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## Harmonizing and simplifying customs and border crossing procedures in order to strengthen good governance and stimulate business interaction

Inter-departmental cooperation  
Finland

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## Finnish Customs

- **Facilitates smooth trade of goods and ensures its correctness**
- **Collects taxes on goods efficiently**
- **Offers customer-oriented services**
- **Protects society, the environment and citizens**

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## Customs offices

At the end of 2015,  
Finnish Customs had  
2 212 employees.

47% of them were women  
and 53% men.



## Inter-departmental cooperation

### Police, Customs and Border Guard (PCB) cooperation





## Legal Bases

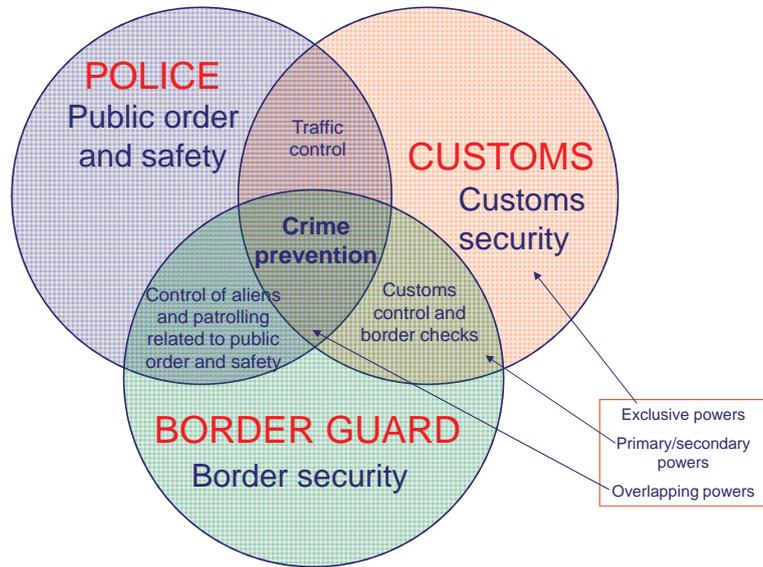
- Legal background already since 1927
- Act on Cooperation between the Police, Customs and the Border Guard (687/2009)
- Government Decree on Cooperation between the Police, Customs and Border Guard (1126/2009)



## Security through cooperation

- Within the Customs enforcement department
- Within Finnish Customs
- National security authorities
- International law enforcement authorities
- Private sector





## PCB cooperation in general matters

- Common ICT-solutions
  - National investigation database
  - Access to each others criminal intelligence databases
  - Common criminal analyses tools
- Purchasing of material together
- Education & training
  - Common education
  - Providing right to study in each others courses



## PCB cooperation in combating crime

- Cooperation in developing technical and tactical methods
- PCB criminal intelligence units
- Common targeting procedure
- Joint intelligence and investigation teams (national JIT / JAT)
- Joint use of liaison officers (LOs) abroad
- Controlled deliveries (CD)



## Different forms of cooperation

- Passport control at airports and harbors
- Customs duties at temporary border posts
- Police duties at BCPs
- Pilot project in northern and eastern Finland – Harva

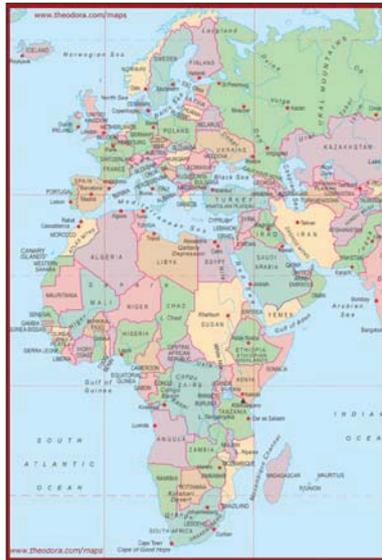


<b>Ministry</b> Finance	Tax Administration	Export controls, corporate audits, grey economy
Interior	Police Border Guard	Crime prevention, LIPRE Passport controls, weapons, cash
Transport and Communications	Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafi)	Controls of heavy traffic Safety measures at ports
Agriculture and Forestry	Food Safety Authority (Evira) Agency for Rural Affairs (Mavi)	FEOGA, food products Plant and animal diseases
Foreign Affairs	Department for External Economic Relations, Political Department	Dual use products including weapons of mass destruction International trade regulations, e.g. customs value and provenance
Social Affairs and Health	Medicines Agency (Fimea) Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira) Radiation Safety Authority (STUK)	Medicines Alcohol, tobacco Radioactive materials
Education	Copyright organisations Board of Antiquities	Copyrights Objects of cultural value
Environment	Environmental Administration (SYKE) Oil Pollution Compensation Fund	Waste, chemicals, CITES Oil damage duty
Employment and the Economy	Safety Technology Authority (Tukes) Board of Patents and Registration	Chemicals, consumer goods, explosives Intellectual property rights
Defence	Ministry of Defence	Defence materiel



## The Nuija Model

- Aims of model
  - Effective use of resources
  - One stop shop
  - Speeding up the process



**Tullitoimipaikat 2013**



**Nuijamaa BCP**



1. Passenger traffic centre 2. Cargo traffic centre 3. X-ray 4. Inspection hall 5. Lane inspection 6. Border to Russia



## The Nuija Model

- **What the model means in practice?**
- Further training for both authorities
- Sharing equipment, databases and facilities
- Common briefing in the beginning of each shift
- Customs perform passport checks in cargo terminals
- Border Guards perform customs control tasks in passenger terminals
- Border Guards perform checks of invoices and tax free cheques, insurances of the vehicles and animals
- Joint teams and responsibilities



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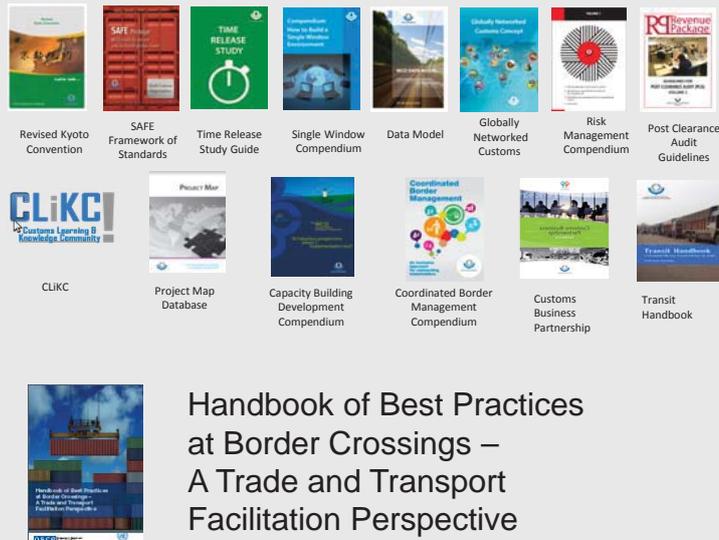
- Innovative distribution of tasks between Customs and Border Guard
- Pilot Project operational since 5.1.2010
- Verified in Schengen Evaluation in 2011
- Phase II introduced at 1.12.2012
- Expansion of the model to other BCPs in 2014
- Legal base is still under the development process



## SCHENGEN EVALUATION 2011 "EU CERTIFICATE"

"The EvalCom appreciates the Nuija Model since the combination of Customs and Border Checks in one step speeds up the total process and increases productivity of the total available staff. It is also a good practical example of functional IBM concept at the local level."

## Examples of WCO tools



# Questions?

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