

## **Contribution of the Basel Convention Regional Centre – Slovakia on the “Call for Information on Illegal Traffic and Trade”**

BCRC Slovakia has included activities on prevention of illegal traffic in its Business Plan 2016-19 as it was requested by served Parties. Unfortunately the BCRC did not successfully collect relevant amount of money to be able to coordinate such projects on national or subregional level or to organize a regional training. It means that activities from already mentioned BP are still relevant for the region.

The Centre assist served countries to solve problems related to the transboundary movement and prevention of illegal traffic in daily basis in close cooperation with relevant experts from the Ministry of Environment in the Slovak republic.

The Centre is finalized the project on Strengthening of the effective implementation of the Basel convention with regard to fulfilment of reporting obligation in Moldova recently.

In addition the BCRC Slovakia is in position of associate member in the IMPEL project with the general objective to develop new tools, forensics and methods in support of the operational activities and capacities of the authorities involved across the enforcement chain. Our role will be to disseminate new information and outputs in the region. (Currently we are waiting whether the project will be selected for the financial support from the European Commission)

Currently we are in consultation to assist Georgia to organize a national training for customs and relevant authorities. As a regional activity we have a plan to organize a regional training on technical guidelines on TBM of used EEE worked out by BC experts. The region has expressed many times the request for the technical assistance in this issue.