

Short-Term Mission

“Workshop on Finalization of IBM Strategy and Actions Plans “

Mission Report

1. Name and function of the Expert:

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2. Objective and tasks of the mission:

Participation on the “Workshop on Finalization of IBM Strategy and Actions Plans “ to review the documents and assess, whether the plans are in line with EU standards.

Comparison to activity 3.4. of CARDS Twinning Project BA05 IB AG 01 (improvement of border inspection points) and evaluation of necessary activities, which should be organized by the twinning project.

Time schedule of mission:

Date	Activities / Meetings	Remarks
15 th of January	Meeting with Dr. Schollmeyer and Zeljko Kovac. (Veterinary border department)	
16 th – 18 th of January 2008	Workshop on Finalization of IBM Strategy and Actions Plans	Remarks see 3. / 4.

Attendees:

Davor Milošević, Ismail Sarić, Enver Hadžiahmetović, Rado Dostanic, Milena Knežević, Adnan Kulenović, Ljiljana Pajić, Zoran Vučkovic, Velibor Čuković, Mehmed Čeligija, Nijaz Uzunović, Sanja Milanovic,	State Veterinary Office (SVO), Ministry of Security, Border Police of BiH (BP of BIH), Border Police of BiH (BP of BIH), Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA), ITA, RS Directorate for inspection services, RS Directorate for inspection services, RS Directorate for inspection services, Chief Federal Agricultural Inspector, Federal Ministry of Health, ITA	member Coordinator member member member member member member member member member additional representative
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3. Summary of the Results of the Mission :

The strategy plan of the IBM defines strategic guidelines for the establishment of an integrated border management in BiH. The most important stakeholders are: Border Police, Customs, Veterinary service, phytosanitary-, market- and sanitary inspection.

The action plan points out the current situation of Border Control Points in comparison to EU good practices and requirements. Needs, short-, medium and long-term objectives, action and activities, timeframe and budget are defined.

Both plans are divided into intra service cooperation, inter agency cooperation and international cooperation.

At the work-shop the CVO was represented by Davor Milošević, who established the veterinary part of the strategy and action plan.

The documents were submitted to the different relevant line Directorate of the European commission; as well as Jean Yves Charriou and Simeon Zilevski have already commented the documents.

At the the workshop the strategy plan was reviewed with all participants. The action plan was once again discussed with Davor Milošević. (improvements are made in the documents/see attachment).

A special focus should be on the interagency cooperation (5.2) in the strategy plan. The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations and the veterinary administrative bodies are not involved.

This also should include clear regulations for the cooperation between Police, Customs and Veterinary administration in case of disease outbreaks (control of animals as well as passengers).

In summary the action plan and strategy are almost in line with EU guidelines.

The veterinary part is sufficient to achieve EU Standards at the Veterinary Border Inspection Post of BiH.

4. General Remarks Concerning the Project:

The IBM Strategy and Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina contain a high number of relevant objectives over a five year period. After implementation of the objectives mentioned the veterinary Border Inspection Post of BiH will achieve EU Standard.

Nevertheless donors for funds in order to achieve certain objectives are not ensured.

The training for 25 Border Veterinary Inspectors already started in October 2007. It was conducted in form of presentations and open discussions at two days.

Apparently it is necessary to continue similar training. Item participants of the training expressed to get more support from central level and to improve technical preconditions.

In summary recommendations for the improvement of the Veterinary Border Inspection Posts in BiH in order to achieve EU Standard are:

- Establishment of the Veterinary Border Department of BiH
- Determination of the BIPs (e.g. one or two to Croatia, one to Serbia and Montenegro, one airport)
- Data analysis of export, import and transit of animals and goods according to EU- Regulations (91/496/EEG; 97/78/EG; 97/794/EG; 2002/349/EG)
- translation of the main EU regulations (see attachment)
- "train the trainer" (EU- Regulations and English language courses)
- training of the staff (EU- Regulations and English language courses)
- implementation/training of Traces
- exchange of Veterinarians (e.g. with Slovenia)
- Workshops and practical training at the new BIPs under the supervision of an international expert

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