



Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-Border Programme
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Project name: STRENGTHENING THE FORENSIC CAPACITIES IN THE DOMAIN OF THE ORGANIZED CROSS BORDER CRIME PREVENTION IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS TRAFICING

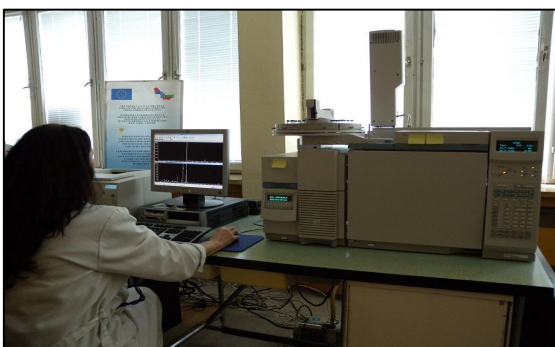
Project partners:

- **Lead partner:** Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, Police Directorate, Criminalistics police department, National criminalistics-technical centre, Unit in Nis, Serbia
- **Project partner 2:** Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Bulgaria – Research Institute of Forensic Science and Criminology

Budget: 582 283,79 Euro
Project duration: 18 months

Project description:

The project was focused on prevention of cross-border organized crime in domain of narcotics trafficking. During project implementation six forensic laboratories in Bulgaria (RIFSC, Sofia, Montana, Vidin, Pernik and Kyustendil) and one forensic laboratory in Serbia (Nis) were equipped. New equipment led to regular analyses for the traces of narcotics, including for some new types of drugs. The improvement was essential for profiling procedure introduction in the ordinary work of the forensics labs, thus enabling connecting the ways of drug trafficking – EUROPOL information. In addition, criminalistics police officers in both countries were supplied with and trained to use the spot test for traces of narcotics, strengthening the police capacity for disclosing the smuggled drugs. In order to further strengthen sustainable cooperation between the project partners, a modern database was created for exchanging relevant information between laboratories both on the national and international levels. The project was successfully completed in February 2013.



Project incorporated both procurement of professional equipment and expert trainings



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