

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of CA FORWARDERS NET Newsletter. On this electronic publication we will promote activities, results and events under the EuropeAid Programme about CA FORWARDERS NET project.

If you have any articles, opinions, news or events that you would like to see published please contact us at nsbs@bitex.com

BACKGROUND

CA FORWARDERS NET project will be realized in accordance with Central Asia Invest Programme EuropeAid/126-265/C/ACT/CAI. The duration of the project is from December 2008 to December 2010. Leading partner is NSBS, Bulgarian National Forwarders Association and partners are KRFFA – Kyrgyz Republic Freight Forwarders Association, UIFFA – Uzbek International Forwarders Association and LNBB – Logistic Netz Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.

CA FORWARDERS NET project intends to support the development of transport and freight forwarders industry in Central Asian countries and to increase competitive power of the professional Associations. It will promote and support the formation and development of effective, well-functioning professional Associations and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), building on the knowledge, tools and services developed by



relative European organisations.

The project will be implemented in two phases: Strengthening and capacity building of professional Associations and second special training for SMEs managers and train of trainers

TARGET ENTITIES AND FINAL BENEFICIARIES

Project's target groups are Forwarders Associations in Uzbekistan and

Capacity building and sustainable development of Forwarders Associations in Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan and final beneficiaries are SMEs in private transport sector. CA FORWARDERS NET project aims to raise attention of young professional organisations in Central Asian region for improving their administrative capacity and increasing their credibility in the eyes of the authorities and facilitating their business contacts with other commercial partners.

If your profile matches to the identified target groups and you are interested in benefiting from the project, please do not hesitate to contact us at nsbs@bitex.com

IMPORTANT EVENTS

There were conducted two sequential meetings with local partners UIFFA and KRFFA in Tashkent and Bishkek on 14th and 15th of January, 2009. During these working sessions the overall project objectives, the relevance of the actions to the needs of local partners, outputs and expected results were presented. It was discussed and accepted a detailed Action plan for the next 24 months.

CA FORWARDERS NET officially started with a Consortium Agreement signing by the Presidents of the Partners Associations: Mr. Georgi Minchev - NSBS, Mr. Khoakim Matchanov – UIFFA and Mrs. Liudmila Kasyanova – KRFFA.

Forthcoming important events are envisaged in May 2009 as follows:

- Round table and study tour for partnerships building in Bulgaria
- Participation at the Balkan Congress of Freight Forwarders in Orhid, FYROM

IMPORTANT LINKS

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid>

<http://ec.europa.eu/world>

www.nsbs.bg



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