

The role of the OSCE in promoting integrity in customs and border services

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Why is the OSCE involved in combating corruption?

- **Corruption is a threat to security...**
- **Corruption, particularly in the customs sector, is an impediment to economic development...**
- **The OSCE has a clear mandate in both of the above spheres!**



The OSCE's mandate in combating corruption

- **International Conventions: UN Convention against Corruption; UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; CoE Conventions, OECD Convention etc.**
- **OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions: Sophia (2004), Ljubljana (2005)**
- **OSCE Economic Forum Meetings: 9th Forum (2001)**
- **Border Security and Management Concept (BSMC), MC Decision No. 11/06**



Partnerships

- **World Customs Organization (WCO) - comprising of 175 member customs administrations**
- **The World Bank Group**
- **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**
- **And others as deemed appropriate**



OSCE Customs Integrity Activities

- **Supporting the adoption and implementation of existing instruments, standards and norms e.g. the WCO Revised Arusha Declaration through awareness raising, capacity-building/training activities, e.g. Astana (2009), Almaty and Tbilisi (2007)**
- **Institution-building, supporting the development of new policies (upon request)**



WCO Revised Arusha Declaration

10 provisions:

- **Leadership and commitment**
- **Regulatory framework**
- **Transparency**
- **Automation**
- **Reform and modernization**
- **Audit and investigation**
- **Code of Conduct**
- **Human Resources Management**
- **Moral and organizational culture**
- **Relationship with the private sector**



Other WCO tools

- **The Integrity Development Guide**
- **The WCO Compendium of Integrity Best Practices**
- **The Model Code of Conduct**
- **The Almaty Integrity Resolution and the Nairobi Resolution (2007)**
- **The WCO Capacity Building Diagnostic Framework**
- **The SAFE Framework of Standards**
- **E-learning Modules**



OSCE involvement: the way ahead

The 18th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum process:

- OSCE offers an inclusive platform for dialogue on these important principles, standards and norms
- Can step up its capacity building efforts and provide training upon request
- Provide policy-drafting assistance, e.g. promote OSCE pS to consider the design of Customs specific Codes of Conduct based on the WCO Model



Thank you for your attention!

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