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This newsletter provides information about key news and events related to UNODC's action and partnerships in the region. The UNODC Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe (2016-2019) is structured along three main pillars: (I) Illicit Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime, (II) Enhancement of Integrity and Justice, (III) Prevention, Treatment and Care. The Programme focuses on priority actions identified in cooperation with the Governments in the region and through a dialogue with national, regional and international partners. For feedback, queries or comments regarding this newsletter, please contact Ms. Ekaterina Kolykhalova (e-mail: ekaterina.kolykhalova@un.org) and Ms. Lejla Karahasanovic (lejla.karahasanovic@un.org).



NEWS AND EVENTS

UNODC consultative process for the development of the new Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe

4-5 April 2019, Bečići, Montenegro; 16-17 May 2019, Skopje, North Macedonia; and 27-28 May 2019, Belgrade, Serbia: In the context of the extension of the Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe for the period 2020-2023 (RP), UNODC organized three regional meetings in South Eastern Europe (SEE) as part of the Office's continued efforts for the inclusive and consultative process with the Governments in the region.



The meetings focused on the three Sub-Programmes (SPs) of the RP SEE, namely SP I on "Support to law enforcement, enhanced border security and related risks", SP II on "Strengthening the fight against transnational organized crime and countering illicit financial" and SP III on "Drug use prevention and treatment of substance use disorders". The events brought together representatives

and experts from the relevant institutions in the addressed areas and allowed to review the UNODC work in 2016-2019 and identify current priorities for UNODC work for the period 2020-2023.

The results of the three meetings were shared with the countries for further review and inputs. The *new Regional Programme* will be launched with the Governments in the region and regional partners during the next meeting of the Programme Steering Committee in late 2019.

UNODC participates in the 21st Meeting of the PCC SEE Expert Working Group

26 June 2019, Vienna, Austria: UNODC participated in the 21st Meeting of the Secretariat of the PCC SEE, which brought together over 45 representatives of the law enforcement institutions from South Eastern, Eastern and Western Europe as well as regional and international organizations operating in the region (including EUROPOL, CEPOL, GIZ, IISG Support Group, IOM, ICMPD, MARRI and RAI) and created an opportunity to brainstorm on strengthening cooperation and finding synergies to counter drugs and organized crime more efficiently.



UNODC highlighted the excellent cooperation with PCC SEE Secretariat, in line with the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aiming to support the joint work in the field of combatting transnational organized crime through exchange of information and expertise, as well as implementation of joint activities. PCC SEE Secretariat is a strong partner of UNODC in the region.

UNODC participates in the second Berlin Process Security Commitments Steering Group Meeting

12-13 June 2019, Skopje, North Macedonia: The Berlin Process Security Steering Group aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and enhancing the collective response to security threats in SEE to support the region on its path to EU membership, held its second meeting gathering speakers from the region, regional and international partners. The conference focused on the pro-

gress of the regional cooperation, information exchange and operational cooperation and the status of current security



threats in SEE and ways to overcome them. The participants shared experiences and discussed initiatives aimed at supporting the WB in countering cross-border security threats and strengthening regional cooperation. UNODC contributed to the conference with a comprehensive overview on the asset recovery process in the WB and the proposed action in this regard building on the already successful work in the framework of the UNODC Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe. The outcomes of this meeting were presented to the Poznan Summit in Poland in July 2019.

IPA II Regional Programme coordination meeting hosted by UNODC

12 April 2019, Vienna, Austria: UNODC hosted an Informal Coordination Meeting of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance II (IPA II). The meeting was attended by representatives of the DG NEAR of the European Commission, CEPOL, CILC, FRONTEX, GIZ, IISG Support Group, the Italian Ministry of

Interior and the Guardia di Finanza, OSCE, the PCC SEE Secretariat. The event aimed at coordinating actions in the WB by the technical assistance providers in the area of organized crime and related topics, both at strategic and operational levels with the ultimate goal of supporting the governments in the region on their accession path in the spirit of coordination, cooperation and non-duplication. The meeting presented an opportunity for an active and open discussion by the mentioned participants to review the results of work in 2018 as well as ongoing and planned activities in 2019 and beyond. The participants unanimously stressed the importance of continuing collaboration and strengthening the inter-agency cooperation in the framework of the IPA II. The meeting



emphasized the need to scale up the efforts in the area of asset recovery to disrupt the criminal activities of the organized crime groups and deprive them from their income.

UNODC signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the PCC SEE Secretariat

12 April 2019, Vienna, Austria: UNODC and the PCC SEE reinforced their partnership by signing an MoU, providing a framework for cooperation between both organizations and ensuring mutual support in pur-



using common objectives in addressing transnational organized crime and related threats. UNODC and the PCC SEE Secretariat have been actively collaborating in the region through promoting international and regional cooperation in criminal matters. This new level of cooperation is aimed to further support coordination and non-duplication of efforts to continue to effectively support the governments in the region in addressing security threats and fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria on region's path to EU membership. The offices agreed to exchange information and expertise, implement joint activities and cooperate on a technical level to develop and monitor collaborative activities, initiatives or projects and address priority matters on common interest. *(For info on all of the above: Ekaterina Kolykhalova)*

ANTI-CORRUPTION

UNODC participates in anti-corruption initiative by the Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity Network (SELDI)

12-14 June 2019, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: UNODC took part in a training on "Corruption and State Capture Monitoring, Advocacy and Impact in a World of Hybrid Threats" for civil society organizations (CSOs) working on anti-corruption in SEE, organized by the SELDI Network. The training aimed to encourage CSOs, especially grassroots organisations, to engage in anti-corruption initiatives, instruct on how to apply corruption monitoring methodologies and encourage mutual cooperation and collaboration with public institutions. The training was dedicated to SELDI's experience and research methods in anti-corruption, advocacy and policy enhancement; the establishment of civil society-media relations

and the benefits to CSOs of working with investigative journalists and improving the current policies, strategies and laws through efficient public-private partnerships. The role of civil society as drivers of the EU transformation processes and the importance of CSO networking were also discussed. The participants learned best prac-



tices from practitioners, experienced in building CSO anti-corruption coalitions and achieving policy impact. SELDI members and other partner CSOs shared their methodologies and good practices, focusing on the monitoring of public spending and administration reforms, further inspiring CSOs to engage in these areas. UNODC provided an overview of UNODC work in SEE, and presented the CSO-private sector Outcome Statement, which resulted from three UNODC multi-stakeholder workshops on UNCAC and its review mechanism held between 2016 and 2018 and aimed at strengthening cooperation in training and knowledge, implementation and the collective action. This achievement builds on continuous efforts in the region in establishing avenues for cooperation with stakeholders in effectively preventing and countering corruption. *(For info: Viktorija Nesterovaite)*

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, FINANCING OF TERRORISM AND ASSET FORFEITURE

The **UNODC project on Financial Investigations in SEE**, funded by the EU, is delivering activities on building regional anti-money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism capacity. This joint two-year UNODC/CEPOL project is designed to strengthen the capacities of the law enforcement sector and the judiciary in the six Western Balkan jurisdictions to effectively detect, investigate, prosecute and recover the proceeds of crime.

On **17-19 June 2019 in Madrid, Spain**, UNODC, in cooperation with the Government of Spain, organized a study visit of ten senior officials from the Serbian law enforcement and judiciary institutions to Madrid. This



visit is the second in a series of six (one for each SEE jurisdiction) and builds on the results of the UNODC ToT programme and the three rounds of trainings on financial investigations (FIs). The group got an extensive overview of the current threats related to illicit firearms trafficking; financing of terrorism; organized crime investigation methodology; money laundering, and deepened their knowledge on drug trafficking, corruption, tax evasion, money laundering, crypto-currencies, firearms trafficking and terrorism financing. The visit provided for fruitful discussions and exchanges of experiences between Serbian and Spanish counterparts.

As of **21-24 May 2019, Belgrade, Serbia**, UNODC initiated the 4th series of trainings on FIs in SEE. In this phase, 10 trainers from



each jurisdiction, who successfully completed the three previous series of trainings are fully delivering this training to

their peers. 26 officers from the law enforcement and the judiciary attended the training, and gained skills and knowledge on conducting FIs and countering money laundering. In addition, the representative from the Turkish International Academy



against Drugs and Organized Crime (TADOC), who supports the work of UNODC in the region, contributed to the training by sharing expertise of Turkey in the mentioned areas.

On **23-26 April 2019 in Tirana, Albania**, UNODC completed the 6th and last national training on FIs as part of the 3rd phase of the UNODC ToT programme, during which the national trainers of the six jurisdictions of SEE had an opportunity to apply the knowledge gained in two previous series of trainings on this topic and co-deliver the same training to their peers at a 50% rate.

As a result of this 3rd phase, 124 participants representing law enforcement institutions and the judiciary were trained and gained



extensive knowledge, which they applied during the 4th series of trainings on FIs in SEE.

UNODC supports Albania in countering trade-based money laundering

10-12 June 2019, Tirana, Albania: UNODC organized a workshop on trade-based money laundering (TBML) for 20 representatives from the police, customs, GDPML, border police and prosecutors, who gained practical knowledge on TBML identification methods, increased skills in collecting and analyzing trade and financial data, and discussed international cooperation and how criminals hide true beneficiary ownership across various jurisdictions. The group benefited from the presentations and discussions of TBML cases with experts from Hungary and Belgium

with practical experience in investigating, including TBML. The workshop was conducted in the framework of the UNODC anti-money laundering work for Albania funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.

OSCE, UNODC and ICITAP support Albania in countering the financing of terrorism

10-12 April 2019, Tirana, Albania: As part of a comprehensive multi-annual capacity-building programme to support the national efforts in countering terrorist financing in SEE, the first training course was delivered to Albanian experts and practitioners from GDPML, State Intelligence Service (SHISH), Albanian State Police, Ministry of Justice and the Prosecution Office for Serious Crimes. 34 participants, of which 17 were trainees and five local trainers, including 13 women attended the course, organized jointly by OSCE, UNODC and the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) and hosted by the Security Academy of Albania.

The course was led by OSCE, UNODC and Western Union international experts together with five local government officials, previously trained by OSCE and UNODC, and aimed at strengthening Albania's compliance with the international standards, in particular the UN Security Council Resolutions, the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF)'s standards and OSCE commitments.

15-17 May 2019, Tirana, Albania: UNODC, OSCE and ICITAP delivered the second training on countering terrorist financing within the mentioned programme to 31 Albanian experts and practitioners, which included 17 trainees and 5 local trainers. The agenda included topics on tackling financial intelligence, introduction to financial analysis, vulnerability and network analysis based on country- and region-specific scenarios. The participants thoroughly learned and practiced how to apply a range of analytical techniques to realistic scenarios and use financial investigations to better assess the threat posed by a terrorist groups.

UNODC participates in a regional seminar on cybersecurity in the Western Balkans

13-15 May 2019, Zagreb, Croatia: UNODC took part in a regional seminar, organized by

the Government of France to discuss the cybercrime threat in the WB and ways of combating it. Representatives from 14 countries including SEE, the Ministries of Interior of France and Croatia and private companies specialized in cybersecurity

attended the event and discussed challenges faced by the law enforcement agencies in countering cybercrime in the WB and the wider region. UNODC provided a comprehensive overview on the global threat of cybersecurity and the UNODC

global counter-cybercrime capacity building activities. The active discussions held during the meeting contributed to strengthening regional and international cooperation in the field of cybercrime prevention. *(For info on all of the above: Yulia Minaeva)*

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

UNODC holds a meeting of national anti-human trafficking coordinators in SEE

29-30 May 2019, Bečići, Montenegro: UNODC organized a regional meeting of national anti-trafficking coordinators of SEE in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior of Montenegro, ICMPD in its role as Secretariat of National Coordinators of SEE Network, the



Government of France and the Council of Europe to hold discussions on compensation for the victims of human trafficking (TIP), which is one of the key provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The meeting gathered 27 representatives from the offices responsible for countering TIP and academia across SEE and focused on providing a better understanding of the TIP victimology to propose adequate compensation solutions for the TIP victims. The participants reviewed the national legal frame-

works in SEE and examples of compensation systems/schemes practiced; mapped ongoing and planned anti-trafficking activities in the region and discussed the way forward. These active discussions contributed to identifying good practices and proposing concrete recommendations to facilitate and guarantee access to compensation for the TIP victims as well as procedures for establishing State compensation schemes. The meeting also strengthened the partnerships of National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators of SEE Network to work together in sharing information and increase cooperation.

UNODC supports SEE in countering trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced criminality

3-4 April 2019, Bucharest, Romania: UNODC in partnership with the National Agency against Trafficking in Persons (ANITP) of Romania and the Government of France, organized a regional workshop on "Enhancing national and regional capacity on combating trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced criminality in SEE" aimed at supporting a coordinated response to TIP in SEE in line with the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

(UNTOC). The event was attended by 32 participants from the police, judiciary and civil



society from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, France, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia that are countries of origin, transit and destination of victims of TIP for the purpose of forced criminality, as well as regional and international organizations including IOM, SELEC and EUROJUST and NGOs from Romania and France. The event aimed at supporting the efforts of the addressed jurisdictions in dismantling transnational criminal networks while protecting the human rights of the victims through inter-governmental cooperation, information sharing and common approach. After a comprehensive review of current challenges and good practices in the region, the participants identified recommendations that will serve the efforts of the region in effectively countering TIP. *(For info on the above: Davor Raus)*

GLOBAL CONTAINER CONTROL PROGRAMME (CCP)

UNODC on mentorship missions in SEE

10-13 June 2019, Port of Bar, Montenegro: In the framework of the UNODC-WCO CCP, UNODC carried out a mentorship mission to the Port of Bar aimed at supporting the Port Control Unit (PCU) of Montenegro in performing risk-based profiling of containers and improving information exchange at national, regional and international levels. Customs, Police and Anti-drug trafficking unit officers currently forming the PCU Montenegro received officers from PCU Bosnia and Herzegovina during this visit, contributing to a better exchange of information and cooperation. The UNODC expert made an assessment of the PCU current state of activities and provided the recommendations as needed.

14-16 May 2019, land-border Bijača, Bosnia and Herzegovina:

UNODC carried its 7th mentoring visit to PCU in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which aimed to examine the operational challenges faced by the PCU officers from the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA)



and Border Police. Through detailed insight in the daily work of the PCU in profiling high-risk containers and other shipments, the UNODC trainer provided practical assistance

to the Unit to enhance their professional skills and knowledge in reducing the risks of use of container shipments for the smuggling of narcotic drugs, precursors and preventing other forms of organized crime. During the mentorship visit, the PCU officers presented various skills, tools and practices used during the profiling and risk assessment process, including profiling of persons potentially involved in illicit trade. Special focus was put on cooperation between ITA and Border Police, and the use of open sources of information. Activities at land-border Bijača resulted in the profiling and physical inspection of over a dozen of containers and trucks entering/leaving the customs area of Bosnia and Herzegovina. During the visit, basic and specialized equipment was used, which was donated to the Joint Team by CCP.

PCU at Durres Port completes the Strategic Trade and Export Control (STEC) Training Cycle

11-18 April 2019, Tirana/Durres, Albania: UNODC completed the third week of the STEC Training (two others organized in July/October 2018) and addressed many of the national partners' requests by tailoring the courses to meet these specific requirements. The training provided an opportunity to review the previously studied material and the "homework" assignments, facilitating interactions among participants. This examination presented an opportunity for

the participants to review and apply their knowledge on strategic goods and export control. The container terminal practical training merged the mentorship visit with STEC training, which allowed the participants to appreciate the relation of STEC to inspection, detention, seizure and reporting of actual cases. These events further contribute to enhancing the abilities of PCU officers and other Albanian agencies to ensure cross-border movements of goods comply with the national laws and regulations and recognize that trade controls are essential for both compliance and trade facilitation. All of the

above CCP activities are supported by the Government of Luxembourg. *(For info on all of the above: Ela Banaj, Alen Gagula)*



DRUG PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE

UNODC supports Bosnia and Herzegovina in drug use prevention

26-27 June 2019, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: UNODC participated in the conference on "Challenges and perspectives in the field of drug use prevention" to discuss the further enhancement of drug use prevention in Bosnia and Herzegovina, organized by NGONARKO-NE within the RIPPO NGOs network in cooperation with the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The event focused on the importance of the intersectoral approach in evidence-based drug use prevention and raising awareness of the general public on risky behaviours, protective factors and substance use. The participants discussed the multidisciplinary development in drug use prevention in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as new scientific approaches in this field, the EU drug prevention quality standards and the European Universal Prevention Curriculum (EUPC). UNODC presented an overview of the UNODC-WHO International Standards on Drug Use Prevention and exchanged views with fellow experts on furthering cooperation in this field.

UNODC organized a training for policymakers on drug use prevention and treatment of substance use disorders

20-22 May 2019, Belgrade, Serbia: UNODC organized a training for policymakers on the "Nature of drug use prevention and treatment of substance use disorders" within the UNODC-WHO initiative on drug dependence treatment and care and in cooperation with the Serbian National Office for Combatting Drugs. 25 participants from the Ministries of Health, Education and Social Affairs as well as CSOs attended the event, which was based on materials devel-

oped by UNODC aimed at: increasing the knowledge and understanding of the policymakers on the nature of drug use disorders and the mechanisms leading to stigma and



discrimination; and finding appropriate responses to drug use prevention. The participants held active discussions on challenges and practices in this area and subsequently prepared action plans tailored to the national priorities for the further advancement of the drug demand reduction portfolio.

UNODC and OSCE jointly teaching sports and life-skills in SEE

14-16 May 2019, Belgrade, Serbia: UNODC and OSCE jointly organized a regional ToT on UNODC Line Up Live Up curriculum and methodology. Engaging 19 sports



trainers from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, the training familiarized them with the programme before they piloted it locally, with OSCE support. A school teacher in Serbia who runs his own basketball sport club

for youth, praised the quality of the training based on Line Up, Live Up saying: "This training is excellent; it is delivered in a very professional manner, which I really appreciate. I have a lot of experience working with youth on sports for prevention, but it is the first time I deal with such a specific training curriculum and methodology."

The Line Up, Live Up initiative builds on OSCE's youth engagement work in the region, such as its "To success, together" project in Serbia and various UNODC initiatives in the region promoting crime prevention and tackling drug use. UNODC highlighted the shift from "say no to drugs" programmes and information sharing sessions, to more structured programmes and strategies such as Line Up, Live Up, whose main goal is to develop relevant skills to rebuff drug use and prevent risky behaviors.

UNODC and Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence Programme further their work in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia

12 April 2019, Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 15 April 2019, Becici, Montenegro, 17 April 2019, Skopje, North Macedonia and 23 April 2019, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: UNODC, in partnership with the Lions Club International Foundation organized four follow-up sessions within the Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence Programme (LQSFA). The discussions, which gathered 64 educators from 29 elementary schools across the three countries, focused on project findings, sharing best practices and challenges faced to improve and adjust the working methodology. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, new material was presented to the participants, who discussed the completion of the first project implementation cycle.

In Montenegro and North Macedonia, pre-test results were presented to the participants on substance use trends, normative beliefs, refusal skills and harmful effects of substances among the addressed students. The events provided opportunities to present the new website reflecting the LQSF results in SEE and video material presented at the 62nd session of the Commission of Narcotic Drugs (CND) in Vienna, Austria 2019. In Montenegro, the participation of a young delegate from Kotor who benefited from this



programme and shared his experience in the 2019 CND in Vienna, Austria was acknowledged as very positive and beneficial to other students to understand the value of the programme from a student perspective. Two students from Montenegro and Serbia took part in the 2019 CND session and one student from Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in the 2018 CND session sharing his experience with the programme and his belief in its usefulness for him and his school mates. *(For info: Milos Stojanovic)*

ORGANIZED CRIME

UNODC supports SEE in countering firearms trafficking

25-27 June 2019, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: UNODC organized trainings on investigation and prosecution of firearms trafficking for 32 investigators and prosecutors from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro aimed at improving the criminal justice response to firearms trafficking (FT) and facilitating the implementation of UNTOC and UN Firearms Protocols. The training particularly aimed to enhance the participants' knowledge in investigating and prosecuting FT cases by understanding how firearms identification and tracing contribute to solving transnational cases. The training allowed to share good practices and lessons learned on using special investigative techniques, discuss joint investigation teams and identify gaps in the existing criminal procedure laws in securing admissible evidence for prosecuting FT cases. Police Liaison Officers of Sweden and France attended the training, during which the participants shared their experiences in detection, investigation and prosecution of FT cases and their links to other serious crimes.

UNODC participates in a regional workshop for National Firearms Focal points

11-13 June 2019, Tirana, Albania: UNODC participated in the meeting for National Firearms Focal Points (NFFPs) organized within the EU action plan against the illicit trafficking of firearms and aimed at supporting the NFFPs from the WB by providing expertise in countering FT. The meeting focused on improving the information flow; identifying common threats in the EU and WB; NFFPs best practices; increasing cooperation, with focus on Europol and Interpol; and interconnection of the Focal Points. UNODC contributed to the workshop by providing guidance on using the UNODC questionnaire on firearms and inputs on the role of the NFFPs in

the context of a criminal justice response to countering firearms trafficking. *(For info on the above : Diman Dimov)*

UNODC holds the Third Advisory Committee Meeting of the Measuring and assessing organized crime in the Western Balkans (MACRO) initiative

6 May 2019, Vienna, Austria: UNODC organized the 3rd Advisory meeting of the MACRO initiative, bringing together the National Focal Points and experts on organized crime from SEE, to take stock of the progress of the project, including the launch of the regional repository, the organization of the first and second statistical data collections and undertaking court verdict analysis and field work to gather qualitative information on organized crime as well as the coordination of the first regional training on increasing capacity to collect and share criminal justice data. The participants discussed the results of the data and information gathering within the project, which is in its last year, and the elaboration of the final regional report for the production of evidence-based policy advice for developments in the area of rule of law in the addressed jurisdictions. The results of the finalized data collection, the findings of the qualitative information gathering efforts, the outline of the final regional report, and opportunities for provision of further technical assistance under the project were also discussed. *(For info: Tejal Jesrani Haslinger)*

UNODC Joins the Regional Dialogue on Combatting Trafficking of Cultural Property

6-7 May 2019, Munich, Germany: Combatting organized crime through addressing trafficking in cultural heritage was at the core of the regional conference on combatting trafficking of cultural heritage, organized by GIZ. Over 70 participants from the

WB and other European countries attended the event, including representatives from the law enforcement and experts in this field. The main goal of the conference was to understand how organized crime groups involved in trafficking of cultural heritage operate. Expert speakers from Oxford University, UNESCO, Europol as well as UNODC shared their knowledge on how criminals falsify documents of origin, traffic them and the impact this has culturally, historically and socially. UNODC discussed the role of international organizations in supporting the member states to address cultural property related crime. Information on UNODC



portal for sharing electronic resources and laws on crime and UNODC Campaign against Trafficking in Cultural Property was disseminated and related publications and practical tools were shared with the participants. Experts agreed on the importance of allocating resources, conducting investigations, raising political awareness and increasing information collection and exchange to combat the illicit trade of cultural objects. It was also noted that investigations often remain on the local level with limited resources, and EU connections are crucial in identifying criminal networks and high-value targets. The conference concluded with discussions on interagency coordination, operational support, information exchange, international cooperation and research. *(For info: Ekaterina Kolykhalova)*