

**BULLETIN**  
*No. 123, the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2008*

This morning, Minister of Interior and Administrative Reform Cristian David had a work meeting with his Bulgarian counterpart Rumen Petkov.

The discussions between the two officials approached three topics regarding the Romanian-Bulgarian cooperation: cooperation at the Black Sea, the joint border control on the Danube and preparing in view of joining the Schengen area.

As regards the cooperation at the Black Sea, Minister Cristian David announced that this year will the first common operation at the Black Sea will be developing, together with FRONTEX, named EUXIME.

In these operations other state members are also invited to participate with forces and navy. Such a surveillance and intervention mission at the Black Sea lasts between 2 and 5 weeks.

For the joint border control on the Danube, the two ministers agreed on the development of the Contact Bureau in Giurgiu, which will become Centre, so that - alongside with Border Police - representatives of the Police and Customs could also be included.

The cooperation between the two Border Police forces in matters related to the common surveillance system of the "chessboard" type was highly appreciated, and the relationships between the police authorities of the two states were regarded as a cooperation model.

*"Romania and Bulgaria must become a cooperation model due to this special relationship"*, stated Minister Cristian David.

The two officials decided to draw up a common action calendar in view of starting the evaluation process for Schengen, which has to be finalized by the end of June.

According to the Common Declaration on Romania and Bulgaria's accession to the Schengen area, the two states set their joint goal to join the Schengen area in March 2011.

The official visit of the Bulgarian Interior Minister in Romania ended with a visit at the Maritime Coordination Centre within the Romanian Naval Authority and of the Maritime Railway Station Constanta.

In parallel, a group of experts including representatives of the two ministries also discussed other technical aspects of the cooperation between the two institutions' units.

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Today, 14 March 2008, in Oslo, Minister of Interior and Administrative Reform Cristian David and Minister of Justice and Police of the Norwegian Kingdom Knut STORBERGET have signed the **Agreement between the Romanian Government and the Government of the Norwegian Kingdom on police co-operation**.

Minister Cristian David underlined that the enhancement of the police co-operation will lead to a better activity in other fields of collaboration between the two countries as well.

The main objective of this legal instrument is increasing the Romanian-Norwegian cooperation in view of effectively preventing and countering crimes, the threats to home security, as well as for preventing and identifying various crimes.

The crimes which this protocol refers to, for the countering of which measures will be taken jointly by the Romanian and Norwegian parties, include illegal trafficking in drugs and persons, illegal migration of labor force, weapon smuggling, coin forgery, as well as cyber crimes, crimes against property, environment and others.

Minister of Justice and Police of the Norwegian Kingdom expresses his confidence that the signing of the agreement will lead to a more effective and appreciated cooperation.

Based on this agreement and in accordance with each specific situation, the Romanian and Norwegian policemen will cooperate by exchanging information and expertise, by forming and training personnel, or by exchanging specialists.

Minister of interior and administrative reform presented the Norwegian official the initiative regarding the setting up, at the level of the Romanian Police, of a specialized unit for taking action and supporting the counterpart authorities of the EU member-states; he also stated that a group will be prepared for acting in the Northern zone, including policemen familiarized with the specific legislation and problems regarding criminality in the area.

Minister Cristian David also had meetings with the representatives of the National Police Directorate and the Norwegian Police College, within the framework of which issues specific to the international police cooperation activity were addressed.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Minister of interior and administrative reform Cristian David is in Oslo, upon the invitation of the Norwegian governmental authorities, where he is having a series of meetings with high-ranking decision-makers in the field of justice, internal affairs and administrative reform.

### **BULLETIN**

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#### **Minister of Interior and Administrative Reform Cristian David is meeting the Bulgarian Home Minister Rumen Petkov this weekend**

At the end of this week, Minister Cristian David will meet his Bulgarian counterpart Rumen Petkov in Constanta, in order to discuss on border security and cooperation in countering trans-border criminality.

During their meeting, the two officials will also approach various issues of common interest such as cooperation at the Black Sea between the border authorities of Romania and Bulgaria, as well as aspects regarding the accession to the Schengen territory.

The agenda of this meeting includes a visit at Constanta harbor, at the headquarters of the Border Police Directorate Constanta, as well as a presentation of the SCOMAR system.

**The minister of interior and administrative reform** does not have attributions in setting the program of meetings for the NATO Summit, and **up to present there is no information coming from the relevant authorities of the official activities which could take place in Constanta.**

### **BULLETIN**

*No. 119, the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2008*

Between 13 and 15 March 2008, upon the invitation of the Norwegian governmental authorities, Minister of Interior and Administrative Reform Mr. Cristian David is paying an official visit to Oslo, during which there he will have a series of meetings with high decision-makers in the field of justice, internal affairs and administrative reform.

Over the Romanian dignitary's meeting with Mr. Knut STORBERGET, Minister of Justice and Police of the Norwegian Kingdom, scheduled on 14 March 2008, the **Agreement between the Romanian Government and the Government of the Norwegian Kingdom on police co-operation** will be signed. This document will significantly contribute to the enhancing of the Romanian-Norwegian co-operation in view of effectively preventing and countering criminality, threats to home security, as well as for preventing and identifying various crimes.

At the same time, the agenda of this visit will include a meeting with Mr. Wenche Lyngholm, secretary of state within the Ministry of Administrative Reform of the Norwegian Kingdom, as well as visits at the level of the National Police Directorate and the Norwegian Police College, within the framework of which there will be approached issues specific to the international police cooperation activity.