



**REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR**



CROATIA'S PREPARATION FOR THE EU MEMBERSHIP IN BORDER MANAGEMENT

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POLITICAL ASPECT OF CROATIAN ACCESSION TO THE EU

- ❑ **October 29, 2001, the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) signed**
- ❑ **February 21, 2003, the Republic of Croatia (RC) applied for membership**
- ❑ **April, 2004, the European Commission (EC) gave positive AVIS**
- ❑ **June, 2004, European Council gave to the RC status of the candidate country**
- ❑ **December, 2004, the decision of the date for opening the accession negotiations taken by European Council**

POLITICAL ASPECT OF CROATIAN ACCESSION TO THE EU

- ❑ February 1, 2005, SAA came into force
- ❑ September 3, 2005, negotiations with the RC formally opened
- ❑ 2 October, 2009, negotiations for Chapter 24 opened
- ❑ 22 December, 2010, temporary closure of Chapter 24
- ❑ 22 December, 2010, EU Common position for Chapter 24
- ❑ June, 2011, negotiations with RC closed
- ❑ Draft of the Accession Treaty
– signing by the end of 2011

SCREENING

- ❑ Explanatory screening (January 2006)
- ❑ Bilateral screening (February 2006)
- ❑ Benchmark set for the opening of the negotiations for Chapter 24
 - Action plan for the Integrated Border Management
- ❑ 9 April, 2008, benchmark met negotiations in Chapter 24. Justice, Freedom and Security opened
- ❑ 10 April, 2008, the Government adopted the RC Negotiating Position for Chapter 24
- ❑ 2 October, 2009, negotiations for Chapter 24 opened

CHAPTER 24

- **ASYLUM AND MIGRATIONS**
- **VISA POLICY**
- **EXTERNAL BORDERS AND SCHENGEN**
- **POLICE COOPERATION**
- **ORGANISED CRIME AND CORRUPTION**
- **TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**
- **ILLEGAL POSSESSION AND SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS**
- **TERRORISM,**
- **COOPERATION CONCERNING NARCOTIC DRUGS**
- **COOPERATION WITH THE CUSTOMS**
- **JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MATTERS**

MIGRATION

- New Aliens Act aligned with the EU *acquis*.
- Sufficient number of police officers for combating illegal migrations,
- Satisfactory level of their training and equipping
- Significant decrease in the number of illegal migrants using the territory of the RC for migration towards the countries of the European Union.
- Accommodation capacities for illegal migrants were improved
- 25 agreements on the readmission

ASYLUM

- Legislative and institutional framework aligned with the EU *acquis*
- Asylum Act and Amendments to the Asylum Act
- Free legal aid in the appeal procedure
- Training in asylum matters
- Implementation of Eurodac and Dublin Regulations

VISA POLICY

- Alignment of national legislation with EU acquis
- National visa regime aligned with the EU “positive” list
- Not aligned with EU “negative” list (three states)
- New format of Croatian visa
- Coherence procedure for issuing visa at the border and diplomatic missions
- Croatian Visa Database (CVD) since December 2009
- In June 2009, the RC introduced second generation biometric passport

EXTERNAL BORDERS AND SCHENGEN

- **Intensive reforms started from 2002**
- **Strategic documents:**
 - **Border Police Development Strategy**
 - **Integrated Border Management National Strategy with Action Plan**
 - **Schengen Action Plan**
 - **Maritime Police Development Strategy and its Action Plan**
- **Recommendations from annual Peer Base Missions taken into the account in drafting and updating strategic documents**

EXTERNAL BORDERS AND SCHENGEN

- **Alignment of national legislation with EU acquis**
- **Local Border Traffic agreements with neighboring countries**
- **Personnel structure of the N.SIS II office has been defined. Other preparation regarding SIS II are on-going**
- **Border Crossing Points – rationalization and re-categorization**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Border Police Recruitment Policy**

EXTERNAL BORDERS AND SCHENGEN

- Border Police Training
- Equipment of the Border Police
- Green Border Surveillance
- Blue Border Surveillance
- National Maritime Centre for Data Collection
- Interagency Co-operation
- International Co-operation

POLICE COOPERATION

- Croatia has signed 35 bilateral agreements and 12 bilateral acts
- Participating in the work of INTERPOL, EUROPOL and the SECI Centre.
- Liaison officers in Austria, Serbia, Israel, INTERPOL and EUROPOL
- 24 foreign police liaison officers in Croatia
- National S.I.R.E.N.E office
- Centre for police cooperation in Dolga Vas, Slovenia (Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia)
- Joint contact point with Serbia at BCP Bajakovo

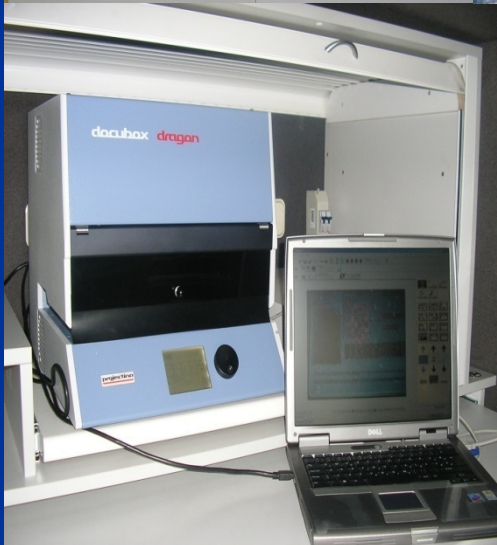
FURTHER ACTIVITIES

- The Commission's monitoring
 - Regular update of monitoring tables
 - Peer assessment missions
- Progress Reports and a Comprehensive Monitoring Reports
- Focus on the area of justice, freedom and security
 - external border management,
 - police cooperation,
 - the fight against organized crime, and
 - judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

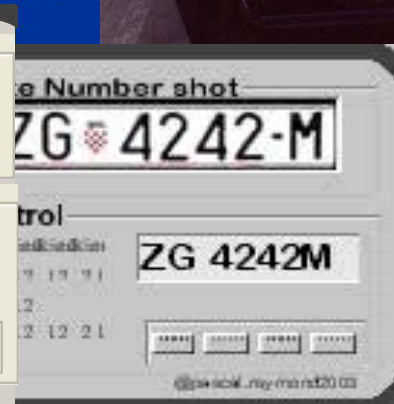
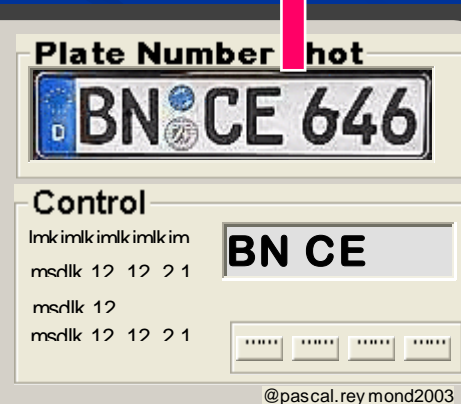
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BORDER POLICE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

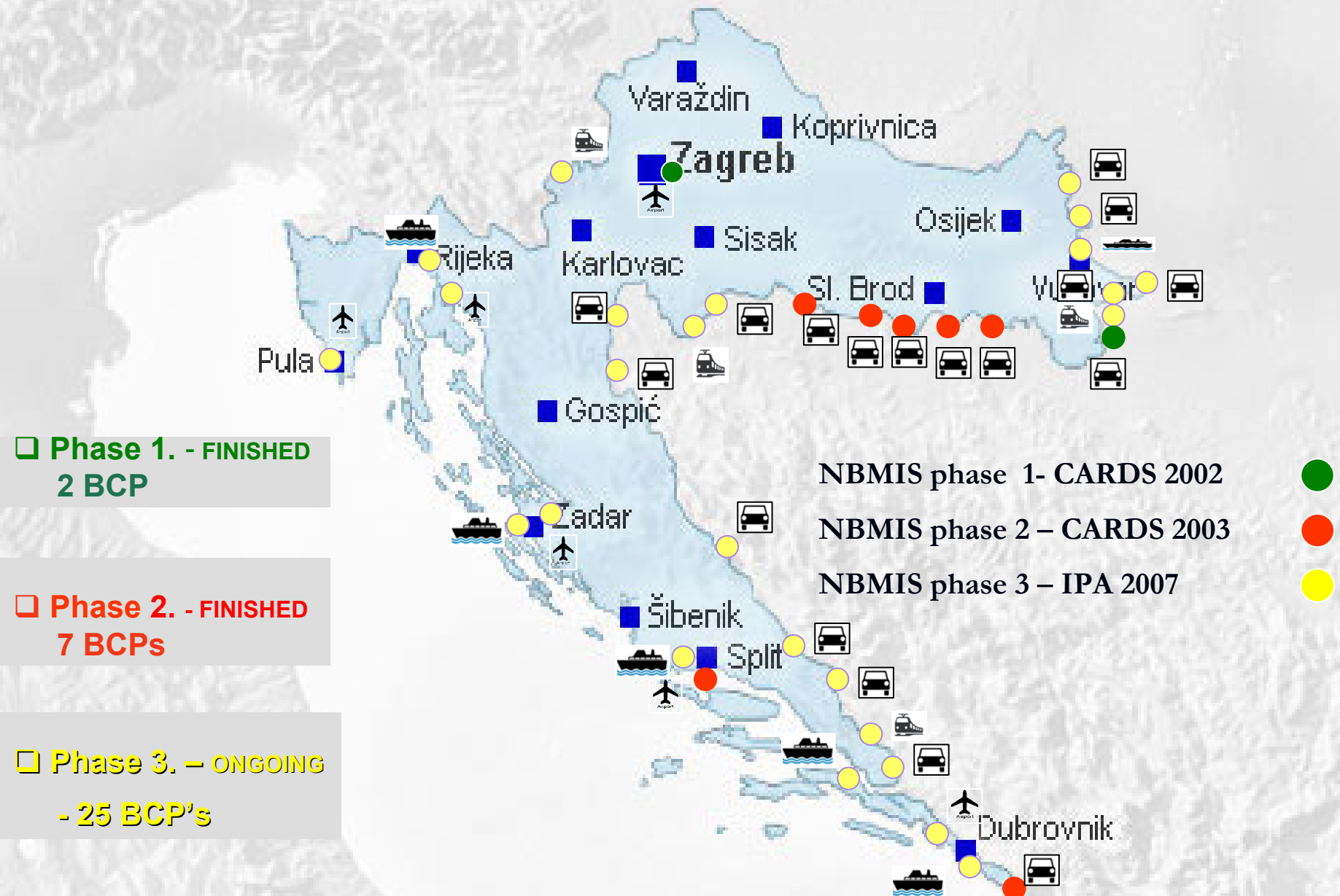


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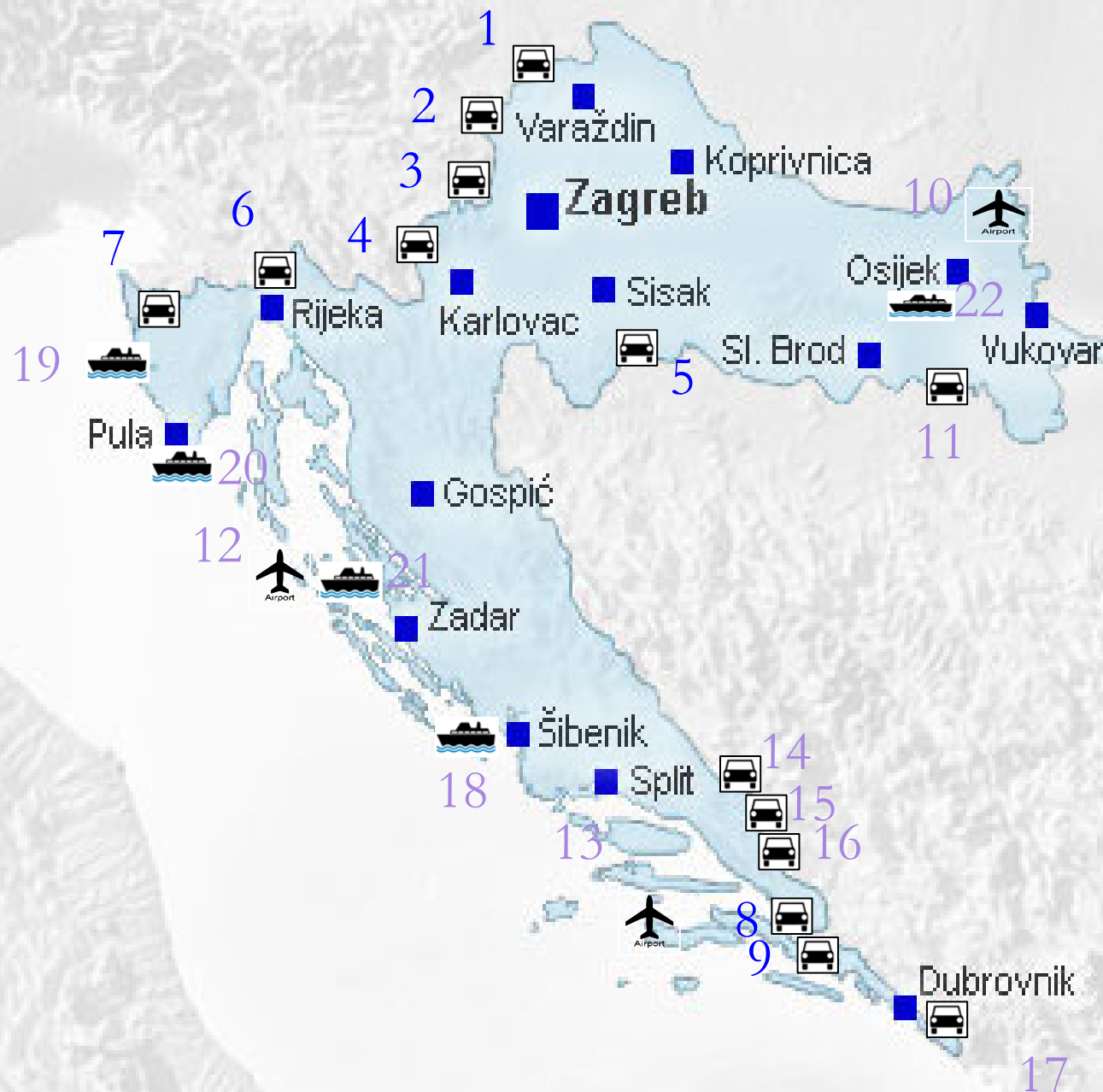


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CURRENT STATE NBMIS - EU FUNDS



CURRENT STATE NBMIS – STATE BUDGET

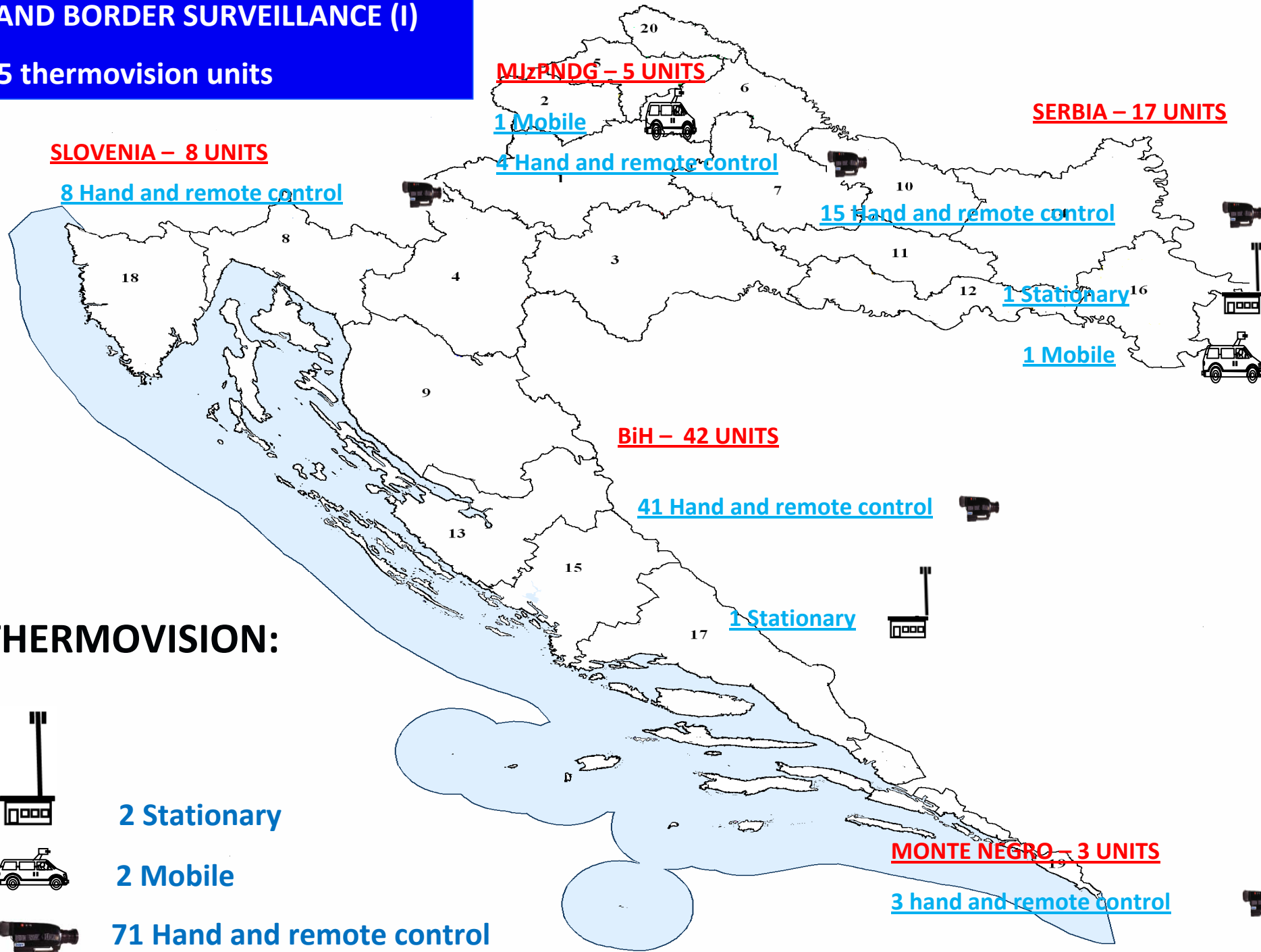


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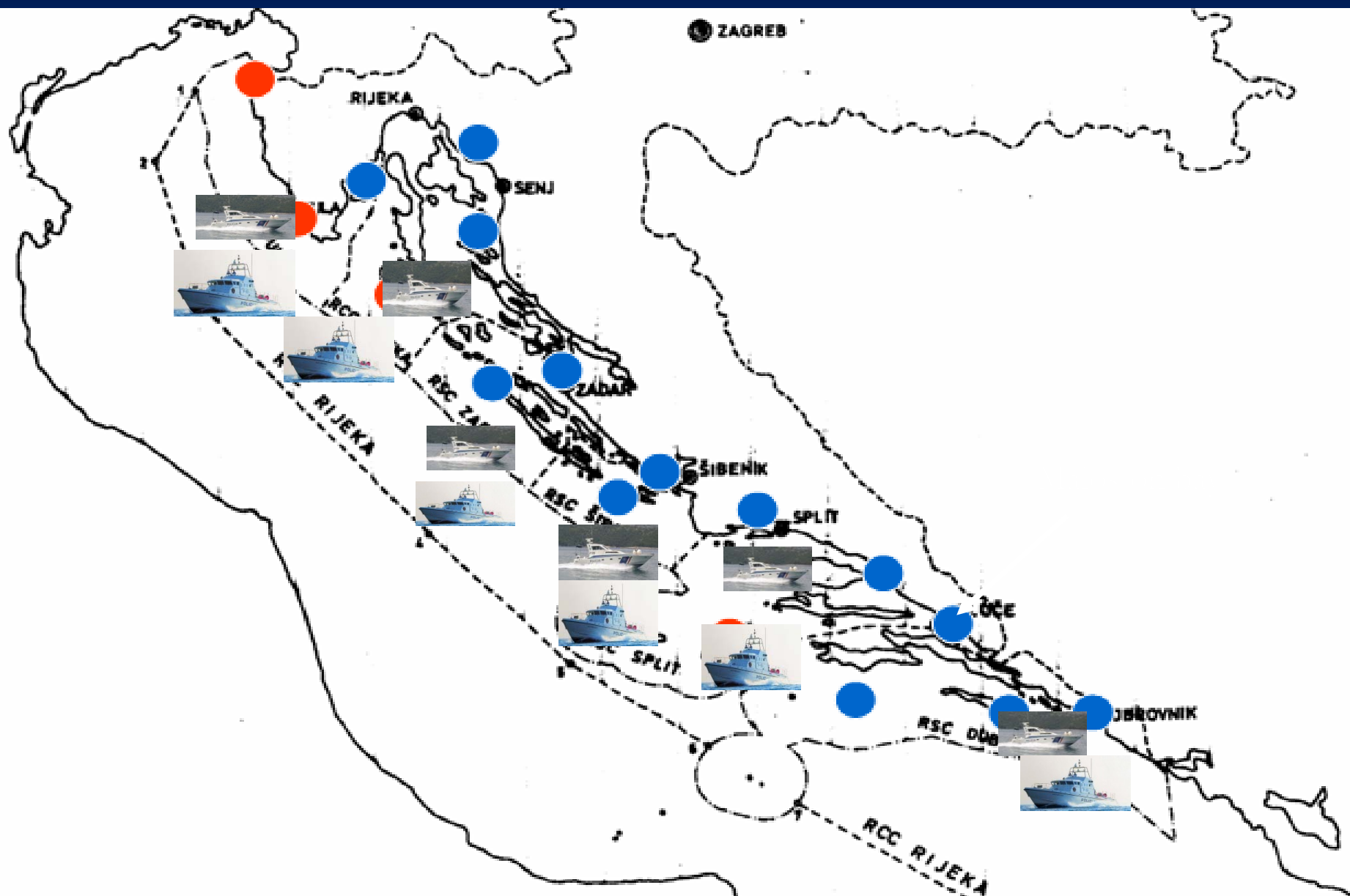
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- Križovljanska
2. Macelj
3. Bregana
4. Pribanjci
5. Hrv. Dubica
6. Rupa
7. Kaštel
8. Klek
9. Zaton Doli
10. Osijek (airport)
11. Sl. Šamac
12. Mali Lošinj (airport)
13. Brač (airport)
14. Vinjani Gornji
15. Orah
16. Mali Prolog
17. Gornji Brgat
18. Šibenik (maritime)
19. Umag (maritime)
20. Pula (maritime)
21. Mali Lošinj (maritime)
22. Osijek (river)

LAND BORDER SURVEILLANCE (I)




75 thermovision units



BLUE BORDER SURVEILLANCE - VTMIS



FURTHER TRAINING ("Train the Trainers System")

	EU LAW 		FORGED DOCUMENTS 		STOLEN VEHICLES 		TOTAL	
YEAR	Nr. of seminars	Nr. of BP officers	Nr. of seminars	Nr. of BP officers	Nr. of seminars	Nr. of BP officers	Nr. of seminars	Nr. of BP officers
2009	119	1708	75	1065	72	1070	266	3837
2010	113	1581	122	1592	123	1570	358	4743
2011	60	703	90	967	106	1183	262	2946

Further programs:

- Second line check
- National Border Management Information System
- Risk analysis
- Blue border management
- THB