

## **Strategy for Integrated Border Management (Croatia)**

### **1. Description of initiative**

The state borders, international law defines as imaginary surfaces like curtains that fall vertically to the ground or surface water and continue to extend the depth of the country through the border, the neighboring countries on the basis of bilateral agreement governing. Therefore they demarcate and separate territory between states, the space beneath the earth's interior, as well as air columns over these territories, separating different nations, and can separate the one and the same people, mark stops where the territory, sovereignty and jurisdiction of one and the same thing the other begins state, separating the different legal, political and economic systems, and can be rearranged and some other important systems and values.

However, apart from the border separating all of the above, they are in themselves and able to be places of encounter and cooperation between peoples and states. It is precisely these possibilities, put to use and develop the concept of integrated border management. It is through the cooperation of state bodies within the state, as well as the cooperation of these bodies with such or similar authorities in neighboring and other countries, ensures effective management of borders and gives further impetus to economic development of the nation and the state.

In Europe, and even in the world, the first Integrated Border Management Strategy, was written in the Republic of Croatia. They wrote, in accordance with the guidelines of the European Union, the Croatian government officials in collaboration with international experts. Strategy and its implementation action plan, adopted by the Croatian Government 21st April 2005. , in the Republic of Croatia has introduced the concept of integrated border management.

This concept is due to the effective achievement of these goals requires close cooperation and working together at the national, regional and local level, all central government bodies and legal entities that are commercial interests related to cross-border traffic, particularly those working in border control, control and supervision of cross-border traffic at the border or in the interior of the state. For a more effective management of borders they share this concept includes not only engaging and working together within the state, but also across the border with the competent authorities and legal entities in neighboring countries.

The main objective of this concept is to provide effective support for economic development of the country and raising the standard of living of citizens, more effective protection of life and health of people and their property, health, animals, plants and ecosystems along the border, and the effective suppression of any form of cross-border crime, ie crime and violations beings whose acts there is cross-border activity. This is especially true for proactively combating illegal migration, human trafficking, illegal traffic of goods, drugs, weapons, nuclear materials, terrorism, and all the harmful organisms and substances that may endanger the health and lives of people, plants, animals, ecosystems and the natural environment. The stated goal is achieved satisfying work, and synergetic effect of all central government bodies and legal entities that are commercial interests related to cross-border traffic, allowing for faster and safer flow of traffic through the border to simplify border procedures, reducing the time of their performance and eliminating empty-strokes, and in particular the implementation of market surveillance of products imported into the Community. According to the decision of the Croatian Government, implementers of the concept of integrated border management are competent services of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural

Development, the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and the State Inspectorate. At the same time, the concept of integrated border management involves collaboration with other agencies, especially with the state authorities in charge of sea traffic and infrastructure, foreign affairs and European integration, defense, justice, economy, labor and entrepreneurship, Environment, Physical Planning and Construction, Culture, SGA, mining, radiation protection, and other agencies that are involved in cross-border traffic.

Border Management, which was founded by the Croatian Government 21st April 2005. year.

The Interdepartmental Working Group appointed by the margin of the Board of the Ministry of Internal Affairs director and two deputies, and one member of their deputy from the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Veterinary and Agricultural Management and phytosanitary inspection of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, Directorate of sanitary Inspection of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and the State Inspectorate.

The main objective of the IWG is to ensure and improve the coordination and cooperation between agencies involved in border management in order to avoid duplication of procedures when performing tasks related to the state border, reduce the time of the relevant procedures, remove the empty stroke rate, better align the work of all departments at the border and significant effect of synergy between all central government bodies.

Accordingly, the tasks of the IWG are related to the analysis and promotion of activities related to the integrity and protection of the state border, and its planning, analyzing border procedures of individual agencies, make recommendations and implement procedures that allow faster border crossing, border protection more effective, safer boating at sea and inland waterways co-operation with central and local government bodies and other agencies, giving suggestions in case of disagreement between the agencies involved in border management, supervision over the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation in the integrated border management and in accordance with the related activities and coordination of the construction, maintenance and equipping of border crossings and other infrastructure required for the operation of the agency.

Interagency Working Group on all matters relevant to border management decisions are made at the ordinary and extraordinary meetings, which a record is kept.

Due to the operational implementation of the Action Plan as well as the implementing legislation of the Strategy, Interagency Working Group established the inter-ministerial Standing professional work teams for specific areas of the integrated border management, namely: legal issues, organization and management and the infrastructure, equipment and information technology.

To resolve specific issues IWG may establish ad hoc, temporary interdepartmental professional work teams, and if necessary engage experts in specific fields.

About all the activities and results of an annual report to the Croatian Government.

Intersectional professional work teams

In order to successful implementation of the integrated management of the IWG for integrated border management in Croatian for individual areas of the Integrated Border Management was founded by three permanent interdepartmental professional working team and appointed leaders, members and their deputies. "Professional working team of legal issues," covers the legal and regulatory framework, "Professional working team for the organization and management" - the area of work organization and management, procedures, human resources

and training, and communication and information sharing, while "Professional working team infrastructure, equipment and information technology" covers the field of information technology, infrastructure and equipment.

Decision of the IWG in constant professional work teams have been appointed representatives of the central government bodies involved in the integrated border management: from the Ministry of Interior - the Border, and the Ministry of Finance - Customs Administration, two members and two alternates, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development - Department of Agricultural and phytosanitary inspection and the Veterinary Inspection, the Ministry of Health and Welfare - Directorate for Sanitary Inspection and the State Inspectorate for one member and his deputy, as follows:

Intersectional professional work teams solve specific tasks in the field of integrated border management, including in particular: monitor and adjust the national legal and regulatory framework with legal standards and best practices of the European Union, made an overview of border and other procedures and suggest improvements, made common standard operating procedures, perform an analysis of the data received from all the agencies involved, made a joint risk analysis, organize and implement joint actions proposed, made a joint manuals, organizing joint training and exercises, and suggests the development of a joint plan to equip and use of infrastructure facilities, technical equipment and information technology, continuously revised text of the Strategy and its implementation of the Action Plan, and prepare reports on their implementation which, after approval by the IWG sent to the Croatian Government to adopt, monitor and analyze the operational implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation in the integrated border management, including its annex, and to this to directly cooperate with the coordinators of cooperation for its implementation, as needed visit court, convened meetings and provide guidance coordinators cooperation.

Intersectoral work of professional work teams organized managers of work teams and their deputies are appointed by the Interagency Working Group in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, guidelines and orders. The work of professional work teams included representatives of other government bodies, and if necessary, representatives of other entities that have business interests related to the border trade, border security health of plants, animals, their products, food, and protection of cultural property, the environment and other values important for the overall security of the citizens.

Managers of work teams decisions on how to perform the tasks taken at meetings. The minutes of meetings held and reports on the activities carried shipped Interministerial working group. The host of professional work team organization and management, through a report that he submitted to coordinators of cooperation at the regional level, supervises the operational implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation in the integrated border management, as needed provides guidance and orders for its implementation coordinators cooperation, organizes meetings and goes to the field. If there is a problem that can not be resolved at the regional level in his resolution to include the coordinator and his deputy at the state level or the Interagency Working Group.

## **2. Relevant countries and agencies from other countries**

We have participated as a member of the Western Balkans + Turkey

Agencies involved:

- Border police
- Customs
- Border Veterinary Service
- Border Phytosanitary Service
- Border Sanitary service
- State Inspectorate

## **3. Relevant government agencies**

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Interdepartmental Working Group for the implementation of IBM in the Republic of Croatia included are permanent agencies:

- Border police
- Customs
- Border Veterinary Service
- Border Phytosanitary Service
- Border Sanitary service
- State Inspectorate

In addition, where appropriate, may be included other state agencies

## **4. Actions included in the initiatives/practices**

- Joint controls (including joint examinations)
- Authorized officers powers on behalf of other government agencies
- Information sharing (apart from SW)
- Passenger or crew movement coordination
- Joint controls over the means of transport
- Enforcement coordination