

PGS project “GLOBAL” recent activities

Background:

Due to the approval of a WCO/PGS project proposal submitted to the US Department of State (US DoS) and the European Commission (EC) in 2021, two grant agreements were signed end 2021 and beginning 2022 to set up the joint PGS project “GLOBAL” launched in March 2022. After extensions were granted in July 2023 and in October 2024 by the US DoS and EU, respectively, Project GLOBAL will run until December 2025.

Programme Global Shield project GLOBAL activities

Since its launch in March 2022, PGS project GLOBAL conducted below activities:

- Two regional workshops on safety and security as well as on detection and risk assessment for the Americas and the Caribbean region (US budget).
- A regional operational exercise in the Americas and Caribbean region (US budget).
- The production of PGS promotion video and additional promotional materials (EU budget).
- Two global PGS Conferences (EU budget).
- Development of new and simplified PGS CENcomm templates (US budget).
- Two regional workshops on safety and security as well as on detection and risk assessment for Southeast Europe (US budget).
- Two regional workshops on safety and security as well as on detection and risk assessment for Asia/Pacific (EU budget).
- Two study visits to prepare Baltic State activities (US Budget).
- Purchase of 13 Raman Spectrometers donated to most vulnerable Members in the Americas and Caribbean Region and Southeast Europe region (EU budget and US budget).
- Development of an Explosive Precursor smartphone application (US budget).
- Establishment of a permanent PGS analysis (US budget).
- Four National Workshops in Baltic States - two in Estonia and two in Lithuania (US budget).
- Two regional workshops on safety and security as well as on detection and risk assessment for Africa (EU budget).
- A regional operational exercise in Southeast Europe and Baltic States (US budget).
- A Global Operational exercise for the Americas and Caribbean, Southeast Europe, Asia/Pacific and Africa (EU and US budget).

Detailed information on the EU grant agreement

Grant agreement EU No. IFS/2021/427-684

Purpose of the grant agreement:

The purpose of the Agreement is to provide a financial contribution to finance the implementation of the action ***“Support to the World Customs Organization Programme Global Shield - strengthening control of chemical precursors for improvised explosive devices”***.

PGS activities 2025

- One PGS Global Conference conducted in May 2025 (EU Budget)
- PGS Global Operation “OPERATION GLOBAL GATEWAY”
 - Pre-Operation meeting for Americas and Caribbean and Southeast Europe (US Budget)
 - Pre-Operation meeting for Asia/Pacific and Africa (EU Budget)
 - Operational Phase/High-intensity period (US Budget)
 - Two post-operational meetings for the Americas and Caribbean and Southeast Europe (US Budget)
 - Two post-operational meetings for Asia/Pacific and Africa (EU Budget)
- Launch of the Explosive Precursor APP (US Budget)

Activity	Name and location of contractor	Amount of the contract project
One PGS Global Conference conducted from 20-21 May 2025	World Customs Organization (WCO), Rue du Marché 30, B-1210, Brussels, Belgium	EUR 17,309.49
PGS Global Operation “OPERATION GLOBAL GATEWAY” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-operational meeting for Africa and Asia/Pacific regions conducted from 01-03 July 2025 	Name: HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP DAR CITY CENTER Address: Jamhuri Street, P.O BOX 22353, 255 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	EUR 101,738.29
PGS Global Operation “OPERATION GLOBAL GATEWAY” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Operational Meetings/Debriefs for Africa and Asia/Pacific regions (hybrid mode) conducted from 17-20 November 2025 	World Customs Organization (WCO), Rue du Marché 30, B-1210, Brussels, Belgium	EUR 32,214.54