

6. Customs Crime Expert, Customs (in Republic of Moldova or Ukraine)

Main objectives of the assignment/scope of work:

The Customs Crime Expert works in the Cross-border crime team of EUBAM Office in Moldova (EOM)/EUBAM Office in Ukraine (EOU), under the supervision of respectively the Head of EOM/Head of EOU and is responsible for providing day-to-day operational support and advice to the national partner services. S/he assists the partners services in enhancing their investigative capacities at the operational and tactical levels.

Detailed description of activities:

- Provide support and advice to the partner services and law enforcement agencies in carrying out criminal investigations of significant cross-border crimes at the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border.
- Provide support and advice to partner services and law enforcement agencies in the establishment of Joint Investigation Teams with the objective to enhance their investigative capacities of cross-border crime.
- Provide support and advice to the partner services and law enforcement agencies in the development/planning, implementation and evaluation of joint operations.
- Examine and analyze data, information, and reports, in relation to the tasks of the Office and cooperate with the other units to provide adequate and timely analytical assistance to EUBAM and partner services.
- Prepare analysis and data and contribute to drafting of reports.
- Assist and advice the EUBAM Field Offices in their efforts to support the Moldovan and Ukrainian services in effective and efficient prevention and fight against crime, in particular in the area of customs frauds, smuggling of goods and trafficking in drugs and weapons.
- Formulate and draft ad hoc reports e.g. special reports including recommendations for the Moldovan and Ukrainian partner services and law enforcement agencies in area of investigations.
- Perform other tasks as assigned.

Main outputs/deliverables:

- Day-to-day support to the Moldovan and Ukrainian partner services in investigations at operational and tactical levels (as per EUBAM action plan).
- Advice and support in planning, development and operationalisation of joint investigations and related structures and processes to partner services (as per EUBAM action plan).
- Advice and support to EUBAM in conceptualisation, planning and implementation of investigative support to partners at tactical level (as per EUBAM action plan).

Monitoring and reporting requirements:

The Customs Crime Expert reports respectively to the Head of EOM/Head of EOU who is responsible for appraisal of performance and quality of work deliverables. The reporting takes place through written and verbal briefs.

Selection criteria/requirements:

- Active customs official of an EU Member State with at least ten (10) years of operational experience in customs investigations.
- Demonstrated knowledge of classical and modern investigation techniques, including interviewing and interrogation of suspects, witnesses and victims of crime, controlled delivery actions, securing the crime scene and evidence, profiling, risk assessment, exchange of operational information at international level.
- Experience in working at regional or international levels with prevention/fight against organised cross-border crime, customs fraud, trafficking in drugs, smuggling of good.
- Experience with customs/border police reform projects in transition/developing countries is an asset.
- Good communications and drafting skills.
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Knowledge of other EU languages (Romanian, in particular) and Russian and/or Ukrainian is an asset.
- Computer literacy (Windows applications).
- National certificate of no criminal record.
- Possession of a valid civilian driver license for motor vehicles (Category B or equivalent) and ability to drive any 4-wheel drive vehicles with manual/automatic transmission under complicated road conditions.
- Serious deficiencies in any of these essential requirements may result in repatriation/termination of the secondment.