Romanian Border Police

a modern institution for securing the European Borders

December 2005
The Romanian Border Police faced in 2005 structural transformations determined by the necessity of management efficiency at the level of central structure.

In this respect, at the level of the General Inspectorate of Border Police a structural re-organization was accomplished, establishing a new position for a deputy general inspector and deputy manager which coordinate a new operative structure - the Directorate for Countering Illegal Migration; the Directorate for Cabinet and Organisatorical Management was removed, the Legal and International Relations Directorate was reorganized by establishing Legal Service under the direct subordination to the general inspector and set up the Office for Interpretation and Translation within the Directorate for European Integration, International Collaboration and Programs.

The efficiency of the border securing and the activities to harmoize the structures with EU standards require new structures to be set up: the Service for Implementation of the Border Securing Integrated System - structure coordinated by the GIBP, the Service for Countering Illegal Migration that has as its task to increase the RBP capacity in controlling illegal migration, Communication and IT Center which coordinates 3 services that are carrying out the Black Sea surveillance, control communication and information systems, implementation and management (SCOMAR). The efficiency of these structures lead to an adjustment with 30% of the leading and executing positions at the central level, the new structure being enforced starting October 1st.

The contact points from Giurgiu, Galati were transformed into offices and the Artand Contact Point was established.

Along with the transformation of the Oradea Airport in an international airport it was established Oradea Airport Border Crossing Point.
The risk analysis - a modern support for the operative activity

The efforts made by the Romanian Border Police in the year 2005 to improve the activity in the field of the Risk Analysis have as purpose to strengthen the capacity of the risk operational analysis in order to improve the fight against the organized cross-bordering criminality and to efficiently implement the risk analysis on regular basis, mainly at the external borders, on the basis of the EU model of the risk analysis.

Thus, at the budget adjusting from June 2005, there were allocated funds with a total value of 23, 3 billions ROL (2, 33 millions RON), to purchase the information equipments and the licenses necessary for the functioning of the risk analysis. They have initiated the procedures to purchase the necessary logistic support, but these measures can solve only a part of this problem.

They’ve required and obtained from TAIEX a training course in the field of risk analysis, which will take place in January 2006, as well as the twining programme "Operational Training in selective, Risk - Based Border Control techniques for Border Police and Customs".

Between 14-25 November 2005, at the Iasi Training and Up-Dating Centre, they have organized a course to improve the personnel training in field of risk analysis having as purpose the developing of the knowledge in this field.

On the other side, the contacting of EADS in terms of implementation of the integrated system of border security, makes possible the operational and strategy risk analysis.
A very important objective for the RBP is the harmonization of EU legislation and procedures, to encourage the exchange of operative information between the main structures of cooperation, depending on the issues underlined by the operative situation.

The General Inspectorate of Border Police carries out the necessary procedures in order to answer some requests of the international juridical cooperation, in the field of Criminal Law and police assistance.

The specialized structure on cooperation at the national level is the International Relation Service, Agreements and Protocol within the Department of European Integration, International Collaboration and Programs.

The General Inspectorate of the Romanian Border Police makes use of the following means of international police cooperation:

- The exchange of information made through the centers and contact points,
- The exchange of information carried out directly with the liaison officers/ the home affairs attaches appointed by other states in Romania.
- The exchange of information carried out through liaison officers/ home affairs attaches appointed by Romania in other countries.
- The exchange of information carried out through the International Police Cooperation Center (especially, through the NFP and INTERPOL, continuing with the EUROPOL, SIRENE cooperation, etc.)

In the field of international operational police cooperation, there has been registered a growth of the number of messages exchanged through the contact centers and points, as well as with the liaison officers/ home affairs attaches with the operative structures, the NFP channel being characterized as the slowest.

The international relation activity of the GIBP has as priority to support the subordinated structures, in the accessing process of Romania into the European Union, by developing mutual contacts with the representatives of the EU member states in order to insure a correct information regarding the progress recorded by the institution in the area of integration (Germany, Spain, France). In this context, the cooperation plans for 2006 will be settled.

According to the cooperation documents Romania takes part in, they periodically organize, on the basis of the settled cooperation plans, meetings between the chiefs of the border police structures in the neighboring states, experts visits, as well as the mutual meetings at the border, as well as meetings between border representatives to improve the cooperation for the security of the future internal borders of the UE as well as the external ones.

In this year, Romania has taken part in setting up Frontex agency.

In order to improve the image of the border policeman within the community, there have been taken the necessary steps to implement the concept of "proximity police" in the activity of the RBP. Thus, at the end of November, the Swiss expert, Mr. Peter Schorer, the coordinator of the program (Satu Mare - Timisoara) visited Romania on the western border.
The Activity of the International Relations, Accords and Protocol Service will have as a priority the support of subordinate GIBP structures during Romania’s process of integration into the European Union, by means of the organisation and coordination of bi and multilateral contacts with representatives of the EU’s member states, in order to ensure a proper information regarding the progress registered by this institution in the field of integration (Germany, Spain, France, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, etc.). Overall, cooperation plans for 2006 will be applied, especially with France, Germany and Spain. Invitations will be transmitted to the heads of similar EU structures, and also at the experts’ level, in order to perform experience and information exchanges.

Developing the relationship between Romania and FRONTEX

- The development of the relationships between Romania and the international organizations in order to rise the efficiency of the information’s exchange, to improve the training of police officers and to get financial support. Such similar organisations are the CEPOL, EUROPOL, DCAF, etc.

- Taking part in all international meetings organized between the heads of border police structures.

- According to the bilateral documents in which Romania is taking part, meetings will be organised both at the level of border police structures from neighbouring states, experts’ level visits, and also mix border meetings and those at the level of border empowered aiming to improve the activity and the operative data and information exchange. Annual cooperation plans will be implemented.

- The carrying out in good conditions of the activities stipulated in the implementation plans of the previsions, stated by the trilateral conventions in which Romania is taking part (for instance, the trilateral Romania - Hungary - Austria).

- The development of the Black Sea cooperation, by participating in all the meetings and exercises, as well as organising an exercise of information exchange in Romania.

- Developing cooperation within the offices and contact points, as well as setting up the Trilateral Centre in Galati, the contact points of Portile de Fier and Siret-Porubnoe.

- Developing cooperation relations with the liaison officers / internal affairs attachées appointed by other states as representative of their activities in Romania.

- Developing the due activities in order to mark the common border line, the protection, maintenance and reconstruction of the border’s signs.

- Implementing the concept of proximity police in the GIBP’s activity.

- Imposing training of the Romanian Border Police’s personnel, in order to undertake the necessary approaches prior to obtaining the necessary funding, and also the specialised counselling on behalf of international organisations offering their support in this area.
TWINNING CONVENANTS - MANAGEMENT

1. Twinning Convenant with Germany and Spain - RO / 2002 / IB / JH / 01 "Upgrading the RBP capability in fight against the trans-border drugs and human beings trafficking".
   Budget: 800,000.00 Euro
   Starting date: 02.10.2004
   Completion date: 08.19.2005

   Project objectives:
   - harmonizing the Romanian legislation with EU’s and Schengen Acquis by providing training to the agencies involved in border management and migration issues in the relevant fields, in view of EU accession;
   - enhancement of the RBP capacity to strengthen the border - a future Eastern EU border, in accordance with standards, procedures, equipments and best practices regarding EU border management;
   - the project determined an improved quality of the RBP personnel activity and the institution registered a solid co-operation level with National Police;

   - Romania had some successful initiatives related to the enhancement of the international co-operation with Ukraine, Moldavia, Serbia and Montenegro, Bulgaria and the newest EU member - Hungary. Bilateral agreements were concluded with the aforementioned states in view of solid neighboring relationship.
   - Continuous progresses have been recorded in the field of combating the illegal migration and traffic in human beings,
     - Border policemen were trained in the field of investigation procedures, intelligence, investigation special means, financial investigations, forged documents and combating other types of illegal activities;
     - With reference to the new task of combating the international trafficking with drugs the relevant legal basis was drafted and currently RBP is well known as a new investigating authority;

2. Twinning Convenant with Spain and France - RO / 2003 / IB / JH / 02, "Improvement of the RBP readiness for implementation of the surveillance and control system at the Black Sea"
   Budget: 700,000.00 Euro
   Starting date: 08.23.2004
   Completion date: February 2006

   The Convenant is currently ongoing, within the relevant programme and the results are being accomplished as foreseen.

   - elaborate assessment reports on Black Sea surveillance in the following areas:

   Main Objectives:
   - improvement of the personnel operative capacity;
   - enhancement of the mobility, capacity and tactics support;
   - strengthening the RBP personnel abilities and learning new profession-related knowledge;
   - improvement of the intervention capacities of the operative personnel;
   - the first attempt to develop the RBP Communication and IT System;
   - development of the data exchange system at RBP operative levels and similar national agencies;
   - development of an Integrated System for the Black Sea Coast Surveillance.

   The Convenant is currently ongoing, within the relevant programme and the results are being accomplished as foreseen.

   - elaborate assessment reports on Black Sea surveillance in the following areas:
- legislation, functioning and cooperation (internal and external), training, analyze and information exchange for implementing Surveillance and Control System;
- organisatorical structure, data collecting and analyze and sending action orders within Black Sea Surveillance and Control System;
- there were signed co-operation protocols with other institutions (eg. Ministry of National Defense);
- managerial, operative and technical Romanian Border Police personnel was trained;
- the SCOMAR tender file was finalised;
- there were taken measures for applying EU Member States recommendations, in this respect being established SCOMAR Management Team.

III. Twinning Convenant with France and Spain RO/2003/IB - JH - 01 "Institutional, procedural compatibility and training with similar agencies from EU"

Budget: 600,000
Launching: 06.05.2005
In present, it is under implementation.
It will be finalized in May 2006.
- strengthening border control taking into consideration the EU outcoming external border and the fight against cross border criminality:
  - upgrading organisatorical structure of the Romanian Border Police, internal and external cooperation and adopting internal norms according to EU Acquis.
- Strengthening border police officers ability and knowledge, increasing operative officers intervention capacities and developing the information exchange system between RBP and similar national structures, as well as similar agencies from neighbour countries.

The provided activities were performed obtaining the following remarkable results were:
- the international conference from the Oradea Contact Point for increasing international co-operation in the contact centres and points;
- action plan;
- establishing inter-agencies cooperation structure between Romanian Border Police, Customs National Authority and National Police with its headquarter in Iasi;
- co-operation pilot project and elaboration of the co-operation Protocol RBP - CNA - NP.
PILOT PROJECT FOR LANDLINE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The Voice - Data Communication Integrated System of the Border Police - ensures the traffic capacities needed for operational and administrative transmissions between Romanian Border Police structures and with co-operative agencies form local and central structures.

Ensures intelligence security being build up from:
- voice/data integrated landing communications and
- mobile radiocommunications.

Landing Communication System was established by a Pilot Project in Iasi, Vaslui, Galati, financed by PHARE Program 2001 with 2.3 Million Euro.

The acceptance tests revealed the fact that the equipment used in the implemented solution ensures the functioning projected parameters.

The implementation facilitates for a quick access to operational data for all the RBP structures from Iasi, Galati and Vaslui counties.

The users from these structures may access on-line the RBP internal portal so a the data basis can be accesible of the national institutions (passports registration base, population registration base, stolen vehicles registration base, and generally wanted registration base, National Authority for Aliens, Visa on-line).

Advantages: the access to the central servers from GIBP; reducing to 0 the impulses costs for data transmission with the structures presented above with 40%; the data transmission speed about 300 times higher; increasing the availability of the data transmission.

The Implemented System allows:
- voice over IP communications;
- the realization of a centralized management of the digital devices;
- increasing phone services quality;
- inter connecting county phone centrals in the county networks of the Ministry of Administration and Interior and facilitating direct co-operation with all the county structures of the MoAI institutions.

The next stages will focus on system extention at the RBP level, both by PHARE 2003 and 2004 Programs and external loans guaranteed by the Government. In the next stage, the system will be extended in Botosani and Suceava counties by PHARE Program 2003. In the second stage Satu Mare, Maramures, Timis, Caras Severin and Mehedinti counties are concerned by PHARE 2004, and after that till 30 December 2006 there will be established the premises for setting up both voice/data integrated communications system and in the seaside area from Tulcea and Constanta counties by PHARE 2003 within Surveillance, Observation and Control Complex System for the Black Sea Traffic.

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SCOMAR is an operative surveillance system, having hi-technology, who can detect, trace, recognize and identify the ships which do illegal activities in Black Sea. The technical support will send, in real time, the information obtained from Sensor Stations at Control and Command Centre.

The System has the following subsystems

- Sensor Stations (radar sensor, optical-electric sensor, elements for processing)
- Communications (conveyance sub-system, commutation sub-system, management sub-system)
- Command and Control Centre (having elements for processing and communications, in order to control the Sensor Stations and the receive of the dates processed or generated)

This sub-systems represent the technical support for intervening and saving operative units.

The steps of implementation

1. The realization of infrastructure for data - voice communication (delivery, installation, exploitation, personnel training) - PHARE 2003
2. The implementation of a pilot prototype (the making of Command and Control Centre- pilot project, with two completed sensors stations)- PHARE 2004
3. The implementation of whole surveillance system - Phare 2005

Further Actions

The use of SCOMAR infrastructure in order to develop of mobile digital radio-communication station, norm TETRA

The Inter-connection of SCOMAR with other maritime traffic surveillance and monitoring systems

AIS - Automatic Identification System

VTMIS- Vessel Traffic Management and Information System.

The Cooperation

SCOMAR is an independent System who assure interconnection and the databases access of institutions involved at Black Sea:

- Romanian Border Police/ Ministry of Administration and Interior
- The headquarter of Maritime Forces - The Ministry of Defence
- Romanian Maritime Authority- The Ministry of Transports, Buildings and Tourism

In the same time, the cooperation of the other institutions having border duties is made through SISF.

The implementation of SCOMAR represents a new quality, higher, for Romanian Border Police duties regarding the sea borders surveillance and control.
**Phare 2002 Programme:** 16 forensic sets, 21 sets for detecting drugs, 36 endoscopes, 161 UV lamps, 31 equipments for detect forge documents, 102 OPEL Astra cars, for operative duties: 66 NISSAN TERRANO land auto vehicles II, 152 four wheels motorbikes, 12 vessels for port surveillance and control, 10 watercrafts boarding, control and saving, 6 hovercrafts, 20 crafts with detachable engine. Phare 2002 co-finance funds: 19 engines for crafts used by RBP, 24 digital CANNON 350 D. It was signed a contract with the German Federal Ministry of Interior for purchase of a three patrolling and surveillance maritime ships, type P 157, the monitoring of construction for Commandment River Craft, and also the making of partial receptions.

**Phare 2003** - "Equipments for detection and control, used in Border Control Points": 19 sets for drugs detection, 10 sets for drugs and explosive detection.

**Equipments:**
14.000 winter- summer equipments.

**Infrastructure modernization:**
The elaboration and approval of the feasibility studies for three new locations and the modernization of others 8 locations, the ending of making garages at SPF Oancea, SPF Berezeni, SPF Stanca, the rehabilitation for number 2 and 3 pavilions located in Dr. Tr. Severin and accept delivery of land administrated by Mo.N.D, in order to realyze SCOMAR.

**Donation:**
US Embassy at Bucharest gave equipments, estimated at 330.000 euros value (EXBS Programme), as follow: 76 detection sensors, 180 mirrors for autovehicles, 10 Motorola Stations, 24 readable machines.

German Federal Ministry of Interior gave two crafts with attachable engines, used by CIBP Caras- Severin.

**Logistic main activities in 2006:**
The assurance of an adequate logistic support, in order to do the missions, monitoring the implementation of SISF, the allocation of logistic support opposite the phenomenon of border and inland criminality, the continuity of the process for new means, moderns and land mobility, surveillance and border control; the implementation of landing and mobile data-voice systems, making the on-line communication system, the ending of technical specification for SCOMAR Project; the ending of encrypting table for RBP, the elaboration of the specific manuals for students training; the transfer of Management Units Projects to RBP level, complete the personnel situation with specialists.

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The implementation and setting-up Contract has been renegotiated (a back-up alternative on implemented communications of the State’s Borders’ Security Integrated System in partnership with the E.A.D.S. Company, and also its First Detailed Annex (FDA). A new document has been signed with the EADS Company (Additional Act no. 1 from the 9th of November 2005, on contract S/980352 from the 12th August 2004). The amount for setting up and implementing of BSIS, according to the Contracts’ statements, is of 524,500,000 euros, against 650,000,000 euros, the amount established prior to the negotiations.

The content of the renegotiated documents establishes the following sub-systems: IT subsystem (ITS), radio and mobile communications subsystem (PMR), land line (LL), data and voice communications (DVC), infrastructure subsystem (IS), surveillance subsystem (S. Sub.), control subsystem (CS), logistical integrated background (LIB) and mobility subsystem (SM), which will be achieved according to a timetable that will soon be available to you, and that includes the following:

- The design and construction of new premises as well as the rehabilitation of the Border Police operative premises;
- Setting up and implementing the full IT alternative at GIBP, Henri Coanda and Aurel Vlaicu Airports, Iasi, Vaslui, Galati border crossing points;
- Setting up and implementing a subsystem (destined to the SISF)
  - Setting up a pilot project in Iasi, Vaslui and Galati counties;
  - Suplementing new control devices (docubox and detection endowment)
  - Implementing new surveillance equipments (portable daytime and night time surveillance equipment, land surveillance cameras)

On a more general level, the actual endowment of the Border Police will only be integrated in the new system if it is fit from a technical point of view and if it fulfills integration conditions, in order to ensure high surveillance and borders’ control standard.

The base for performing and implementing SISF is made up by the achievement of a pilot project in the following counties: IASI, VASLUI, GALATI and depending on the results, the subsystems’ extension will be achieved at the level of the entire border.
Progress achieved in the field of Human Resources within the RBP

In 2005, GIBP management has underlined the following objectives in order to fulfill the Border Police’s duties, in the light of the upcoming integration in the European Union.

1. Diminishing the personnel’s deficit;
2. An improvement of the Border Police’s personnel, by means of transforming the border policemen hired by contract in police agents;
3. The newly hired staff’s education;
4. A re-designing of the human resources’ management within the Romanian Border Police.

By the end of the present year, 4,282 of the existing positions will be occupied, against 2,114 positions in 2004, which signifies a two-times growth. We’ll have to stress that during the past year 2,100 positions resulted from the transformation of border policemen positions hired on contract basis into police agents positions, and 14 positions were the result of the attempt to fill the personnel deficit.

1. 1,775 extern source positions were filled or are about to be filled by officers and agents’ promotions, against the 101 positions in 2004, which signifies a 17-times growth;
2. 2,800 positions of border policemen hired on basis of a contract were transformed in agents’ positions, against 2,100 positions in 2004, which signifies a 0,3 growth;
3. 3,480 border policemen were trained in educational facilities belonging to the Romanian Border Police, against 1,621 policemen in 2004, which signifies a 2 times growth;

The headways were established by means of:
1. decentralisation of the decision and of the managerial competence of human resources, on territorial structures’ level;
2. an increase in the responsibilities of territorial structures’ managers, in terms of human resources’ management;
3. an increase in the motivation capacities of the Romanian Border Police’s personnel
4. A more efficient utilization of human resources.

Management audit:
1. 76 leading officers were dismissed as a result of bad management, 19 officers were sanctioned for negligence in fulfilling their duties and two of them were sanctioned for inappropriate behaviour.

Proved sanctioned misconducts:
126 officers and 469 agents are guilty of disciplinary misconducts, and the sanctions are as follows: 377 written reprimands, 153 wage diminishing ranging from 5 to 20% on a period of 1 to three years; 44 postpones in according the professional degree on a period between one and three years; 5 transfers to an inferior position and 16 cases of dismissal.

Given recommendations
258 policemen and 615 agents were rewarded. The rewards are 23 eliminations of the previous disciplinary sanctions, 613 letters of appreciation, 20 verbal of written congratulations, 1356 awards in money or objects, 81 advancements to the following professional degree before the fulfilling of the minimal stage.
In order to counter corruption of own staff, in first 11 months of this year officers from General Inspectorate of Border Police performed controls - punctual or unannounced - at the level of all subordinated units.

For committing all these actions, there have been used modern methods of control and there have been tested border policemen resistance regarding corruption, by infiltrating some officers through travellers that are crossing the border, by cooperation with natural persons in traffic, using forged identities or documents, or controlling the way that are executed provisions from G.I.B.P. regarding counter corruption (internal actions with great impact in preventing corruptions facts).

Thus, for this period, there have been executed the following activities:
- there have been performed **6,531 under cover actions**, integrity test and unannounced controls, the purpose being to check if border police officers respect the specific border control methodologies, also the provisions from G.I.B.P. regarding corruption;
- out of all this **667** represents integrity tests.

After these actions performed under cover and integrity tests, in the first 11 months of the last year, there have been in attention of own investigations units **70** border policemen who disregard the professional deontology or provisions from G.I.B.P. on preventing and countering own staff corruption from.

In the same period, there have been sent to relevant units **27** criminal works regarding **37 persons who offered bribe** to some border police officers.

Also, for continuing investigations regarding corruption acts performed by some border policemen, there have been sent to prosecution **20 records regarding corruption facts committed by 39 border police officers**.

Regarding activity transparency, there have been performed **59 knowledgement campaigns of public opinion**, regarding presentation of measures performed by G.I.B.P., for preventing and countering corruption or presentation of some corruption facts.

Regarding social agreement, for the same period, General Inspectorate of Border Police received **56 notifications regarding corruption acts** or facts performed by border policemen.

Also, for the same period, on 959 phone line, there have been received **55,987 calls**, of which being recorded **12 reclamations regarding Border Police personnel**.

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Smuggling: In the first 11 months of the year 2005 goods worth approximately 678 Millions ROL where suppressed and the entry of goods worth approximately 5 billions ROL were forbidden.

The illegal traffic with cigarettes has especially gained momentum in the past few years at the Romanian Borders, the smugglers betting on the impressive "profit" they can gain by selling their wares on the underground markets, as well as on the Romanian but especially on the western ones, where the price for one cigarettes package is 4 times bigger than in Romania.

The protection of intellectual property rights: from the beginning of the year until today, the border police officers together with customs officers have tracked down at the Romanian Borders a number of:
- 12.300 pirated optical storage mediums (CDs and DVDs), the high-tech devices used to manufacture those mediums also being suppressed;
- 664.600 counterfeited garment articles, footwear and underwear using labels of protected international marks;
- 116.000 counterfeited electronic articles using labels of protected international marks;
- 17.420 counterfeited perfumery articles using labels of protected international marks;
- 145.800 counterfeited romanian fiscal stamps applied on "Carpati" cigarettes representing a total value of approximately 38 billions ROL;

Trafficing in stolen vehicles: the specialists of the Romanian Border Police discovered at RBP level, 51 stolen vehicles from abroad being drafted penal files for 54 persons. In the similar period of 2004 there were discovered 90 stolen vehicles. There are also involved Italians, Germans, Ukrainians, Polish, Moldavians, Bosnians and Romanians on this phenomenon.

The main findings of the RBP on countering trafficking: in currency were 400 USD and 5800 Euro counterfeit, as well as retaining 76400 USD and 149665 Euro.

In 2005, at international level, it is found out an increase of the criminal activity on electronic payment methods - credit cards, an important role in committing this kind of crimes being kept by Romanians. As a result increased the cross border traffic with counterfeiters devices of this payment methods (skimmers, credit cards, reading and encrypting softs).

At the RBP level, as a result of informative - operative activities, there were registered 4 penal records on crimes with electronic payment devices being discovered 80 cards (counterfeit, blanks or in other persons property), 4 card reading devices - skimmer, softs and IT components used to counterfeit cards (laptop, hard - disk, integrated circuits, memory stick).

Illegal cross border trafficking in goods from national and universal patrimony: In the first 11 months of 2005, RBP discovered 538 objects suspected to be a part of the cultural national patrimony (30 books, 482 metal objects - 476 coins and 6 different goods, 1 idol, 3 paintings, 1 photo camera, 1 accordion), that the owners could not provide their provenience or did not have the necessary authorization to exit the country with them. There were involved 12 persons.

Trafficing in drugs: in the reference period, it was discovered 141,927 kg of drugs (28,147 kg heroin, 6,970 kg cannabis, 106,544 kg cocaine, 0,266 other drugs) and 84,007 kg precursors, being drafted penal files for 80 persons.

During the month of September 2005, in cooperation with the officers from GDGOCA, when entering Arad, in a Turkish lorry driven by a Turkish citizen, the quantity of 508 packages containing 254 kg of heroine was found hidden in the walls of the cabine. On drugs black market it worth approximately 10 millions of Euro.

In the field of combating trafficing in precious metals, during 2005 we retained 32,948 kg of gold and 7,372 kg of silver, as a result of the measures undertaken at the level of the Romanian Border Police.

Being found out as a priority for average of European border police institutions, the issue of trafficing in weapons, ammunitions, explosives, weapons of mass destruction or trafficing in double utilization materials:

There were discovered 23 military guns, 3460 cathridges, 6 grenades and 74,492 kg explosives, being found out 45 crimes at the weapons, ammunition, explosives and toxic products regime.

Comparing to 2004, when a number of 32 guns, 38,581 cathridges, 25 grenades, 0,8 kg explosives. The citizens involved in this illegal activity came from Netherland, Italy, Bulgaria, Israel, Germany.

The RBP officers in co-operation with GIRP and JCIIP completed a 4 months investigation and as a result 502 g of 74 isotope Selenium were seized, with a value on the black market of 30 milion euros, thus accomplishing the annihilation of a cross-border network trafficking toxic materials, made up by 9 persons, which took action in Russia, Ukraine- R. Moldova - Romania - Germany - Israel.

The illegal fishery continues to maintain at high level, following the specific actions performed in the competency areas, a number of 166 boats, 3436 tools, 21982 kg of fish, 70,4 kg of spawn (out of which 21,8 kg of black spawn and 2 kg of red spawn) were retained, in a total value of approximately 0,327 millions RON, a number of 932 criminal works being drafted, for a number of 1291 persons involved and a number of 3158 minor offences penalties were applied, in a value of 0,286 millions RON.
beings and illegal migration

After the countering measures performed by the Romanian Border Police, the statistic for operative indicators is as follows:

a). In the field of combating illegal migration:
- Illegal exit attempts- 626;
- Illegal border crossing- 362 (126 in cooperation with neighbour border authorities);
- Guiding- 93 (65 Romanians and 28 foreigners);
- 34 smuggling people networks;
- Forged documents (passports and visas) - 635 (584 passports and 51 visas);
- Returned Romanian citizens - 23647 (9048 from Italy, 3158 from France, 2962 from Spain, etc.);
- 2680 penal files for returned Romanian citizens (1132 for illegal exit, 1346 for illegal border crossing between other states, 202 for criminal acts committed in other state);
- Persons detected at the green border in illegal crossing or who violated the juridical regime of the state border;
- 2680 penal files for returned foreign citizens for illegal exit from Romania;
- It was not permitted to entry Romania from legal reasons, for 48083 foreign citizens;
- 866302 Romanian citizens were not allowed to exit country, from different legal reasons;
- 9167 Romanian citizens returned by neighbour authorities.

b). Trafficking in human beings
At the level of the Romanian Border Police, 104 trafficking in human beings networks have been identified with 212 traffickers and 287 women trafficked for different reasons (sexual exploitation and work exploitation).

c). In the field of combating illegal transportation of persons in Schengen area through fake tourism

In order to monitor the way the laws are respected by the tour-operators and to prevent the trafficking in persons or "lending money at the border" committed by the transport companies, there were performed 43 infiltration actions by the border policemen inside the the passengers of the tourism and transportation, being applied 1119 penalties, with a value of app 4. Bil. lei.

In the same time, there were realized 32 penal files for financiary fraud, 610 documentations and there were seized 62.970 EURO and 4.600 USD that were lent to the passengers by the transportation/tourism representatives in order to fulfill the conditions to exit the country, provided by the law.

At the green border there have been discovered isolated cases of illegal border crossings of Moldavian citizens who are enter Romania illegally in order to commit criminal acts (robberies, stealing, recuperations or working on black market: they are prohibited to enter Romania or intend to illegally reach European Union countries.

There were also cases of Moldavian citizens attempting to illegally exit Romania to Republic of Moldavia for various reasons (exceeding legal term for staying in Romania, illegally entering Romania through the western border).

On the exit flow (on the western and south-western border) - it’s acting especially at the border with Hungary and Serbia/Montenegro. After the legal entry in Romania on the eastern border, those citizens use different means of transportation in order to reach the western border.

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TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE ROMANIAN BORDER POLICE IN 2006

1. Further institutional building.
2. Staffing in view of solving the personnel deficit issue.
3. Basic and advanced level training of the border police officers.
4. Combating the domestic corruption.
5. Combating the illegal migration.
6. Combating the cross-border criminality.
7. Setting up and implementation of a new risk analysis concept for all the operative components, with a focus both on green and blue border.
9. Implementation and development of the concept of "Border policeman of proximity".
10. Co-operation development at international level.
11. Inter-agency co-operation development.

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