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TRAINING ON INTELLIGENCE AND RISK-LED APPROACH IN SERBIA



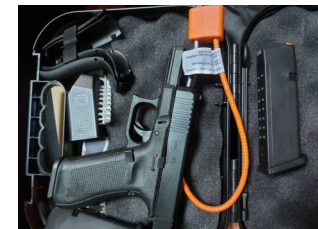
From 7-10 December, AIRCOP organized an online workshop for experts and officials from the Ministry of Interior, Customs Administration and the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructures of Serbia. The workshop aimed to enhance the knowledge of the participants in intelligence and risk assessment as effective operational approach to tackle criminal organizations and disrupt their networks, the operational environment and assessing the key elements for full integration of border clearance procedures in international airports along with learning how to adapt the law enforcement countermeasures against the rising threats impacting borders.

MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF BORDER MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT IN KENYA

Early December, the representatives of AIRCOP and CCP (Container Control Programme) jointly met with the Secretary of the Border Management Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya. Thanks to the exchanges, the Secretary understood better how both projects can contribute to disrupt criminal networks and illicit trafficking at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Following the interest expressed by the Secretary, further discussions are expected in order to fully integrate the implementation of AIRCOP and CCP within the border control architecture of Kenya.



RESULTS IN THE FIELD FROM KAFO II JOINT OPERATION ON INTERCEPTION OF FIREARMS



In late December, the JAITF of Abidjan seized 2 handguns on a passenger on transit from Paris to Bamako. The passenger was carrying the firearms under 'official' Malian documents, authorizing the importation of the handguns in Mali. The coordination between the JAITFs of Abidjan and Bamako through INTERPOL NCBs of both cities allowed to discover the Malian authorization was a counterfeit and the suspect was arrested upon arrival in Bamako. Both Abidjan and Bamako JAITFs took part in the KAFO II joint operation, jointly coordinated by UNODC and INTERPOL, that trained them on the trafficking of firearms in November 2020.

KEY SEIZURES



Date: 30 November
Place: Cotonou
Seizure: 14 kg of cocaine
Further information: Hold luggage—Sao Paulo to Cotonou via Addis Ababa



Date: 9 December
Place: Niamey
Seizure: 296.5 kg of khat
Further information: Parcels from Addis Ababa



Date: 21 December
Place: Douala
Seizure: 15 kg of cocaine
Further information: Hold luggage in candies and children's books

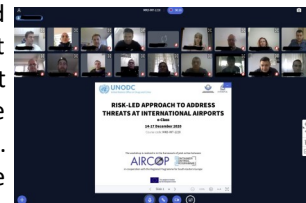


Date: 21 December
Place: Abidjan
Seizure: 2 handguns
Further information: Paris - Abidjan - Bamako with counterfeit official documentation



TRAINING ON RISK-LED APPROACH IN NORTH MACEDONIA

From 14-17 December, AIRCOP organized an online training for 50 participants from Customs Administration and officials of the Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia. The expertise on intelligence principles, risk management fundamentals, passenger information, integrated approach and the application of said-topics in law enforcement was delivered by an expert of the Belgian Passenger Information Unit (PIU). The training was conducted using the UNODC E-Learning platform with the course structured over 14 hours and four consecutive days. This knowledge-sharing was illustrated by methods facilitating the proactivity and participations of the beneficiaries, including multiple questions/answers sessions, instant polls and practical exercises.



BENIN, A GROWING DRUG ROUTE: AIRCOP MEETS WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR



Representative of AIRCOP met with the Minister of Interior from Benin, an emerging transit hub for cocaine from Latin America to EU. Topics addressed were related to premises and strengthening of the JAITF of Cotonou, among others. Between 28 August 2020 and 30 November 2020, more than 23 Nigerian couriers were found in possession of cocaine, heroine or meth, transiting or having transited through Cotonou airport. In January 2021, AIRCOP and CRIMJUST will organize an investigative forum to review the recent cases involving the couriers from Nigeria and Ghana that have transited through Cotonou Airport.



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