUBAM, the partner agencies developed and put into practice a Technological Scheme for joint control during transition period of the JOBCP construction.

The launching of the joint control at the Palanca BCP was accompanied by the commencement of automated travelers' data exchange between Ukrainian border agencies for the first time on the Moldova-Ukraine border that proved their commitment for the closer inter-agency cooperation.





## ROAD MAP FOR DEVELOPING JOINT CONTROL

Between May and November, EUBAM facilitated the process for developing the 'Road map for expansion of the joint control to the Border Crossing Points at the Moldova-Ukraine border for the period 2019-2022' that consisted of three complementary tasks: prioritization of the BCPs, fact-finding visits and technical meetings.

The document, comprising the launching and advancing of 26 BCPs, was agreed between Moldovan and Ukrainian border agencies and was welcomed by the EUBAM Advisory Board that encouraged its future usage as a reference in the further implementation of joint control.

## THE NEW AGREEMENT ON JOINT CONTROL ENTERED INTO FORCE

On 25 May, the new Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine on joint control of persons, vehicles, goods and items at the border crossings points on the Ukraine-Moldova state border, signed on 6 October 2017, came into force, replacing the one from March 1997. The Mission assisted in drafting the provisions of the Agreement in line with the EU best practices turning it into a new

platform for the establishment of effective joint control along the common border. The novelties brought by the new Agreement are the enabling of joint control at any BCP on the common border, introduction of "one-stop" principle and delegation of authority between the services of both countries that will speed up border controls.

## EU BORDER MODERNIZATION INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

Subsequent to years of preparations supported by EUBAM, the EU funded project on “Enhanced Integrated Border Management through joint border control and exchange of information along the Moldova-Ukraine border” was launched on 6 February 2018. The project encompasses the reconstruction of the Kuchurhan-Pervomaisc and Reni-Giurgiulesti JOBCPs, as well as the establishment of the Contact Point at Palanca and the Automated Information Exchange between MDBP and UASBGS.

Another important EU funded initiative, supported by EUBAM, was the construction of the Palanca Jointly Operated Border Crossing Point where the Mission was providing assistance from helping the partner services to apply for the EU funding to advising on precise technical details related to the work of the jointly operated border crossing point.



Map of JOBCP's located at the Moldova - Ukraine border



## FIGHTING CROSS-BORDER CRIME

*In 2018 EUBAM provided assistance to Moldovan and Ukrainian border agencies in facilitating the information exchange and setting out measures to resolve ongoing investigations related mainly to smuggling tobacco products.*

The conduction of Joint Border Control Operations coordinated with the national and international law enforcement agencies was supplemented by Joint Assistance Exercises which strengthen the capacity of partner services in different areas.

In the same vein, the Mission was continuously providing technical expertise and practical advice to the partners in terms of risk assessment aimed at tackling cross-border crime and it also looked to effectively integrate modern risk analysis and intelligence methodologies at the Moldova-Ukraine border. Direct exchange of experience on the spot supplemented by a series of workshops helped to sustain the practice and identify areas for improvement.



**Slawomir Pichor,**  
Head of EUBAM

EUBAM has made fighting against illicit trade one of its flagship initiatives as it represents a major economic and security challenge for both countries and a serious concern for the European Union and its Member States as well.

## JEWELLERY SMUGGLING ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUP TORN DOWN

WERE  
SEIZED

**13 MLN EUR**

**70 KG OF GOLD**

In June, EUBAM provided support to the EUROPOL-led Operation 'ALQUIMIA' aimed at tackling smuggling of jewellery into the EU, by facilitating the cooperation between the involved LEAs from the Republic of Moldova, Spain and Romania.

The Spanish Guardia Civil and the Romanian Border Police were engaged in tackling an organized criminal group smuggling gold jewellery from the Republic of Moldova and Turkey to EU. Altogether 70 kg of gold jewellery as well as 13 million EUR were seized.

## ILLEGAL TOBACCO FACTORY DISMANTLED

In December 2017, EUBAM joined the efforts of Ukrainian State Border Guard Service, the Guardia Civil of Spain and law enforcement agencies of other EU Member States in the successful accomplishment of EUROPOL-led operation (code-named 'DOLIUM') on dismantling an organised criminal group managing an illegal tobacco factory in Granada (Spain).

The organised criminal group included Ukrainian citizens and 18 of its members were arrested. The criminal organization manufactured more than 2 million cigarettes per day and the law enforcement agencies seized 10 tonnes of tobacco leaves, 4 tonnes of fine-cut tobacco, 4.5 million cigarettes, machinery, filters, paper and glue.



**WAS STOPPED THE PRODUCTION OF**

**2 MLN CIGARETTES PER DAY**



## JOINT OPERATION 'ORION'

In October, the Mission launched, in cooperation with EUROPOL, the second joint operation, 'ORION' aiming to support the Ukrainian and Moldovan law enforcement agencies in counteracting the illegal trafficking of weapons, ammunition, explosives and CBRN materials. Three Member States (Poland, Romania and

Slovakia) showed interest in this topic, joining the law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the implementation of the operation. Moreover, Frontex and SELEC have engaged in this Operation that is to be completed in in the beginning of 2019.



## TASK FORCE TOBACCO STEPS UP EFFORTS TO COMBAT CIGARETTES SMUGGLING

In October, EUBAM held the Annual Task Force Tobacco meeting that brought together experts from law enforcement agencies in the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and UK, Ukrainian Tobacco Association "Ukrutun", as well as major cigarette producers. Representatives from Europol, OLAF and SELEC also attended the event. The two-day event concluded in a set of recommendations the Mission addressed to the Moldovan and Ukrainian governmental institutions. A special

attention was drawn to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) - Protocol on Eliminating Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products as an international instrument to combat the smuggling of tobacco products. In this context Moldovan and Ukrainian authorities were encouraged to adopt the Protocol that would ensure effective control over the supply chain and help to reduce the risks of illicit trade in tobacco products.

Task Force Tobacco was created by EUBAM in 2010 as a platform for sharing experience and knowledge among national law enforcement agencies and European organizations such as OLAF and EUROPOL regarding trends, modus operandi, risks and countermeasures against tobacco products smuggling from Moldova and Ukraine into the European Union.

## JOINT BORDER CONTROL OPERATION 'JANUS'

Between May and June, EUBAM, in cooperation with OLAF, ran the JBCO code-named 'JANUS' during which more than seven million cigarettes were seized by border agencies from the participating countries (Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine). The participants shared in real time intelligence on suspicious consignments mainly transported by road, in commercial trucks and trailers, which led to discovering several large cargos of cigarettes which had been smuggled from the Republic of Moldova or Ukraine into the European Union. The fraudsters' modi operandi were also uncovered during the operation.



**Ville Itälä,**  
OLAF Director-General

Cigarette smuggling harms European citizens and funds organised crime. Only by working together in joint operations such as this one we can stop traffickers and dismantle criminal networks.



**Slawomir Pichor,**  
Head of EUBAM

EUBAM continues its efforts aimed at preventing and fighting cross-border crime in the region. By tackling illicit trade in tobacco products, JBCO 'JANUS' proved once again how beneficial the international cooperation is in this field.



### ENHANCING RISK MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

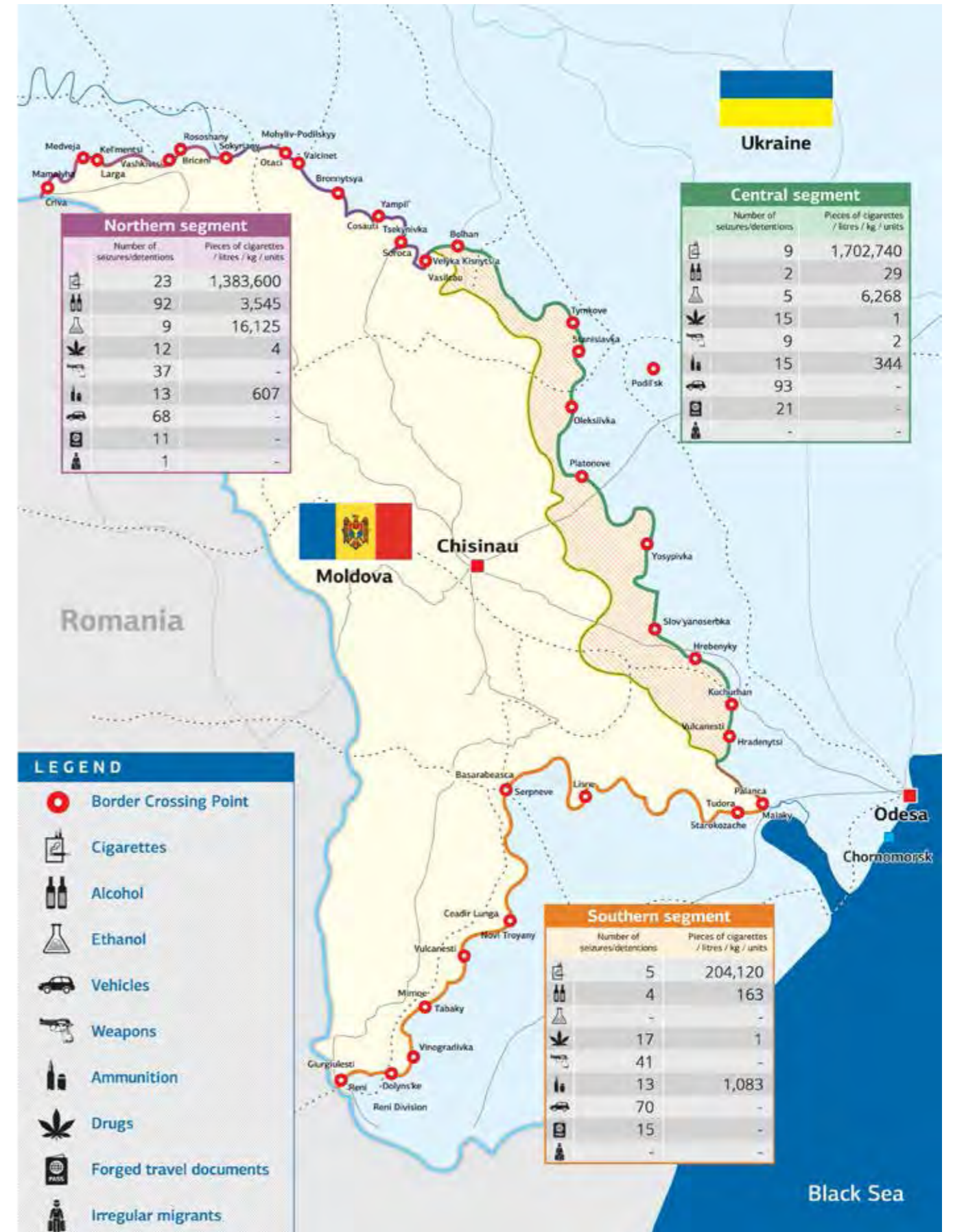
Within the period June-October, EUBAM delivered three workshops on practical implementation of the Common Integrated Risk Analysis Model of the EU Member States (CIRAM 2.0) to UASBGS officers. EUBAM shared the best practices for risk assessment and identification of emerging cross-border threats and moderated discussions on alert mechanisms for a prompt response to these threats.

In October, the Mission's experts focused on MDBP officers in Ungheni, Chisinau International Airport and Edinet Border Police Sectors for which they delivered three workshops on document security. During the events EUBAM mentored on the most frequent alterations of genuine documents and presented samples of forged and authentic travel documents. Moreover, during the practical session, the participants were familiarized with the equipment required for documents' examination.

Another event that contributed to enhancing risk management capacity was held by EUBAM, in cooperation with the Fiscal Crime Liaison Office of the British Embassy in Bucharest and the State Agency for Intellectual Property Rights in Chisinau, in the format of a workshop on containers' profiling and controlling. It is aimed to increase the risk analysis capacity of MDCS and MDBP officers and, for the first time since 2012, Tiraspol customs experts have joined MDCS for such an event.

In the same context, EUBAM supported the development of the Customs Service Risk Management Strategy for 2018-2020 that was approved on 21 June. The Strategy was drafted in compliance with the best EU and international standards and aims at enhancing effectiveness of customs control by strengthening the quality in risk analysis. Its implementation would enhance customs' analytical capacity in combatting customs violations and, at the same time, facilitate the legitimate trade by preventing from excessive checks.

### SEIZURES/DETENTIONS AT THE MOLDOVA-UKRAINE BORDER IN DECEMBER 2017 - NOVEMBER 2018 MAP



## COOPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

### COORDINATION WITH EUROPEAN UNION PARTNERS

During the reporting period, the Mission closely coordinated its activities with the EU Delegations to the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine and provided regular briefings on the developments in regards to the Transnistrian settlement process, the extension of the joint control to the central segment of the Moldova-Ukraine border, and progress within border agencies. In the same context, the Ambassadors of the EU Member States accredited in the Republic of Moldova, a delegation of the European Parliament and one representing Hungarian National Assembly were briefed on Mission's contribution to the regional security and economic development over the years. Moreover, the European Commission's Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations visited EUBAM HQ and attended the Mission's 30th Advisory Board Meeting.

EUBAM continued the co-operation with FRONTEX on the Joint Operation 'Coordination Points'. The working relations with OLAF were strengthened and concerted joint efforts against the smuggling of tobacco products agreed. The Mission also facilitated the information exchange among EUROPOL, EUROJUST and Ukrainian law enforcement agencies during international investigations and coordinated its activities with other relevant EU-funded projects implemented in the region.



**MACIEJ POPOWSKI**

*Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations at the European Commission*

I salute the great work EUBAM has done since its inception in 2005 and its extensive contribution to regional stability and security. Over a span of nearly thirteen years now, it has assisted and helped a generation of Moldovan and Ukrainian officials – both in the fields of border policing and customs – by building capacity and delivering expert advice.



**H.E. PETER MICHALKO**

*European Union Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova*

Together with all the partner services involved, I am delighted to see that EUBAM is making further progress in all areas of its mandate. I also want to salute the improvements achieved through EUBAM's assistance, for instance with regard to the passenger train between Chisinau and Odesa running through Tiraspol. The EU is intent on further supporting private and business travellers to smoothly and safely travel between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

### COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

The Mission maintained close and regular relations with the Moldovan and Ukrainian partners. In the Republic of Moldova, HoM held meetings with the Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration, the MFAEI Secretary of State for bilateral and multilateral affairs and with the Heads of Border Police and Customs Services. In Ukraine, Head of Mission met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Ambassador at large/Special Representative of Ukraine for Transnistrian Settlement, the Heads of the State Border Guard and State Fiscal Services and the Head of the Odesa Regional State Administration. EUBAM's technical support in Transnistrian settlement process, border management, law enforcement operations, prospects for expansion of the joint control, initiatives aimed at more effective fight against cigarettes smuggling as well as the ways for further cooperation were debated.



**MS TATIANA MOLCEAN**

*State Secretary within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova*

We appreciate EUBAM's contribution in practical terms to the significant progress on the implementation of integrated border management, carrying out joint operations, strengthening institutional capacity and staff training.



**MR SERHII SAIENKO**

*Acting Director of the European Union and the NATO Directorate of Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

We highly appreciate the EUBAM efforts in supporting authorities of Ukraine and Moldova in effective border management.

### INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

EUBAM upheld its well-developed relations with other international organisations aimed at supporting the implementation of EUBAM 12 Action Plan. The interactions with OSCE Mission to Moldova remained mutually beneficial through systematic exchange of information and regular weekly coordination meetings related to confidence building measures between Chisinau and Tiraspol. In the same vein, HoM met with the new Head of OSCE Mission to Moldova and discussed possible future contributions to the Transnistrian settlement process. The partnership between SELEC

and EUBAM continued in the field of preventing and fighting cross-border crime in the region. In Bucharest, HoM met with the senior management of the Romanian Border Police and the National Agency for Fiscal Administration, agreeing on the future Romanian support to the Mission's operational activities. Additionally, EUBAM participated in the 22nd RILO ECE/NCPs Annual Meeting for Eastern and Central Europe and attended the 23rd Annual Task Group Cigarettes Conference organized by OLAF in Sofia.



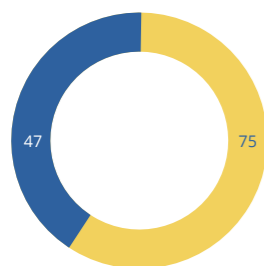
## EUBAM TODAY

The European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) was launched in 2005 to promote border control, customs and trade norms and practices that meet European Union standards, and serve the needs of its two partner countries. It is an advisory, technical Mission headquartered in Odesa (Ukraine) with two country offices and six field offices in its area of operation. EUBAM activities promote economic development and enhance regional security. The Mission contributes to cross-border co-operation and confidence-building, and helps to improve efficiency, transparency and security along the Moldova-Ukraine border.

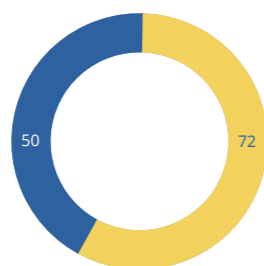
### THE MISSION'S AIMS ARE TO:

- Support the development of Transnistria-related confidence-building measures and approximation of legislation and procedures in customs, trade, transport and trans-boundary management;
- Ensure implementation of the Integrated Border Management at the Moldova-Ukraine border with a special attention to its Transnistrian segment; and
- Combat cross-border crime on the Moldova-Ukraine border, especially at the Transnistrian segment.

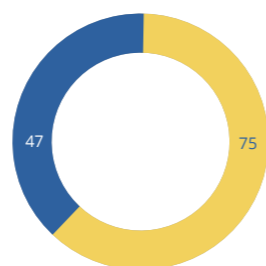
### EUBAM IN NUMBERS



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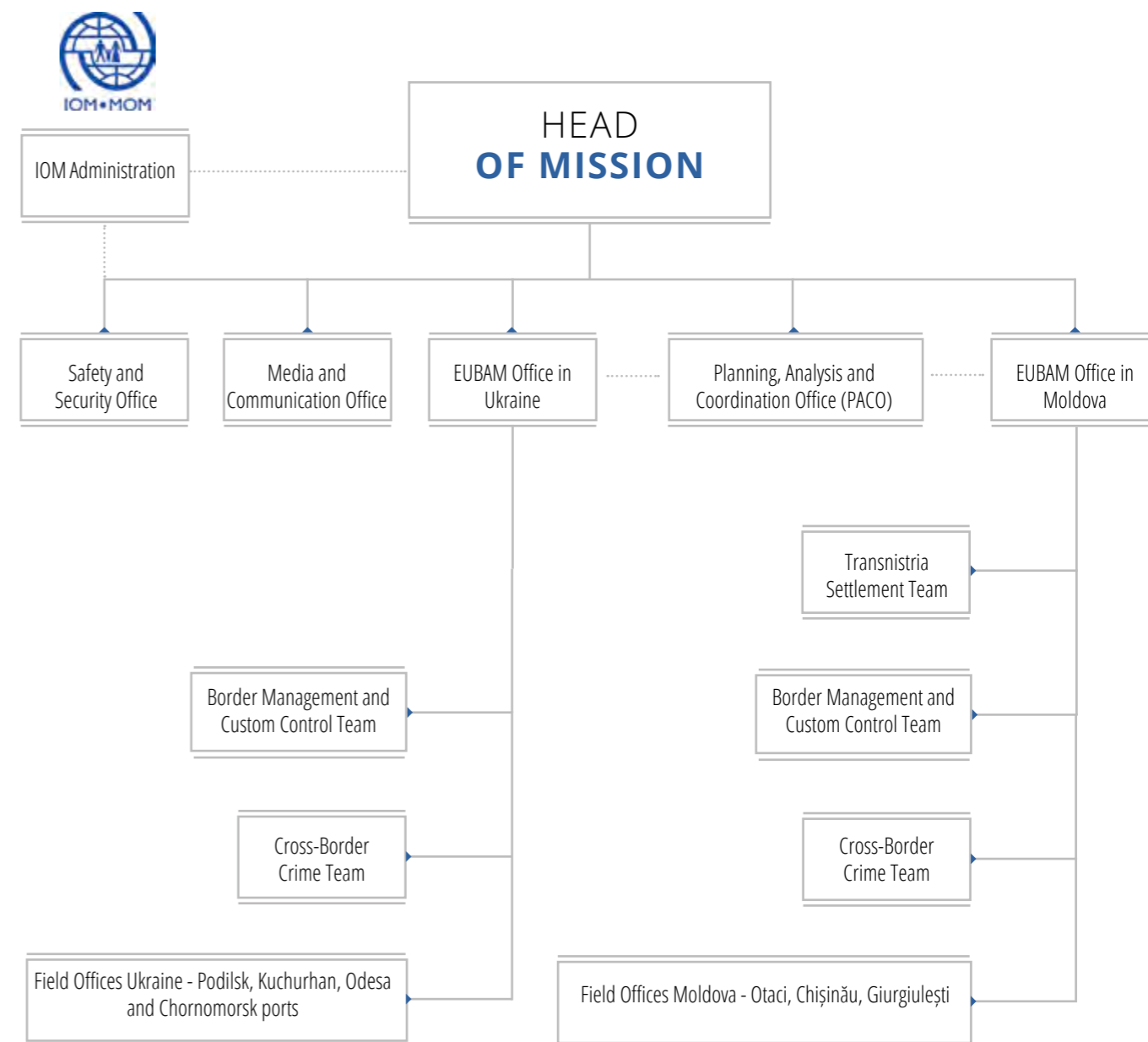
Headquarters vs Country Field offices



International (11 EU MS) vs National (UA, MD)

Total EUBAM staff 122 persons, as for 1 Dec 2018

### EUBAM'S STRUCTURE



### THE MISSION'S MANDATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FIVE TIMES



15 mln EUR  
EUBAM's indicative budget

## EUBAM 12 ACTION PLAN

<b>Specific objective 1</b>		<b>To support the development of Transnistria-related confidence-building measures and approximation of legislation and procedures in customs, trade, transport and trans-boundary management.</b>
<b>Output 1.1 Customs and trade related legislation and procedures on both sides of the Dniester River approximated.</b>		
Activities	1.1.1	Advise on the approximation of customs duties, VAT and excise between Chisinau and Tiraspol.
	1.1.2	Advise on the approximation of regulations and procedures on customs valuation and the alignment of regulations on fees and charges to the provisions of Articles VII and VIII of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) between Chisinau and Tiraspol.
	1.1.3	Advise Transnistria on the implementation of Articles 2, 4-6 of the World Trade Organisation's Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement.
	1.1.4	Advise Transnistria on the implementation of the World Trade Organisation's Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection standards and market surveillance.
	1.1.5	Advise Chisinau and Tiraspol in improving the customs framework and further simplification of formalities in trade in goods.
<b>Output 1.2 Co-operation among responsible authorities on the enforcement of customs and trade legislation and procedures on both sides of the Dniester River enhanced.</b>		
Activities	1.2.1	Arrange joint anti-smuggling operations between Chisinau and Tiraspol customs structures.
	1.2.2	Seek agreement and develop an automated exchange of customs data and information on registration of juridical persons involved in trans-boundary and international trade.
	1.2.3	Profile and analyse Transnistrian external trade activity, including on the implementation of the single customs regime (i.e. 2005 Moldova-Ukraine Joint Declaration).
	1.2.4	Verify clearance of goods imported or exported by Transnistrian economic operators is performed in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner.
<b>Output 1.3 Sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary practices on both sides of the Dniester River aligned with international standards to mitigate human, animal or plant health risks in trade.</b>		
Activities	1.3.1	Promote co-operation between Chisinau and Tiraspol to uphold regional consumer safety.
<b>Output 1.4 Practical solutions for the fully-fledged resumption of passenger and freight traffic across Transnistria adopted by the responsible authorities.</b>		
Activities	1.4.1	Develop and sustain transport related confidence-building measures in co-operation with the OSCE.
	1.4.2	Contribute to defusing disruption of passenger and freight services across the administrative boundary line and transit, import and export of cargo overseas by road and rail through Transnistria, in co-operation with the OSCE.
<b>Output 1.5 Trans-boundary crisis management co-operation enhanced.</b>		
Activities	1.5.1	Encourage establishment of contact points and information exchange mechanisms to respond to any type of incidents (flooding, serious incidents in either bank of the Dniester River, etc.) that may affect the movement of people and goods across Transnistria.
<b>Specific objective 2</b>		<b>Full implementation of the Integrated Border Management at the Moldova-Ukraine border with a special attention to its Transnistrian segment.</b>
<b>Output 2.1 Joint control at border crossing points and automated exchange of border crossing data established.</b>		
Activities	2.1.1	Ensure the implementation plan of the partner services to establish jointly operated border crossing points along the entire Moldovan-Ukrainian border.
	2.1.2	Confirm the full implementation of the automated exchange of border crossing data on persons and vehicles crossing the Moldovan-Ukrainian border including the Transnistrian segment.

<b>Output 2.2</b>		<b>Efficiency of border and customs controls increased through inter-agency co-operation at the regional and local levels.</b>
Activities	2.2.1	Ensure on the full implementation of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) concept including on the implementation of data sharing mechanisms at Border Crossing Points for clearance purposes.
	2.2.2	Draft assessment and proposal regarding intelligence led border management on Moldova-Ukraine border segment. Support inter-agency mobile groups based on intelligence-led activities in close co-operation with Frontex.
<b>Output 2.3</b>		<b>Cross-border processes aligned with the Association Agreements, VLAPs and Integrated Border Management provisions.</b>
Activities	2.3.1	Evaluate border and customs systems at all road, rail, air and sea Border Crossing Points and Customs Posts within EUBAM's area of operations jointly with partner services.
	2.3.2	Monitor the implementation of the EU Visa post-Liberalisation Action Plans benchmarks in both Moldova and Ukraine in the following areas: border management, migration management, combatting cross-border organised crime and freedom of movement of citizens of both countries, upon the request of the EU and/or partner services.
	2.3.3	Review all Border Crossing Points along the Moldova-Ukraine border with a view to optimizing their status.
	2.3.4	Support the finalisation of the border demarcation process on the Moldova-Ukraine border. Upon request of the partner services, advise on the technical aspects outstanding for the full demarcation of the common border.
<b>Specific objective 3</b>		<b>Greater effectiveness of efforts to combat cross-border crime on the Moldova-Ukraine border, especially at the Transnistrian segment.</b>
<b>Output 3.1</b>		<b>The transparency in fighting cross border crime of the common border and adjacent ports of entry in fighting cross-border crime increased.</b>
Activities	3.1.1	Assist in the prevention, detection and investigation of cross-border crime.
	3.1.2	Develop the assessment, prevention, detection and investigation capabilities of partner services on the illegal trafficking of arms, ammunition, radiological and nuclear materials.
<b>Output 3.2</b>		<b>Joint assessment of threats to border security jointly assessed by the border services and other law enforcement agencies in Moldova and Ukraine developed.</b>
Activities	3.2.1	Develop updated assessment of risk analysis, intelligence and data-flow management of the partner services on the concerned border segments, and ensure implementation of assessment.
	3.2.2	Develop and ensure implementation of the partner services' joint risk and threat assessments on cross-border crime.
	3.2.3	Ensure a sustainable alert mechanism at tactical and operational levels for prompt response border-related crime threats.
<b>Output 3.3</b>		<b>Increased operational co-operation between Ukraine and Moldova in preventing smuggling of goods, including in tobacco products, arms, ammunition and nuclear materials.</b>
Activities	3.3.1	Develop updated assessment of information exchange between Moldova and Ukraine on preventing and combating smuggling of goods, including in tobacco products, arms and ammunition, explosives and nuclear materials.
	3.3.2	Ensure the planning, conduct and evaluation of joint border control operations with the partner services and in co-operation with Frontex, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and South European Law Enforcement Centre (SELEC).
	3.3.3	Ensure the implementation of border and customs control measures in Moldova and Ukraine with particular attention to the Transnistrian segment of the common border.
<b>Output 3.4</b>		<b>Better inter-agency coordination in the detection, investigation and enforcement of cross-border crime.</b>
Activities	3.4.1	Enhance harmonised measures and joint efforts to improve enforcement procedures to prevent and combat cross-border crime.

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