



PROJECT DURATION:
January 2020 - December 2023



EU CONTRIBUTION:
€4,450,000



TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:
€4,672,500



LOCATION:
Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Montenegro,
North Macedonia,
Serbia and Kosovo
under UNSCR 1244

EU AND UNODC JOINT ACTION PROMOTING RULE OF LAW AND GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH TARGETED BORDER CONTROL MEASURES AT PORTS AND AIRPORTS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:
UNODC, WCO and INTERPOL
DONOR:
EUROPEAN UNION

The specific objectives

- To support more effective national and international responses to illicit trafficking by means of implementing the following goals:

Strengthening the three current PCUs under the CCP: Bijača land border crossing (Bosnia and Herzegovina); port of Bar (Montenegro) and Vermice land border crossing (Kosovo under UNSCR 1244) by building capacity and strengthening joint work;

Establishing new units under the CCP: one new PCU at Gradiška land border crossing (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and three new ACCUs at the international airports of Skopje, Belgrade and Sarajevo.

- To strengthen the capacities of law enforcement agencies active at international airports in the Western Balkans to detect and intercept high risk passengers, in an effort to counter international organized crime and illicit drug trafficking, and prevent terrorism by:

Supporting the establishment and operationalization of an AIRCOP JAITF at the International Airports of Belgrade (Serbia), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Skopje (North Macedonia) via the AIRCOP project.

THE GOAL



This action is aimed at enhancing the capacities of authorities in the Western Balkans to fight organized crime, by supporting more effective and coordinated responses to illicit trafficking by border law enforcement at seaports, land border crossings and international airports in the region.



The action involves the [UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme \(CCP\)](#) and the [UNODC-WCO-INTERPOL Airport Communication Project \(AIRCOP\)](#) under the umbrella of the [UNODC Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe](#).



Through this action, UNODC will further implement CCP, which has been present in the region since 2013 with Port Control Units (PCUs) already established in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo under UNSCR 1244, and another one to be established in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the future. Three new Air Cargo Control Units (ACCU) will be established through the CCP-Air programme, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Skopje, North Macedonia and Belgrade, Serbia.



Furthermore, under the AIRCOP part of the action, UNODC will establish and operationalize inter-agency Joint Airport Interdiction Task Forces (JAITFs) focusing on passengers at the three mentioned airports. AIRCOP is new to the region, while being a large-scale global programme of UNODC.



The action will support the implementation of the UN Conventions on drugs and crime and the EU Acquis, notably Chapters 23 and 24 addressing serious organized crime, rule of law, good governance and security. The action will improve effectiveness and develop synergies between law enforcement actors at the national, regional and international levels and build bridges between various thematic areas as well as between the Western Balkans and other regions, improving the security situation in the Western Balkans and Europe as a whole, in line with the UNODC promoted Inter-Regional Drug Control Approach and its "Networking the Networks" initiative.