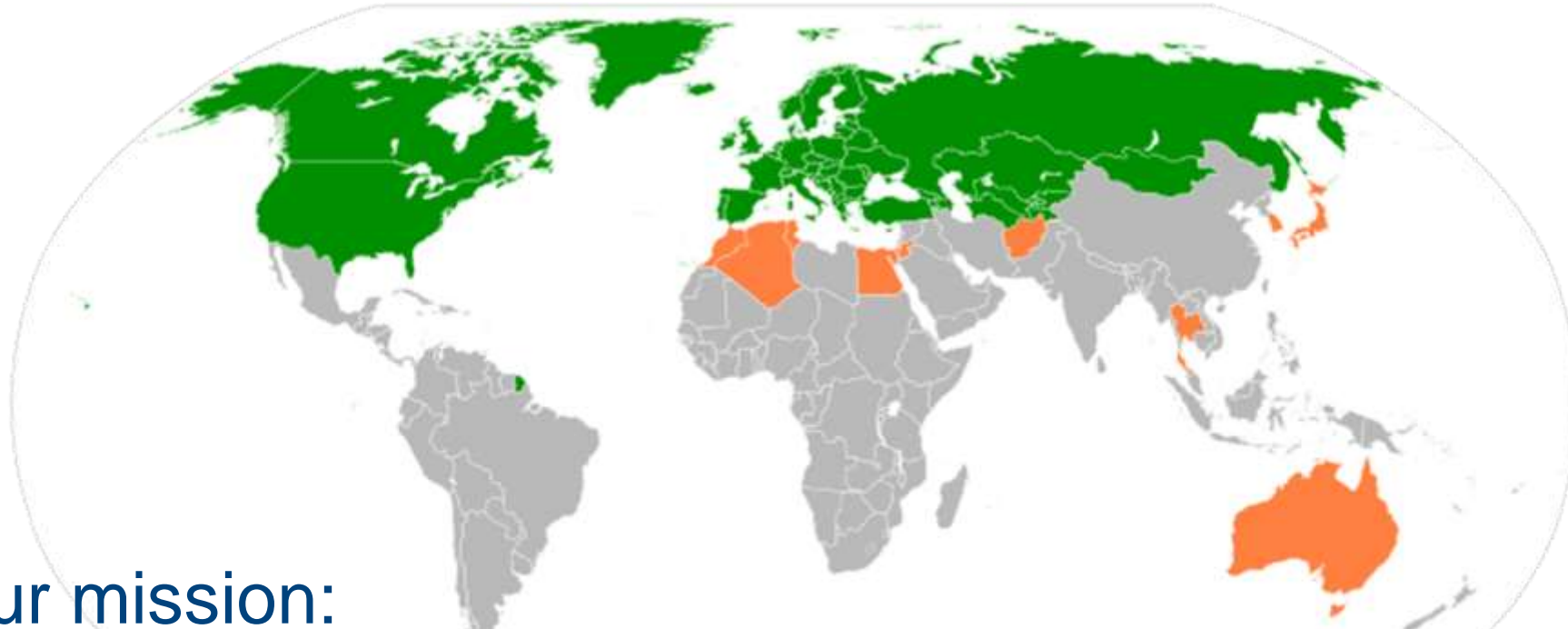


OSCE Approach and Recommendations in Combatting Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Property



OSCE - Our Scope



Our mission:

To work for **stability**, **prosperity** and **democracy** in 57 Participating States and 11 Partners for Cooperation Countries through political dialogue about shared values and through practical work that makes a lasting difference.

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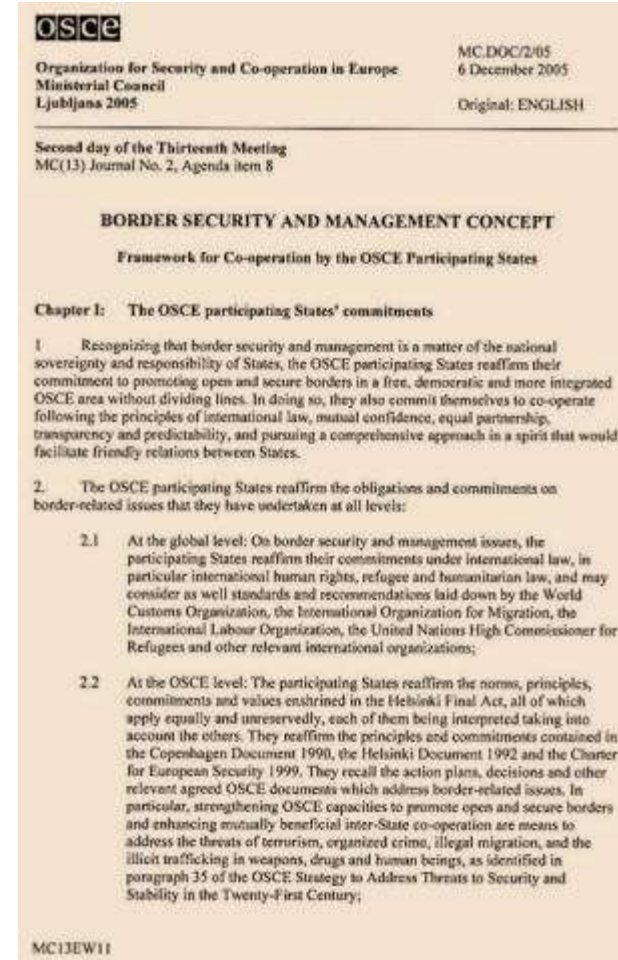
OSCE Border Security and Management Concept

Political Framework for Co-operation by the OSCE participating States

Commitments and Objectives:

- to promote **free and secure movement** across borders;
- to reduce **threat of terrorism** and other criminal activities;
- to prevent and suppress **transnational organized crime**;
- to promote **high standards** in border services;
- to promote **dignified treatment of all individuals** wanting to cross borders,
- to create beneficial conditions for **social and economic development in border territories**,
- to foster prospects for **joint economic development**;
- to ensure **security of the international transport circuit** for supply of commodities.

Encouraging development of a free, democratic and more integrated OSCE area



Trafficking in Cultural Property - Introducing an expanding phenomena

Awareness Raising



Image source: ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiative and Digital Globe THE WASHINGTON POST



Dushanbe, June 2016



Samarkand, May 2018



Vicenza, Nov 2017



Podgorica, Oct 2018



Challenges / Opportunities - Capacity building, Partnership



Challenges/Opportunities:

- *Huge Licit Market*
- *Huge Illicit Market*
- *Conflict Areas*
as a source
- *Weak Regulations*
- *Lack of Capacities and Training*
- *Under usage of available resources, information, technology*
- *Lack of Cooperation*



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We live in an illusion that the greatest archaeological discoveries are already made, while the truth is that they are about to come, still placed both under the surface of the earth and under the seas...

They are likely to be of outstanding importance and magnitude, confirming the well known historical narratives OR questioning them to the extent that there will be the need for their partial or full revision.

Dr. Peter B. Campbell,
Head Underwater Archaeologist, Board of Directors
Archaeology Investigation & Research Network

The REAL QUESTION is: Who will put hands on them first - science communities OR Organized Crime and Terrorist groups...

The REAL CHALLENGE for all involved is to prevent ITCP and protect the known and unknown legacy that belongs to all of us – to the human race.

Together, we can do it.

Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas



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Hellenic Police

Questions?

WHO WE ARE

As part of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department (TNTD), Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU) supports the OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation (PFC) to address emerging border security risks and challenges.

Border Security and Management Unit

Border Security and Management Unit promotes high standards in border services across the OSCE area through:

- The exchange and promotion of best practices
- Maintenance of efficient functioning of OSCE Border Security and Management (BSM) National Focal Points Network.
- Capacity Building Activities
- Support of OSCE Field Operations' Border Management Activities
- Organizing workshops and trainings
- Interaction with other regional and international organizations



OSCE side workshops on Identification and Demarcation Practices, Bratislava, Slovakia



Workshop on strengthening the co-operation with Multinational partners, Salzburg, Austria

Border Security and Management Concept

"Commitment to promoting the open and secure borders in a free, democratic and more integrated OSCE area without dividing lines" is the central theme of the Border Security and Management Concept, adopted by the OSCE participating States in December 2005 at Ijubljana Ministerial Council.

The Concept is a cross-dimensional document, addressing transnational threats such as:

- Terrorism
- Organized Crime
- Irregular Migration
- Trafficking in Human Beings
- Smuggling of Weapons and Drugs
- Corruption

The concept promotes dignified treatment of individuals crossing borders and facilitates beneficial conditions for economic development in border territories.

WHAT WE DO

BSMU provides technical assistance and confidence-building measures for development of border areas in OSCE participating States through workshops, capacity development training and expert advice.

Identification of potential Foreign Terrorist Fighters at the borders

Newsdays, Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) constitute one of the major threats to regional and international security.

Through establishment of OSCE Mobile Training Team to deliver training on identification and interviewing of potential FTF at the borders in the OSCE area, the Unit supports and assists OSCE participating States to better address this threat.



Anti-corruption interactive training for border guards, Customs Service and Anti-corruption Authorities of Moldova and Ukraine



Anti-Corruption Training for Border Guards, Romanian and Ukrainian Border, Blaj, Romania

Anti-Corruption

Through the specialized @OSCE@ Train the Trainer programme BSMU provides enhanced capacities for border guards, customs services and anti-corruption authorities of OSCE as to investigate and prosecute corruption related cases, with emphasis on cross-border related challenges.



OSCE Police, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary, FBI, Teaching Women Leadership and Empowerment Skills

Gender Mainstreaming in BSM

OSCE's Women Leadership and Empowerment initiative created the OSCE-wide platform on gender mainstreaming in BSM. Project provides as with sustainable mechanisms to expand the role of women on all levels and is in the process of developing on-line training courses.

HOW WE DO IT

BSMU brings innovation to the forefront of capacity development and training sector by introducing new teaching methodologies and integrating emerging technologies in Border Security and Management.



Police Programming and Exercise, Poles, OSCE Mission, Winter Training, Zakopane, Poland

Table Top Exercises Mobile Training Team

Table Top exercises are an interactive, real-life, scenario based teaching tool, more frequently used in adult learning programs and has wide appeal among Border Security and management professionals.

Through use of specialized training program, OSCE Mobile Training Team delivers on-site training to BSM officials to better identify and interview potential Foreign Terrorist Fighters in full compliance with international human rights standards at entry and exit border checkpoints of OSCE area.



NFP meeting on "Emerging technologies in border security and management use of unmanned aerial vehicles", Opatowitz, Romania

Information Technologies

The Unit is mainstreaming the use of real-time Electronic Polling methods during trainings and workshops. This computer software teaching tool has helped to stimulate thoughtful and interactive discussion and feedback on a wide variety of border related subjects ranging from Anti-corruption to Gender mainstreaming.

Visual Aids

BSMU uses Visual Aids as a training tool. Stimulating and thought provoking visual aids are used in BSMU's projects to educate, guide and inspire individuals working in border services, law enforcement agencies and criminal justice sector.

National Focal Points Network (NFP)

The BSM National Focal Points Network unites more than 105 official NFPs from 52 participating States. The Annual NFP Network meetings and participation in OSCE border related activities creates a forum for:

- the exchange of information, experience and best practices
- technical dialogue between national border services and competent national structures

Future Plans and Actions in Combating Illegal TCP:

- **OSCE as Platform for Dialogue and Cooperation / Building Partnership - Network of Experts and Professionals / Stand-by Teams**
- **Responding to the needs of the States / legislation, structures, training**
- **Organization of joint nation-specific and agencies – specific capacity building trainings**
- **Expanding access to existing IT tools and databases / INTERPOL, WCO, ICOM...**
- **Inclusion of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property topic within the BMSC Curricula and Curricula of National Training Institutions**
- **Inclusion of Protection of Cultural Heritage Topic within OSCE General Orientation Programme and SMM Introductory Trainings + Peacekeeping pre-deployment training**
- **Online Trainings / Applications**