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Border guards from Belarus and Ukraine are familiarised with IBM techniques

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), in cooperation with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and an expert from Slovenian Police, will conduct bilateral training on integrated border management (IBM) techniques for 20 border guard officers from the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine on 4–6 November in Minsk.

The training will familiarise the border guards with the legal framework regulating IBM principles at the international, inter-agency and intra-agency levels. The discussions will focus on the development and adoption of effective IBM strategies, as well as the successes and challenges in their application. The participants will also learn about the advantages of cooperation among border and customs authorities working on the border at the central, regional and local levels and have the opportunity to share the experiences from their respective countries.

Background

This training is part of the European Union-funded project ‘Strengthening Surveillance and Bilateral Coordination Capacity along the Common Border between Belarus and Ukraine’ (SURCAP II). The project is being implemented by the International Organization on Migration (IOM) in partnership with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), which oversees the implementation of the project’s training component. The overall objective of SURCAP II is to contribute to the enhancement of security levels on the Belarusian–Ukrainian border; to help improve international cooperation between the border services of the two beneficiary countries; and to help the beneficiary countries increase legal trade. The project beneficiaries are the border guard agencies from Belarus and Ukraine.

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