

STUDY VISIT TO BULGARIA

Study visit to National Police General Directorate in Bulgaria within the project „Enhancing capacity of services to combat drug trafficking at the European level” co-financed within the programme the Internal Security Fund - Police.

On 11th-14th of June, 2019 there was held the study visit to Sofia concerning the project „Enhancing capacity of services to combat drug trafficking at the European level” financed from the European’s Union’s Internal Security Fund-Police.

The aim of the study visit was to enhance the competencies of law enforcement officers in Poland and at European level in combating drug trafficking, production and the market of illicit drugs as well as to continue the exchange of good practices and knowledge in the field of drug-related crimes.

During the study visit the representatives of the Regional Police Headquarters in Lublin, Nadbużański Border Guard Unit, the National Police Head Quarters - Polish Police Central Bureau of Investigation, Estonian Police and Border Guard, National Spanish Police, the Berlin Police, Satu Mare County Police Inspectorate, General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police, were welcomed at the National Police General Directorate facilities by Senior Commissioner Blagorodna Makeva, Deputy Director of National Police General Directorate and Commissioner Ilko Iliev - Head of Criminal Police Department of National Police General Directorate and got acquainted with the legal regulations on drugs use / trafficking and state strategies concerning anti-drug policy in Bulgaria. The organizational structure of the drug sections and tasks in relation to prevention and fight against drug-related crime, statistics and main problems which National Police General Directorate in Bulgaria faces in the domain of drug-related crime were shown by Chief Inspector Bisser Ivanov, Head of the Drug Sector of NPGD. The participants were presented the technical capacity in the domain of the drug related crime by the experts from the National Institute of Forensic Science at the Ministry of the Interior. They had the chance to visit to the Kalotina Border Checkpoint with Serbia where they were given a brief presentation on the activities and the functional obligations of the border checkpoint staff as well as they could observe the performing of a real-time check. The representatives of the project partner countries were also introduced to the structure of the Plovdiv Regional Directorate Ministry of Interior, in particular the structure und functions of the Drug Sector in relation to prevention and fight against drug-related crime, technical capacity and equipment and the main problems the unit encounters. Thanks to the visit, the participants could exchange information in relation to their daily activities concerning combating drug trafficking and establish working contacts which may be fruitful in their work

