



We Cross Borders

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Main goals, target groups and expected outcomes - Implementation of the project

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GR – RNM : TRANS-BOUNDARY STATIONS



DESCRIPTION (1)

“We Cross Borders” Project

The main objective of the project is to contribute to the development of cross-border cooperation between the two countries

The aim of the project is the creation of new infrastructure at the Greek (Evzoni) -North Macedonia border stations (Bogorodica).

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Improving the level of customs services at the Evzoni and Bogorodica border stations
- Introducing automated systems for the service of transit vehicles and travelers and the support of Customs Services
- Strengthening bilateral trade
- Increasing cross-border mobility
- Improving the safety of tourists
- Preventing and combating the smuggling of drugs, weapons and fuel
- Addressing illegal immigration
- More effective supervision and protection of the European Union’s external borders

DESCRIPTION (2)

“We Cross Borders” Project

In particular, the relevant individual actions are aimed at:

- I. Transfer of knowledge for Border Crossing Points organization
- II. Management of project activities and partners cooperation
- III. Dissemination and communication activities on project actions and results
- IV. Study of tailor needs of Border Crossing Points modernization and improvement of :
Border Crossing Points modernization and improvement that mainly will include: The installation ANPR cameras, with the respective access control system consisting of vehicle barriers in the Border Crossing Point of Evzoni., CCTV cameras and NVR Equipment, new weight bridge e.t.c.

DESCRIPTION (3)

“We Cross Borders” Project

Budget: 1.216.567,50 €

Partners

▶ **Head Partner:**

Decentralized Administration of Macedonia & Thrace (GR)

Partners:

- ▶ Ministry of Finance- Customs Administration (RNM)
- ▶ Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia (GR)
- ▶ Ministry of Interior (RNM)



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WE CROSS BORDERS PROJECT WORK PACKAGES

WP 1	Project Management & Coordination
WP 2	Communication & Dissemination
WP 3	Rennovation analysis and implementation study
WP 4	Safety systems implementation

TARGET GROUPS (1)

- ▶ Communication target groups of the project are as follows:
- ▶ National Authorities (Decentralized Administration of Macedonia – Thrace, Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration of North Macedonia, Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia)
- ▶ Regional Authorities (Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia, Region of Central Macedonia)
- ▶ Local Authorities (Municipality of Thessaloniki, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Thessaloniki, Local Professional Chambers and local Chambers of Commerce, Professional Chamber of Thessaloniki etc)

EXPECTED RESULTS (1)

“We Cross Borders” expected results are:

- ▶ Improve the Customs’ Services provided in the Border Crossing Points of Evzoni and Bogorodica.
- ▶ Enhance the sense of safety and convenience of passing vehicles and passengers and support Customs Services with the supply of cross cutting automated systems fully operative twenty four hours per day, seven-days per week.
- ▶ Improve the working conditions for the Customs’ personnel in both countries. Minimize the required time for processing people and goods at the Customs offices.
- ▶ Enhance the sense of safety for tourists.
- ▶ Eliminate traffic congestion in the Border Crossing Points of Evzoni and Bogorodica.

EXPECTED RESULTS (2)

“We Cross Borders” expected results are:

- ▶ Tackle, prevent and combat of illegal trafficking of drugs, cigarettes and products.
- ▶ Tackle of illegal immigration.
- ▶ Enhance the sense of security for the inhabitants in the borders area.
- ▶ Facilitate and promote bilateral trade.
- ▶ Better supervision and protection of the European Union’s external borders.
- ▶ Increase cross border mobility for people.

LB BUDGET

Revised amounts as approved in Partnership Agreement

LB							
Decentralized Administration of Macedonia-Thrace	Staff Costs	Office and Administration	Travel and Accommodation	External Expertise and Services	Equipment	Infrastructure and Works	TOTALS
WP 1	0,00 €	1.760,00 €	2.743,20 €	7.300,00 €	2.000,00 €	0,00 €	13.803,20 €
WP 2	0,00 €	1.700,00 €	5.330,00 €	5.020,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	12.050,00 €
WP 3	800,00 €	4.500,00 €	17.120,40 €	10.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	32.420,40 €
WP 4	0,00 €	2.200,00 €	4.240,80 €	5.000,00 €	50.000,00 €	592.000,00 €	653.440,80 €
WP 5	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
WP 6	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
TOTALS	800,00 €	10.160,00 €	29.434,40 €	27.320,00 €	52.000,00 €	592.000,00 €	711.714,40 €

LB BUDGET

Revised amounts following approval of the last Mod. Request - FINAL

LB							
Decentralized Administration of Macedonia-Thrace	Staff Costs	Office and Administration	Travel and Accommodation	External Expertise and Services	Equipment	Infrastructure and Works	TOTALS
WP 1	0,00 €	1.760,00 €	2.743,20 €	7.300,00 €	2.120,00 €	0,00 €	13.923,20 €
WP 2	0,00 €	1.600,00 €	4.510,00 €	5.120,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	11.230,00 €
WP 3	800,00 €	4.500,00 €	17.120,40 €	10.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	32.420,40 €
WP 4	0,00 €	2.200,00 €	4.240,80 €	5.000,00 €	50.700,00 €	592.0000,00 €	654.140,80 €
WP 5	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
WP 6	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
TOTALS	800,00 €	10.060,00 €	28.614,40 €	27.420,00 €	52.820,00 €	592.000,00 €	711.714,40 €

WP1: Project Management & Coordination

Deliverable D1.1.2 (External Expertise and Services)

Costs for organising kick off and 1 SG meetings in Greece (e.g. venue and catering costs)

Paid out and Verified (740,50 €)



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WP1: Project Management & Coordination

Deliverable D1.1.2 (Equipment)

Cost of set of laptop & A3+ printer projector and screen for management

Paid out and Verified **(2.104,28 €)**



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WP1: Project Management & Coordination

Deliverable D1.1.5 (External Expertise and Services)

First Level Control. Completed 3th Verifications.

- 1st Verification: Reporting period of 02/04/2018 to 31/12/2019. Total amount verified 64.169,43 €.
- 2nd Verification: Reporting period of 01/01/2020 to 15/11/2021. Total amount verified 488.487,93 €.
- 3th Verification: Reporting period of 16/11/2021 to 31/05/2023. Total amount verified 16.781,07 €.

Paid out and Verified (520,80€)



WP2: Communication & Dissemination

Deliverable D2.1.1 (External Expertise and Services)

Promotional material (100 usb– 100 leaflets of ten pages – 100 folder – 100 pens – 100 huts –100 certifications of attendance), 2 banners – 30 posters.

Paid out and Verified **(2.095,60 €)**

WP3: Rennovation analysis and implementation study

Deliverable D3.1.1 (Travel and Accommodation)

4 person travels regarding of Transfer of knowledge held in cross border area of Russia – Estonia

Paid out and Verified (4.177,36 €)

WP3: Rennovation analysis and implementation study

Deliverable D3.1.4 (External Expertise and Services)

Implementation study

Paid out and Verified (4.000,00€)



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WP4: Safety systems implementation

Deliverable D4.1.2 (Equipment)

- ▶ Two (2) 4wd vehicles for passengers control
- ▶ Drone with IR vision for monitoring purposes

Paid out and Verified **(49.299,60€)**

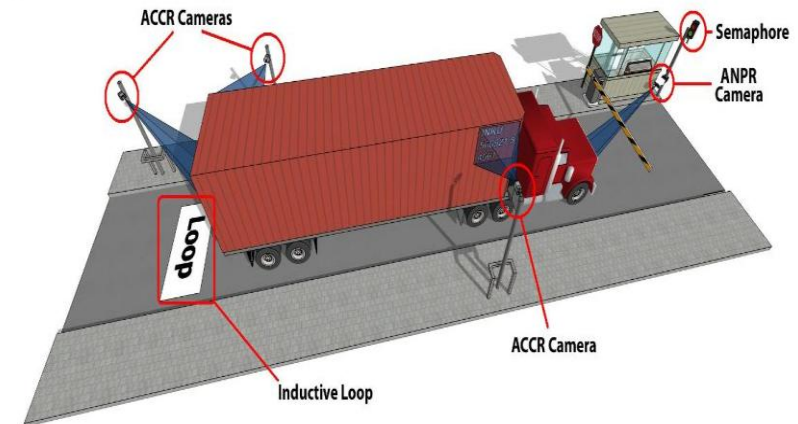


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WP4: Safety systems implementation

Deliverable D4.1.1 - D4.1.2 - D4.1.3 (Equipment – Infrastructure and Works)

- ▶ CCTV cameras
- ▶ Vehicle registration plate identification system-ANPR cameras
- ▶ Container code recognition-ACCR cameras
- ▶ Under vehicle inspection camera
- ▶ Connection to the existing systems of Doirani Customs
- ▶ Electronic dashboard (led panels)



Paid out and Verified (504.748,20€)

WP4: Safety systems implementation

Deliverable D4.1.2 - D4.1.3 (Equipment)

▶ **Weighbridge**

A new flat aboveground steel weight bridge will be installed for monitoring and recording purposes. This will have a useful length of 18 m and wide of 3m. The capacity of the weight bridge will be 80 TN.

Paid out and Verified in progress (32.178,00€)

Financial Report – LB

- ▶ Verified expenditure: **569.438,43€ / paid out 569959,23 €**
- ▶ Completed 3 verifications + **2 on-spot verification**

Financial progress and planning					
				Current status on MIS	Estimation of REMAINING amounts to be uploaded on MIS (submitted for verification)
Beneficiary Name/ Number	Approved budget	Contracted	Paid expenditures till today	Verified Expenditures	Up to 31 December 2023
LB - Decentralized Administration of Macedonia-Thrace	711.714,40	606.969,23	569.959,23	569.438,43	34.122,50
TOTALS	711.714,40	606.969,23	569.959,23	569.438,43	34.122,50

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Thank you for your attention

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