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Project title:	**Improving safety and security in the border region between Saxony and the Czech Republic (road traffic)**
Lead partner:	Police authority Chemnitz Ore Mountains Chemnitz office
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Project description:

The increase in freight and passenger traffic between the Czech Republic and Germany along with the increase in competition and the attendant time pressure have also led to an increase in the dangers arising from the lorries driving in the German-Czech border region.
Particularly the transport of (hazardous) goods and tourists represent a danger to the Ore Mountain region and the local population's sense of security. This project aims at improving the collaboration within the border region and creating the conditions for an improved transnational control of public transport including tourism as well as of the transport of hazardous goods.

Collaboration in creating the proper conditions for a more effective control of public transport including tourism as well as the transport of hazardous goods across the borders:

- traffic controls within the main road network of the sphere of action
- joint legal training measures
- police to attend classes and perform services together
- technical requirements (e.g. the purchase of patrol cars) to be met
- public to be integrated to allow people to contact joint patrols and discuss the local security situation.

Joint patrol leaving Chemnitz, B 174

Joint training session in Schöneck on 22./23.09.2009

For the project to succeed, the strategy of both project partners will be coordinated on a regular basis in joint workshops.

These workshops will focus on:

- planning joint traffic controls and patrols +
- organising joint prevention events
- preparing training measures
- ensuring that patrol cars have compatible equipment.

Project objectives can only be reached with the aid of the required resources and technology:

- preparing a performance standard for patrol cars
- providing required equipment such as wheel load scales, analysis software, document checking devices
- providing and installing PC´s and Laptops
- providing a fully furnished office with 2 PC workstations
- inviting tenders for the required equipment
- taking up talks for having patrol cars modified through the vehicle converter BINZ in Ilmenau.

The success of the project also depends on the ongoing training of the 21 police officers from Saxony and the Czech Republic who are involved in the project.

During the whole project, the collaboration of the Saxon and Czech police forces will be accompanied by a PR campaign. The objective is to increase the public's perceived sense of security and to reduce their fears towards the increase in public transport and in the transport of hazardous goods.

The publicity measures include:

- announcements in the Internet / Intranet by the Saxon and Czech police www.polizei.sachsen.de/pd_ce/7596.htm and www.policie.cz/clanek/psi-a-dalnicni-policiste-v-novem.aspx
- production of Flyers for drivers with info on various regulatons (e.g. driving and resting times, securing loads)
- publications in the „Carola" magazine of the Chemnitz Ore Mountains police authority
- participation in prevention training in both countries.

Discussions with the local population in the Czech and German border region revealed the need for a specific intervention by the police authorities.
Each months joint traffic controls and police patrols will be carried out in the border region between the Czech Republic and Germany. Along with the prosecution of administrative and criminal offences, the drivers will be instructed through discussions and information material (Flyer) about the dangers and problems resulting from the increase in tourist and goods traffic.