

OSCE-LED MOBILE TRAINING TEAM



Project Overview

This extra-budgetary project, implemented by the OSCE Secretariat's Transnational Threats Department/Border Security Management Unit (TNTD/BSMU), aims to support OSCE participating States (pS) and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (PfC) in strengthening the capacity of their frontline officers to identify and prevent the movement of suspected Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and high-risk individuals, as well as to identify and protect potential victims of cross-border crimes, while upholding the principles of international human rights and fundamental freedoms, and embracing gender- and age-sensitive approaches.

Project Background

Terrorist groups, FTFs and perpetrators of cross-border crimes pose a significant threat to international peace and security. They use both legal and illegal pathways to cross borders and to plan and execute not only terrorist acts, but also various types of serious and organized transnational crimes including, but not limited to, trafficking in human beings, small arms and light weapons (SALW) and conventional ammunition (CA), drugs, and other illicit goods. Additionally, emergency situations, such as earthquakes, floods and human-made disasters, are often exploited as opportunities for cross-border criminal activities.

Addressing these threats requires well-trained frontline officers who are equipped to detect, prevent and react to any situation arising at the border. As a response, in 2016, the OSCE established the multinational OSCE-Led Mobile Training Team which, alongside experts from other international organizations such as Frontex, INTERPOL and UNOCT, deliver training courses aimed at strengthening the skills of law enforcement, border, migration, and customs officers to efficiently address these threats.

In 2022, the MTT expanded its efforts with the development of a comprehensive, five-module training programme designed to conduct national and regional training initiatives at the request of interested pS, contributing to the efficient and effective management of borders and overall security of the OSCE area.

- I Identity Management and Travel Security
- II Behavioural Analysis and Interviewing Techniques
- III Crisis Management
- IV Addressing Illicit Trafficking of SALW & CA
- V Combating the Trafficking in Human Beings

OSCE-Led Mobile Training Team

The OSCE-Led MTT consists of active law enforcement and border officers from OSCE pS and PfC, along with experts from Frontex, INTERPOL and UNOCT. The team can be rapidly deployed through the OSCE area, at the request of pS, to provide specialized courses for frontline officers on the above-mentioned threats, with a focus on: identity management and travel security, behavioural analysis and interviewing techniques, crisis management at borders, identifying and addressing trafficking in SALW and CA, and combating trafficking in human beings, with a strong emphasis on human rights principles and gender- and age-sensitive approaches in border control procedures.

Why choose the OSCE-Led Mobile Training Team?

The MTT stands out for its multinational composition and ability to rapidly deploy across the OSCE area, delivering actionable and tailored training courses that meet the specific needs of the requesting country to prevent and counter terrorism and cross-border crime, while also fostering inter-agency and international co-operation. The modular structure of the MTT's training programme enables countries to identify their training priorities based on the risk profiles and areas requiring enhancement, ensuring resource optimization while avoiding the duplication of efforts. Furthermore, the MTT provides training-of-trainers and mentoring activities, supporting law enforcement educational institutions in integrating segments of the MTT training material into their existing national education curricula. This approach fosters local ownership of the provided expertise, ensures the sustainability of results and creates a long-term impact on national law enforcement capabilities, while contributing to the overall security of the OSCE area.

We offer:

- An interactive and engaging tailored training approach
- Peer learning and exchange of real-life cases and experience of the MTT trainers
- Knowledge of evolving threats and actionable tools, methodologies and resources that can be implemented immediately at the borders
- Strengthening of inter-agency and international co-operation

Beneficiaries:

State agencies responsible for border security and transnational threat prevention, including officers from:

- Law enforcement
- Border services
- Customs administration
- Counter-terrorism agencies and representatives of accredited law enforcement training institutions



Geographic Focus:

The project scope includes OSCE pS and Mediterranean PfC, focusing on South Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Partners:

The project is implemented in co-operation with the OSCE field operations, government entities in the beneficiary pS and Mediterranean PfC, and partner organizations (INTERPOL, Frontex, UNOCT), to ensure the sustainability of results and ownership of the process by the beneficiaries, as well as increased synergies between stakeholders.

Donors:



SDG Contribution:

