Tallinn, August 2021 (WP 5)

**Note to the CELBET Contact Points OF BULGARIA, CROATIA, ESTONIA, FINLAND, GREECE, HUNGARY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, ROMANIA and SLOVAKIA**

**Subject: Customs Eastern and South-Eastern Land Border Expert Team (CELBET3):**

**Invitation to the CELBET3 training "Customs control process" and CELBET Mission**

**Financial Code: TAXUD/2020/DE/202**

You are kindly invited to nominate **one official from your administration** (preferable from the officials listed in Annex 1 if it is possible) on the below-mentioned **training and mission** organized by the Customs Eastern and South Eastern Land Border Expert Team (CELBET) in cooperation with the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary. **If there is nobody in Annex 1 from your administration, or you would like to nominate somebody else you still have the possibility to nominate one official per administrations as new delegate**.

The **CELBET specialised training on "Customs control process"** will take place:

* **12-14 October 2021**
* In Hungary, at BCP Röszke
* Start at 09h00 on 12 October and end no later than 17h00 on 14 October.
* The working language of the training is English.
* The objective of the training is to support the implementation of the subtask *"5.2.1 Specialized trainings on customs control topics (priority topics from the Catalogue)"*

The **CELBET Mission** will take place:

* **15-18 October 2021**
* In Hungary, at BCP Röszke and BCP Tompa
* The working language of the mission is English
* The objective of the mission is to support the implementation of the task *“3.4 Assessment of exchange of officers/ missions”*

**You can find more information regarding the mission in Annex 5 of this invitation.**

Participants profile:

* The training and also the mission is targeted to customs officers/trainers who are working at border crossing points and/or teaching this subject at national level.
* The total number of participants is **limited to 11 persons** (maximum 1 participants per Participating countries).

The participation of trainers and organizers (listed under Annex 1) should be arranged from **11 to 18 of** **October (8 days)** as a preparatory meeting is scheduled on 11 October.

The trainees/members of the mission will participate on **12-18 of October (3 days training and 4 days mission)**.

Registration forms (Annex 3) should be completed and sent back as soon as possible and by **24 September 2021** at the latest.

The nominated participants and trainers, experts listed in Annex 1 are reimbursed from the CELBET 3 budget. The travel and living expenses (accommodation + daily allowance) will be covered from the CELBET 3 budget under the conditions specified in the Grant Agreement. Each partner country is responsible for the management of its allocated budget envelope. Deviations should be reported to the grant coordinator and Head of CELBET 3.

Please notice that the **hotel rooms are pre-booked** for all participants by the Hungarian Tax and Customs Administration:

* on 11-16 October in Mórahalom, at Colosseum Hotel (4-6 Milleniumi sétány, H-6782 Mórahalom, [www.colosseumhotel.hu](http://www.colosseumhotel.hu)). The hotel price is 27 900 HUF (about 80 EUR) per room per night;
* on 17-18 October in Szeged, at Art Hotel (Somogyi u. 16, Szeged H-6720) <https://artszeged.accenthotels.com/hu>. The hotel price is 21 000 HUF (about 60 EUR) per room per night. If the participants are coming by car the price for parking is 1650 HUF (about 5 EUR) per car per night in this hotel.

**The hotel rooms will be paid by the participants** in cash (HUF or EUR) or by credit card directly for the hotel.

More practical information regarding the transfer from the airport to the hotel, the detailed final agenda and other issues will be sent directly for the nominated participants in the last week of September.

**The participants should get acquainted to the requirements imposed by the host country before making any travel arrangements.** (You can find more information in Annex 4).

In case of questions, please contact in the Estonian Tax and Customs Board Ms Pille Jõgisoo [cooperation@emta.ee](mailto:cooperation@emta.ee). If you have any questions related to the content of the meeting, please contact Mr Zsolt DÉZSI, [dezsi.zsolt@nav.gov.hu](mailto:dezsi.zsolt@nav.gov.hu) .

*e-signed*

Jyrki Linna

Head of CELBET

Enclosures:

* Annex 1 - List of participants
* Annex 2 - Draft Agenda
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**Annex I – List of participants:**

**List of Project Group Members (trainers, experts)**

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**List of potential participants (participated on Customs control process webinar)**

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**Annex II - Draft Agenda**

**Customs control process training and CELBET Mission**

**Röszke, (HU), 12-18 October 2021**

**Draft AGENDA**

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| **Monday, 11 October** | |
| 13:00 – 17:00 | Preparatory meeting for trainers and organisers |
|  | Arrival of participants to Budapest, from Budapest to Mórahalom by organised transfer (practical information will be shared later) |
| 16.00 | Accommodation in the Colosseum Hotel in Mórahalom |
| **Tuesday, 12 October**  **Training day 1** | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Transfer from the hotel to the BCP Röszke |
| 9.00 – 09.30 | Welcome and introduction  Presenting the BCP |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | Selection Process, Local Risk Assessment |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | **Coffee break** |
| 11.15 – 12.30 | Selection Process, Local Risk Assessment |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Interviewing and Profiling  *(theory and practical exercises)* |
| 15:30 – 15:40 | **Coffee break** |
| 15.40 – 17.00 | Seizures (result of risk analysing and profiling)  *(theory and practical exercises)* |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Sightseeing tour in Szeged |
| **Wednesday, 13 October**  **Training day 2** | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Transfer from the hotel to the BCP Röszke |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Review of the first day |
| 9:15 – 10:05 | Car Search: Risk Assessment, Motivation Aspects,  Car Search Techniques |
| 10:05 – 11:00 | Smuggling methods, Case studies |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | **Coffee break** |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | Field exercises  visiting the confiscated cars in the storage |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Interesting national cases  *5 minutes per countries* |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | **Coffee break** |
| 15:15 – 16:05 | Buses - case studies |
| 16:05 – 17:00 | Trucks and trailers (What is not visible for X-ray machine) – case studies |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | Transfer from the BCP to the hotel |
| **Thursday, 14 October**  **Training day 3** | |
| 8.30 – 9.00 | Transfer from the hotel to the BCP |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | Review of the second day |
| 9:35 – 10:00 | Safety rules  Presentation about the practical rules  Introduction to the practical part of the training |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | **Coffee break** |
| 10:15 – 12:30 | Field exercise in 4 groups |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Field exercise in 4 groups |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | **Coffee break** |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | Feedback from Trainees (both groups) |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Feedback from Trainers |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | Guidelines on using the course in national administration |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Feedback on whole training  Closure. Certificates |
| 17:00 – 17.30 | Transfer from the BCP to the hotel |
| **Friday, 15 October**  **Mission, day 1** | |
| The mission schedule will be presented after agreement with BCP | The daily activities will be managed by the main coordinator of CELBET Mission.  On day 1, before the daily activities the following topics will be discussed:   * National specific regulations regarding customs law, * Operational objectives of the activities * Procedures of cooperation with other authorities present at BCP, * Procedure in case of passenger complaint, * Equipment usage, * Performance of control activities, * Daily issues of cooperation with other authorities present at BCP, * Detailed shift time schedule, |
| **Saturday, 16 October**  **Mission, day 2** | |
| The mission schedule will be presented after agreement with BCP | The daily activities will be managed by the main coordinator of CELBET Mission. |
| **Sunday, 17 October**  **Mission, day 3** | |
| The mission schedule will be presented after agreement with BCP | The daily activities will be managed by the main coordinator of CELBET Mission. |
| **Monday, 18 October**  **Mission, day 4** | |
| The mission schedule will be presented after agreement with BCP | The daily activities will be managed by the main coordinator of CELBET Mission. |
| **Tuesday, 19 October** | |
|  | Departure from the hotel |

**Annex III – Registration form**

**Registration form**

**“Customs control process” CELBET training and**

**CELBET Mission**

**12-18 October 2021, Röszke BCP at the Hungarian-Serbian Border**

Please send the registration form by 24 September 2021 to the HOST coordinators: Mr. Zsolt DÉZSI [dezsi.zsolt@nav.gov.hu](mailto:dezsi.zsolt@nav.gov.hu)**,** and Mrs. Petra CSELÓVSZKI SOLTÉSZ [soltesz.petra@nav.gov.hu](mailto:soltesz.petra@nav.gov.hu).

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| **Country :** |  |
| Participant's NAME and first name |  |
| Function |  |
| Telephone N°  E-mail |  |
| **Do you intend to participate on CELBET Mission?** | yes/no |
| Date and time of arrival + flight number |  |
| Date and time of departure + flight number |  |
| Individual requirements? |  |

**Annex IV – COVID rules in Hungary**

**Covid travel rules, EU Digital Covid Certificate, restrictions**

The rules of entry to Hungary for foreign citizens change in line with the prevailing epidemiological situation.

For precise and up-to-date information, please visit the official information sites of the [National Police Headquarters](http://www.police.hu/en/content/information-on-general-rules-of-border-crossing) and the [Consular Service](https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and, if necessary, contact your airline or travel agency.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate is equivalent to the immunity certificate recognized by Hungary.  From 1 July Persons presenting the EU Digital COVID Certificate can enter Hungary without any restrictions.

Arrivals without a valid [**EU Digital Covid Certificate**](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3a698-eu-digital-covid-certificate/):

Only Hungarian nationals, non-Hungarian nationals who are permanently resident in Hungary or non-Hungarian nationals who have permission to remain longer than **90 days**, are allowed entry into the country. Persons who hold a Hungarian immunity certificate or an immunity certificate issued by Serbia, Montenegro, Bahrein, Croatia, Turkey, North Macedonia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Mongolia, Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Cyprus, Albania, Morocco, Slovakia and Ukraine are exempted from the restrictions on entry. Those who can prove with either a Hungarian or English language document that they have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 6 months (e.g.: PCR test results, verification by a health service provider or authority) can enter Hungary without restrictions.

**Please note:**

“7.3 of the Financial guide for joint actions” that **cancellation due to COVID circumstances** **will not be considered as “force majeure”.**

**Annex 5**

**Operational Plan for CELBET mission**

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| **Title of the mission** |
| Enhancement of customs control activities in COMMERCIAL traffic AT ROAD BCPs. |

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| **countries expected to participate** |
| **hungary BCP Röszke, BCP TOMPA**  **15-18.10.2021** |

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| **CELBET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CONTEXT AND PROBLEM STATEMENT** |
| * The mission gives an effective operating tool for co-operation at central, regional and local level with other CELBET countries * The mission also enables exchange of best practices and supports harmonization of customs control performance at the EU Eastern and South-Eastern land border. * At the same time the mission enhances interaction and coordination of Member States customs authorities with border guard/border police and with customs authorities in neighbouring third countries.   **PROBLEM STATEMENT:**  There is a need for better coordination of customs controls at the operational level. It is also essential to have more enhanced harmonisation of customs control practice among CELBET Member States. Aiming towards CELBET MS “working as one” customs administration, Customs Controls Team will plan JCAs - joint CELBET activities - at selected road BCPs commercial traffic and second line control out of BCP with customs mobile units. The customs controls activities will target safety and security measures specific to the land border: smuggling, cigarettes, drugs/ precursors, weapons, counterfeited products, waste, cash controls, etc. |

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| **OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES** |
| * To enhance efficiency of the CELBET Member States’ customs administrations performance * To support implementation of the new solutions * To get acquainted with different types of questioning strategies * To support analyzing vehicle and traveller/s documents and the data submitted in customs declaration * JCAs will focus on planning controls based on sharing practical experience at the road BCP level * The missions will be used during JCAs to intensify/reinforce customs control activities by providing additional (extra) resources and experience. |

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| **EXPECTED OUTCOMES/IMPACT** |
| * Better coordination of customs controls at the operational level * Enhanced safety and security measures at the external land border through coordinated operational customs controls * More valuable operational information for evaluation of the situation at the EU land border on different border strips – input for MS and Commission. |

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| **PROFILE/REQUIRMENTS FOR VISITING OFFICERS** |
| Indicative number of officers to be participating:  10 officers from the BCPs staff |
| Profile of expertise:   * at least 5 years of experience with work at BCP level * professional experience in the fields of commercial traffic control and truck searching   Specific requirements:   * Experience of providing training on customs control process would be an advantage; * English language proficiency of at least B1; * Previous participation in CELBET trainings, missions or other activities would be an advantage. |