

*Due to the geographical position of South-eastern Europe, there are different directional routes of international drug trafficking: Afghan heroin from Afghanistan to Western Europe, as 14 tons of heroin was seized in the jurisdiction in 2010, precursor trafficking in the opposite direction, synthetic drug trafficking from Western Europe to Middle East, cocaine trafficking from South America, sometimes through West Africa, to Western Europe and methamphetamine trafficking from East to the Far-east. This shows that the international cooperation in drug trafficking should be considered covering beyond the region. Some recent operations revealed that there were connections beyond the region and the Center is receiving observer or partner application from Middle East as well.*

*In 2010, SELEC facilitated more than 200 requests initiated and 150 information exchanged. 14 joint operations were coordinated and 9 operational meetings were held. Other 35 international activities were attended. In 2010, the Anti-Drug Task Force meeting was also held in Bulgaria, which was attended by the experts of member countries as well as from the observers and international organizations.*

*In 2011, the Center has had an operationally successful year. The main share of this success belongs to the countries' law enforcement officers who worked professionally. SELEC appreciates the acknowledge of its role in the regional cooperation, as expressed by the speakers. The Center, under its new identity (SELEC) will continue to support the member countries' law agencies in their effort against the organized criminality in the region.*

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