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**NOTE TO THE CELBET CONTACT POINTS OF
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Subject: Customs Eastern and South-Eastern Land Border Expert Team
(CELBET3):
Invitation to the CELBET 3 Sniffer dogs training (Task 5.2)
Financial Code: TAXUD/2020/DE/202

You are kindly invited to nominate **max two officers** from your administration to the below-mentioned training organized by the Customs Eastern and South Eastern Land Border Expert Team (CELBET) in cooperation with the National Tax and Customs Administration of Slovakia.

The CELBET specialised training on "Sniffer dogs" will take place:

- On 25 - 29 April 2022
- In Slovakia, Centre of Expertise "Sniffer dogs" in Gajary
- Start at 09h00 on 25 April and end no later than 17h00 on 29 April 2022.
- 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)"
- To improve the vocational skills of the dog handlers.
- To exchange the practical experience and best practices.

Participants profile:

- The workshop is targeted to Customs officers working as a dog handlers at the EU's external border.
- Experienced dog handlers with sniffer dogs - member groups of K9 teams CELBET countries
- Dogs have to be already used in Tobacco, Drugs, CITES or Cash searching.
- The total number of participants is limited to **max. 6 dog handlers with service dogs**.
- Participants will be selected according to the rule „first come, first served“.

Application forms (Annex 2) should be completed and sent back as soon as possible and by **10 April 2022** at the latest.

The nominated 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.

Accommodation is provided in Sniffer Dogs Training Center Gajary for free of charge. Participants should arrange the transport by themselves.

Please also notice that because of the COVID 19 situation the special EU and national rules have to be fulfilled by all participants. You can be informed about the actual restrictions country by country on the following website:

[COVID-19 - Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic \(mzv.sk\)](https://mzv.sk)

[Travel to the Slovak Republic - Traffic Light System - Koronavirus a Slovensko \(gov.sk\)](https://gov.sk)

[COVID-19 restrictions in Slovakia \(uvzsr.sk\)](https://uvzsr.sk)

Slovakia - COVID travel rules, EU Digital COVID Certificate, restrictions

The rules of entry to Slovakia 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 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Slovakia and, if necessary, contact your airline or travel agency.

Please note:

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

The participants should get acquainted to the requirements imposed by the host country before making any travel arrangements.

In case of questions, please contact CELBET Training Team Expert Ms Anna Grabowska anna.grabowska11@mef.gov.pl . If you have any questions related to the content of the meeting, please contact Eva Kánová Eva.Kanova@financnasprava.sk .

Application forms should be completed and sent back as soon as possible and by 10 April to anna.grabowska11@mef.gov.pl, with a copy to Eva.Kanova@financnasprava.sk

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Enclosures:

- Annex 1: List of participants
- Annex 2: Application form