

**Frontex presentation
Joint Operation "URANUS"**

**International Security Congress
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FRONTEX PURPOSE



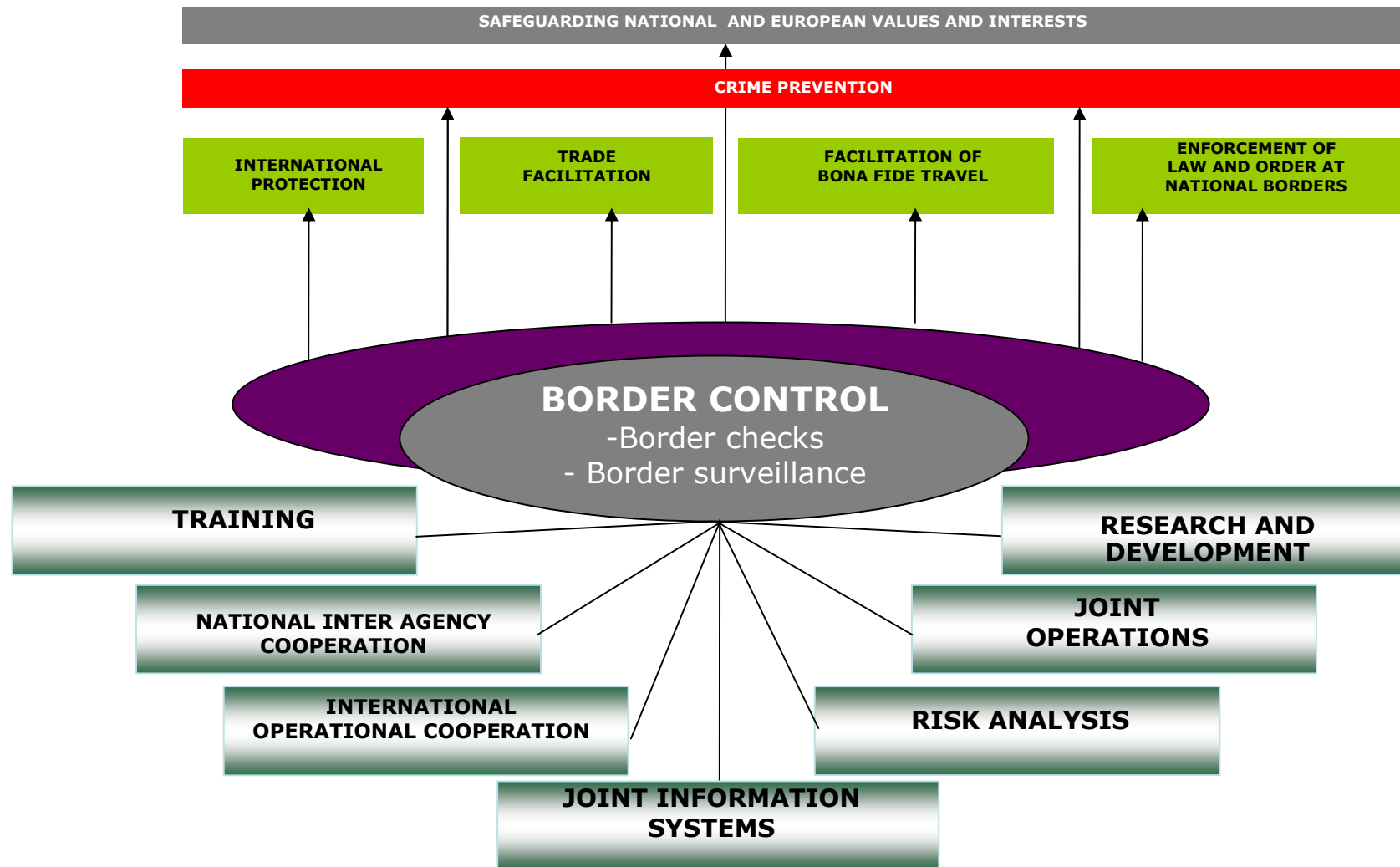
***”INTELLIGENCE DRIVEN OPERATIONAL COOPERATION
AT EU LEVEL TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY
AT EXTERNAL BORDERS”***

BASIC FACTS



- **ESTABLISHED:** UPON COUNCIL REGULATION OF 26 OCTOBER 2004
[(EC) 2007/2004, OJ L 249/25 Nov 2004]
- **SEAT:** IN WARSAW, COUNCIL DECISION OF 14 APRIL 2005
[(EC) 358/2005, OJ L 114/4 May 2005]
- **RAPID BORDER INTERVENTION TEAMS:** COUNCIL REGULATION OF 11 JULY 2007
[(EC) 863/2007, OJ L 199/31 July 2007]
- **MANAGEMENT BOARD** OF 27 (VOTING) MEMBERS
 - "BORDER COMMANDERS" OF MSs AND 2 CION
 - UK AND IRELAND CAN PARTICIPATE, NO VOTING
 - NORWAY, ICELAND, SWITZERLAND AS MEMBERS, LIMITED VOTING
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Mr. Ilkka Iaitinen, FI
- **OPERATIONAL:** SINCE 3 OCTOBER 2005
- **STAFF:** CONSISTING OF NEAR 200 PERSONS
- **BUDGET:** FOR 2009 83 M€

OBJECTIVES



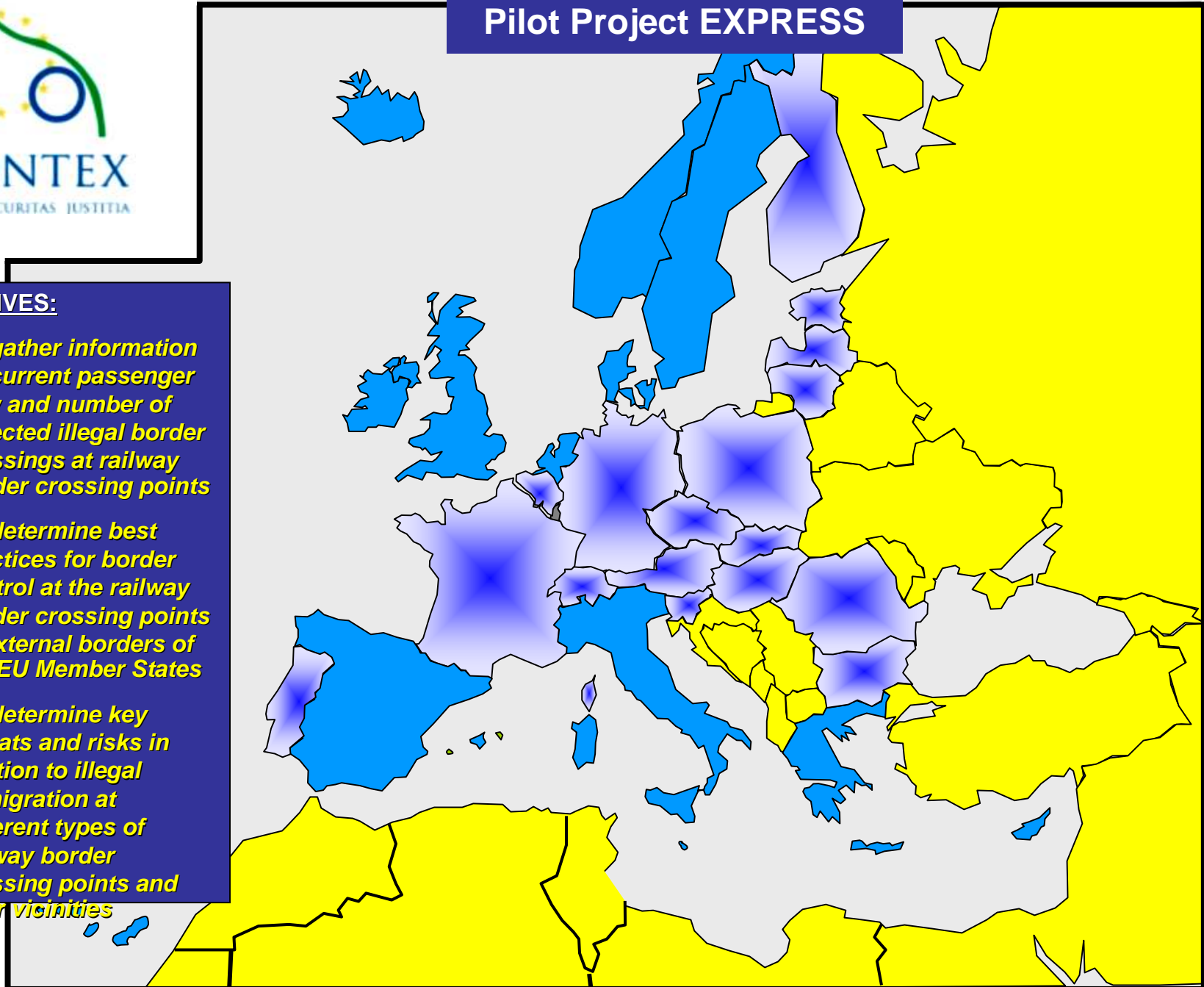
FRONTEX STRUCTURE



Pilot Project EXPRESS

OBJECTIVES:

- *To gather information on current passenger flow and number of detected illegal border crossings at railway border crossing points*
- *To determine best practices for border control at the railway border crossing points at external borders of the EU Member States*
- *To determine key threats and risks in relation to illegal immigration at different types of railway border crossing points and their vicinities*



PP EXPRESS follow up



2009

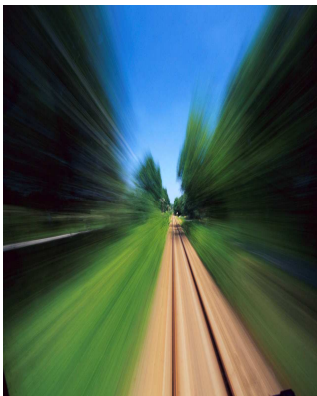
2 x 2 weeks operation at selected BCPs in close cooperation with railway companies and customs

Focus on the false documentation and clandestine immigration

(URANUS)

2010

As long-term perspective, a drafting of a handbook on railway border checks is foreseen, based on the experience of the Pilot Project EXPRESS and all following activities, e.g. Joint Operation, Trainings, **(BEST PRACTICE)**



PILOT PROJECT X - RAY

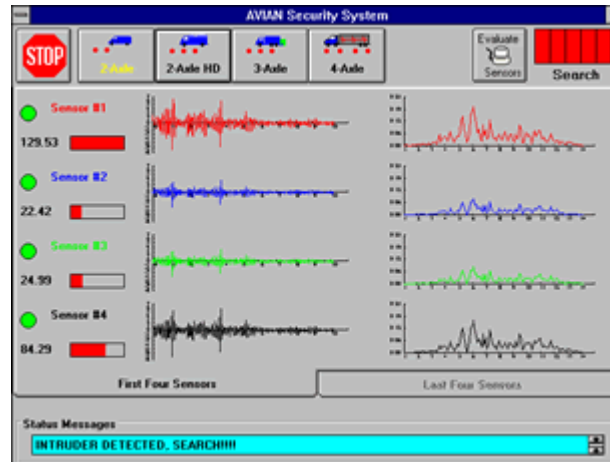


Hosting Country:
Greece, Slovakia

Participating countries:
All MS and SAC

Type of Activity:
Pilot Project

Operational method:
Seminar / Workshops
Implementation:
June, September 2008



PILOT PROJECT X - RAY



General Objective:

To improve the results of future joint operations in land borders by developing a Practical Handbook of best practices on illegal immigrants' detection in transportation means.

Specific objectives:

Application of new technologies in the detection of hidden illegal immigrants at the EU external borders.
Best practices of tactical issues
Logistical common approach



JOINT OPERATION URANUS

General objective:

Focus on the border check at selected Railway and Highway BCPs at the main routes of illegal immigration at external land borders in close cooperation with CCWP and UIC

Implementation:

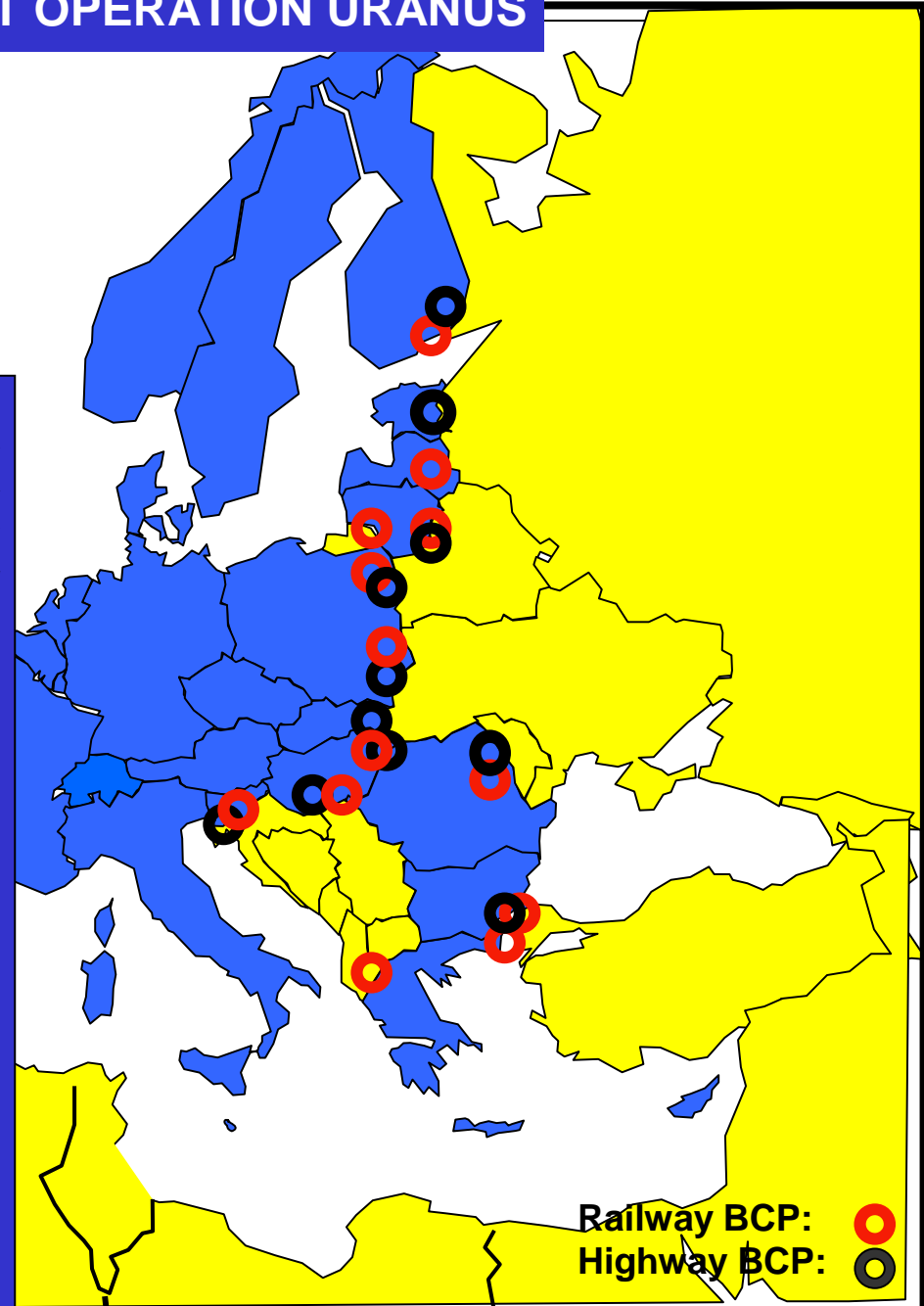
4 x 2 weeks operational phases in course of 2009

Budget:

500.000 EUR

Host countries:

Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece



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General Objectives:

To target illegal immigration at railway BCPs, both, passenger and freight trains in close cooperation with CCWP, RAILPOL and UIC.

To target illegal immigration at the main highway routes at the external borders in close cooperation with CCWP and UIC.

Operational area:

- Hot-spot border crossing points at the external land borders of EU with focus on the main roads of illegal migration to EU (Eastern Balkan route, Western Balkan Route, Eastern European Route)

Expected results:

- To intensify the effort against illegal immigration in passenger and freight trains.
- To have an updated picture on illegal immigration at railway and highway routes.
- To increase effectiveness of entry/exit checks at railway and highway BCPs.
- To develop cooperation with CCWP, RAILPOL, UIC

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Operational phases:

First and third phases are focusing on railway border crossing points
Second and fourth phase focusing on highway border crossing points

Time table:

- Phase 1: 08.04 – 22.04.2009
- Phase 2: 10.06 – 24.06.2009
- Phase 3: 07.10 – 21.10.2009
- Phase 4: 04.11 – 19.11.2009

Host countries:

Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovenia

Participating countries:

- 13 Member States and Schengen Associated Countries

Expected quest officers:

- 320 Border Guard Officers for all four phases

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Operational Method for Phase I and III - Railway

Joint teams involving

- Local BG
- Guest Officers and Experts
- Custom Officers and
- UIC Security and RAILPOL staff were available

Joint teams (2 per train for) performing deep entry checks on passenger and freight trains entering the external border

Using stationary and mobile technical means to achieve best results on clandestine modus operandi

JOINT OPERATION URANUS

1st Phase:

8th – 22nd of April 2009, Railway BCPs

Host countries:

SI, HU, RO, BG

Participating Countries:

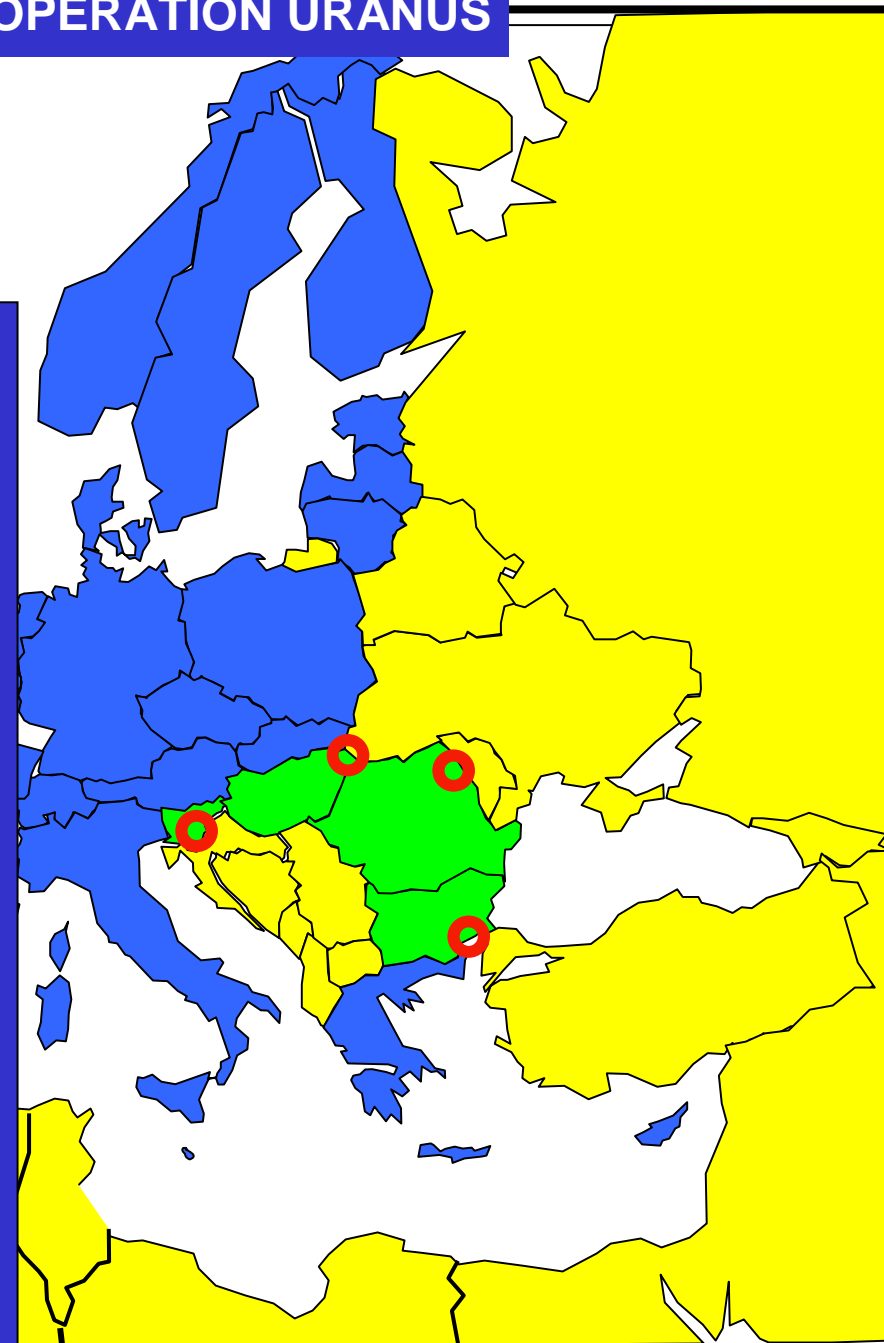
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RO, SK, CH, NL, PT, LT*

Technical Means:

*2 Swiss mobile forgery kits, laptops, mobile phones, 2
Italian forgery kits, laptop based documentation
database, mobile phones - internet connection, CO2
detectors,
2 Estonians mobile forgery kits and laptop based
documentation database mobile phones – internet
connection CO2 detectors*

General objective:

*Focus on the border check at selected
Railway BCPs at the main routes of illegal
migration at external land borders in close
cooperation with Customs*



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3st Phase:

7th – 21nd of October 2009, Railway BCPs

Host countries:

FI, EE, LV, LT, PL

Participating Countries:

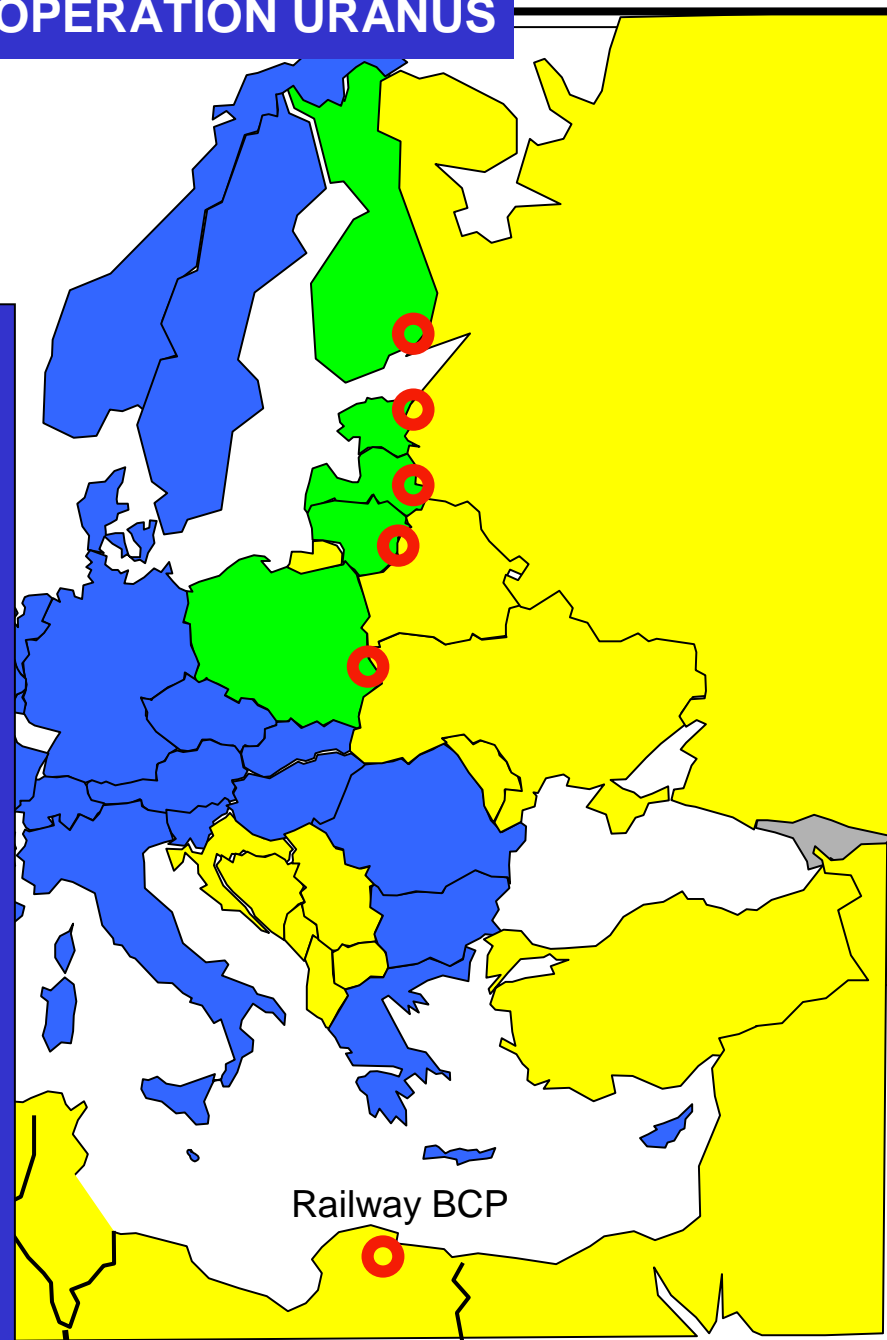
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1 Latvian mobile forgery kit and laptop based
documentation database*

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