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SECI Center
Fighting Illegal Migration and Trafficking in Human Beings in SEE
ACHIEVEMENT AND PERSPECTIVES
Unique Law Enforcement Cooperation

- SECI Center – regional organization for combating organized trans-border crime in South East Europe

  - Location – Bucharest, Romania
  - No overlap with other relevant international and regional organizations
13 MEMBERS
Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Greece
Hungary
Moldova
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Montenegro
Romania
Serbia
Slovenia
Turkey

1 APPLICATION
Georgia
### 7 International Organizations and Missions

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### 17 OBSERVER STATES

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Unique Law Enforcement Cooperation

• Police and Customs liaison officers from the member countries working together in direct cooperation, facilitating real time information exchange
  ➢ 26 national Customs and Police agencies represented
  ➢ Network of National Focal Points in member states
  ➢ Prosecutors involved (SEE Prosecutors Advisory Group)
  ➢ Analytical capabilities
• 8 specialized Task Forces focused on:
  • Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration – “Mirage” TF
  • Drug Trafficking
  • Smuggling and Customs Frauds
  • Stolen Vehicles
  • Financial and Computer Crime
  • Terrorism
  • Container Security
  • Environment and Nature Crime
The “Mirage” Task-Force

- Set up in 2001
- Coordinated by Romania
- SEE countries’ Forum for THB and illegal migration related issues
- Regular Task-Force Meetings, every year
- Focus areas:
  - Joint investigations
  - Trainings
  - Analyses (at both strategic and operational level)
  - International Projects and Partnerships
“Mirage” Task-Force Achievements

- **Coordination** of information exchange process and facilitation of operational meetings in **Joint Investigations**, 2003 onward

- **Manual** of Good Practices in fighting THB in South East Europe in cooperation with ICMPD and UNDP Romania in 2003

- **Facilitation to victims** of THB for testifying in criminal proceedings abroad (in a total 34 cases), **Witness Program**, 2003 onward

- Preparation of **Analytical Reports** on THB and Migrant Smuggling in Southeast Europe, 2004 onward
“Mirage” Task-Force Achievements
Operational results 2009

• 217 requests and information initiated
• 7 Joint Investigations supported

• Operation “Tara” – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Austria
  – 3 operational meetings, 98 persons arrested
  – operational analysis provided by the SECI Center

• Operation “Kanis” - the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia,
  – illegal migration case of Chinese nationals to Greece and other EU countries
  – 2 operational meetings, 23 persons arrested
  – operational analysis provided by the SECI Center

• Operation “Blue Wolf” - Hungary, Romania and Austria
  – 2 operational meetings, 22 persons arrested in all involved countries.
“Mirage” Task-Force Achievements

Trainings

• Interview and Interrogation Techniques, 2004

• Training on Organized Crime and THB, 2009

• Interviewing of child victims of sexual abuse, 2010

❖ All trainings were:
   ➢ Attended by national representatives from SECI Center Member States
   ➢ Trainers were specialised officers from the FBI
   ➢ Build up based on examples coming from practical experience

• Hosted the CEOP Training on combating child online exploitation, 2007 and 2010
“Mirage” Task-Force Achievements
Analytical Report on THB and MS in SEE

• Statistical data about victims of THB and illegal migrants
  – By age, gender, citizenship, type of exploitation, place of detection, asylum, etc.

• Statistical data about traffickers and smugglers
  – By citizenship

• Descriptive data about the trafficking and smuggling processes
  – Methods of recruitment, transportation, exploitation, etc.

• Conclusions at national level about THB and SoM
  – New trends, modus operandi, routes, etc
Key findings in Smuggling (2010)

- Migrants do not pay anymore the entire price in advance, but half is paid after, by relatives;

- Smugglers are more responsible for transporting migrants at destination, multiple attempts, if the case, are on the cost of smugglers;

- The use of forerunner cars to detect police patrols on the route;

- Migrants of various nationalities claim as being Palestinians for avoiding expulsion;

- Vietnamese migrants are more present in transiting RO to HU, strong connections revealed with their nationals leaving in CZ;

- Decreasing number (-19%) of illegal migrants detected in SEE, first time in the last four years;
- 13% decrease of investigated migrant smugglers;
- Afghan migrants place first (also in 2008) as number of detections from countries outside the SEE;
- Increased usage of falsified documents by migrants from Arab countries (Iraq, Lebanon, etc);
- Increasing use of vehicles belonging to EU residents, for transporting migrants;
- The classic Balkan Route (through SR-HR-SI) is directing more to the North, increasing the pressure at the HU borders;
- Increased pressure at the Romanian borders with UA and MD.
SELEC Convention

• **Organizational**
  - Confirms international legal personality
• **Regulates the relationship with LE organizations or bodies, in particular with Europol**
• **Operational**
  - Develop the operational effectiveness
  - Provide for increased capabilities
SELEC Convention

Compile of a full-service law enforcement information system:

- Enhance analyses capacity with a broader data system and adequate personal data protection rules.

- Data will be collected in the concrete cases SECI (SELEC) is involved and also outside them, as provided by Participating States, Operational Partners, Observers and others.

- SELEC shall analyse and process such personal data in an effort to prevent, detect and investigate serious trans-border crimes.

- SELEC processing of data - subject to limitations imposed by the provider and subject to the data protection procedures.
Thank you for your attention!

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