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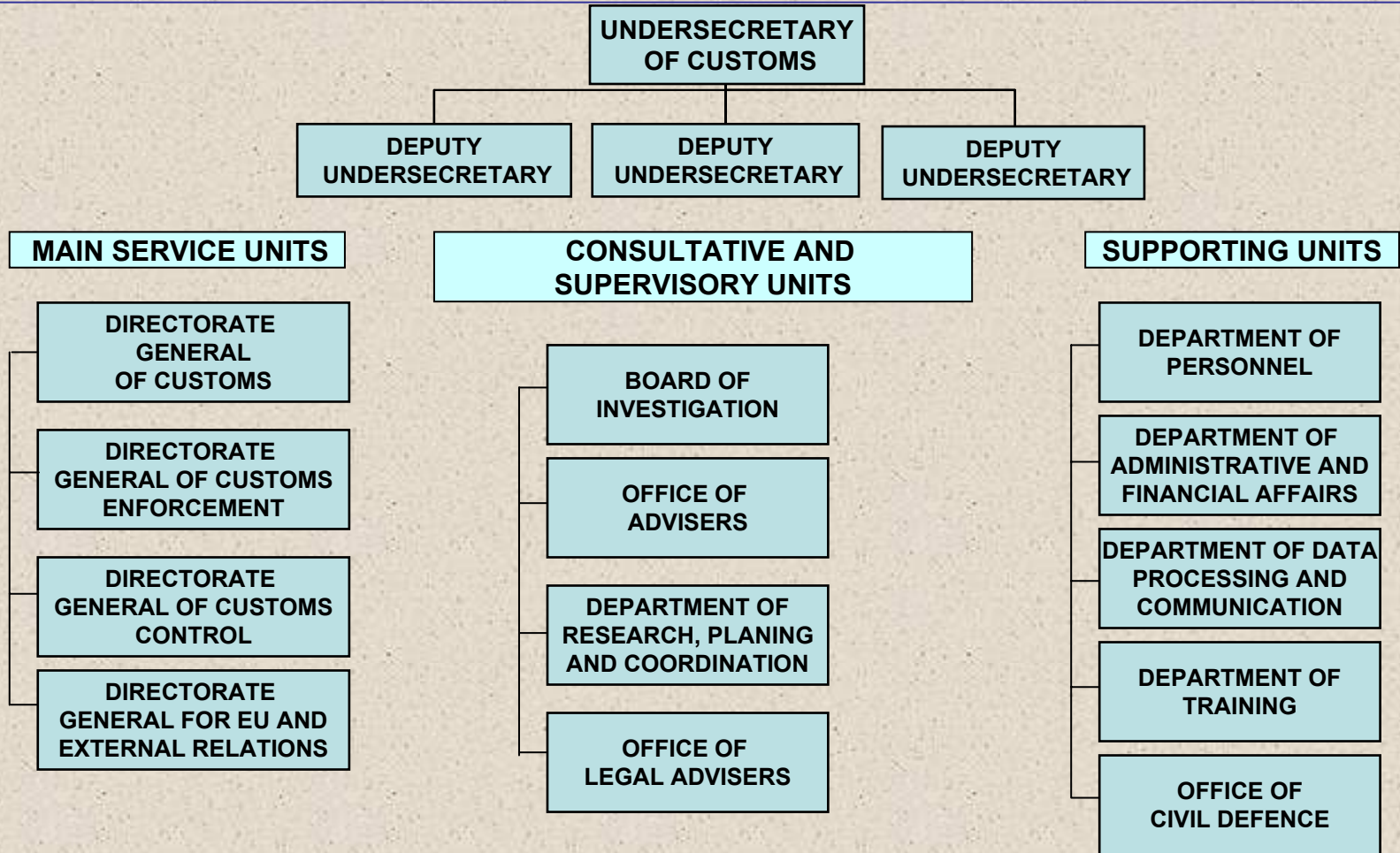
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(Total 1196 staff)



18 REGIONAL DIRECTORATES

143 Customs & Customs Enforcement offices
(Total 6676 staff)







WORKLOAD OF TURKISH CUSTOMS

	2003	2004	2005
Export (Bil.USD)	47,3	63,1	73,0
Import (Bil.USD)	69,3	97,5	118,0
No. of declarations	2,850,147	3,247,871	3,513,322
No. of companies dealing with foreign trade	~90,000		



WORKLOAD OF TURKISH CUSTOMS

	2003		2004		2005	
	ENTRY	EXIT	ENTRY	EXIT	ENTRY	EXIT
VESSELS	33,771	32,886	43,637	43,108	44,037	43,779
CONTAINERS	711,810	702,053	967,807	912,960	1,041,567	961,970
TIR CARNET	724,091	735,771	860,056	860,164	944,604	943,518
PASSENGERS	16,496,167	16,525,184	21,299,425	20,782,411	23,225,866	24,588,336



Technical Equipments	Number
Vehicle X-Ray Systems	3
Baggage X-Ray Systems	2
Drug Test Kits	1200
IONSCAN (Drug and Explosive Analysis Device)	6
Border gate Nuclear Detection Systems	37
Fiberscope Equipment	21
Gas Data (CO ₂ Measurement) Devices	18
Hand Radiation Measurement Devices	65
Search Bags	17
Vehicle Searching Sets	3



COOPERATION

BILATERAL

39 Administrative Assistance Agreements

REGIONAL

EU, SECI, ECO

INTERNATIONAL

WCO, UNODC, INCB, IAEA, INTERPOL, D-8, ISEDAK

WITH THE EU INSTITUTIONS

COMMISSION (Meetings, Seminars, Assistances, Customs 2007)
OLAF (Hosting Missions, Joint Missions, Administrative Assistance)



CUSTOMS 2007

- Decision No. 253/2003/EC of 11.02.2003
- +Decision No. 787/2004/EC of 21.04.2004

Period: 1 January 2003 - 31 December 2007

Participants: MSs+CCs

National Legislation to participate to the Community Programmes

- Decree No. 2002/461 (OG No. 24863, dated 01.09.2002)
- Memorandum of Understanding for Customs 2007
OG No. 25158, dated 04.07.2003



CUSTOMS 2007

Active Participation

- working groups
- committee meetings
- benchmarking projects (Border control)
- main C2007 groups and projects (TCSG, IT, MoR)
- exchanges
- activities (seminars, work-shops)



TRAINING

- minimum education level for employment of customs officials: university degree
- pre-condition for career positions: foreign language
- training centre (average annual capacity 5000 trainees)
- training programmes ranging up from 'orientation to foreign language' and 'training of trainers'
- curriculum (covering 316 programmes)
- external specialized training courses (bilateral, national and international)



TRAINING

2005

number of participants

Investigation Board	9	Twinning Project	90
DG Customs	128	IT	164
DG Customs Enforcements	52	EU Affairs	54
Regional Directorates	5828	Anti-Smuggling Data Bank	53
Orientation/Inspector	106	Orientation/Customs Enfor.	87
EU Assistant Expert	23	Others	462
Foreign Customs Officials	32		



THE VISION OF TURKISH CUSTOMS

- ADAPTATION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE
“Simplifying customs procedures and reducing procedural costs”
- COMBATING CUSTOMS FRAUD and ORGANIZED CRIME
“Keeping up with the sensitive balance between control and facilitation”
- PROTECTING STATE INCOME, ENVIRONMENT and CULTURAL HERITAGE
“A more secure Turkey under the aegis of Customs”
- GOOD GOVERNANCE
“Transparency and Accountability”



MODERNISATION

- re-organization of customs administration
- development and implementation of IT systems for customs procedures
- harmonisation of customs legislation and procedures (with the EU and other international norms)

- **GIBOS (1988)** Customs Integrated Automation System
- **GIMOP (1998)** Customs Modernisation Project
- **BILGE** (Automated Customs Procedures - import, export, transit)
- **GUMSIS** (Customs Security Systems)
- **GUVAS** (Customs Data Warehouse System)



GIMOP- PROJECT FOR MODERNIZATION OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

Traditional Customs (Paper-based)

- Customs Law No. 1615
- Paper declaration
- Full physical control
- Complicated manual procedures
- Classic approach in training



e-Customs (Paperless)

- Customs Law No. 4458 (in compliance with Community Customs Code)
- Single Administrative Document
- Risk Analysis
- On-line procedures
- Computer literacy
- Expertise
- Foreign language

Automation

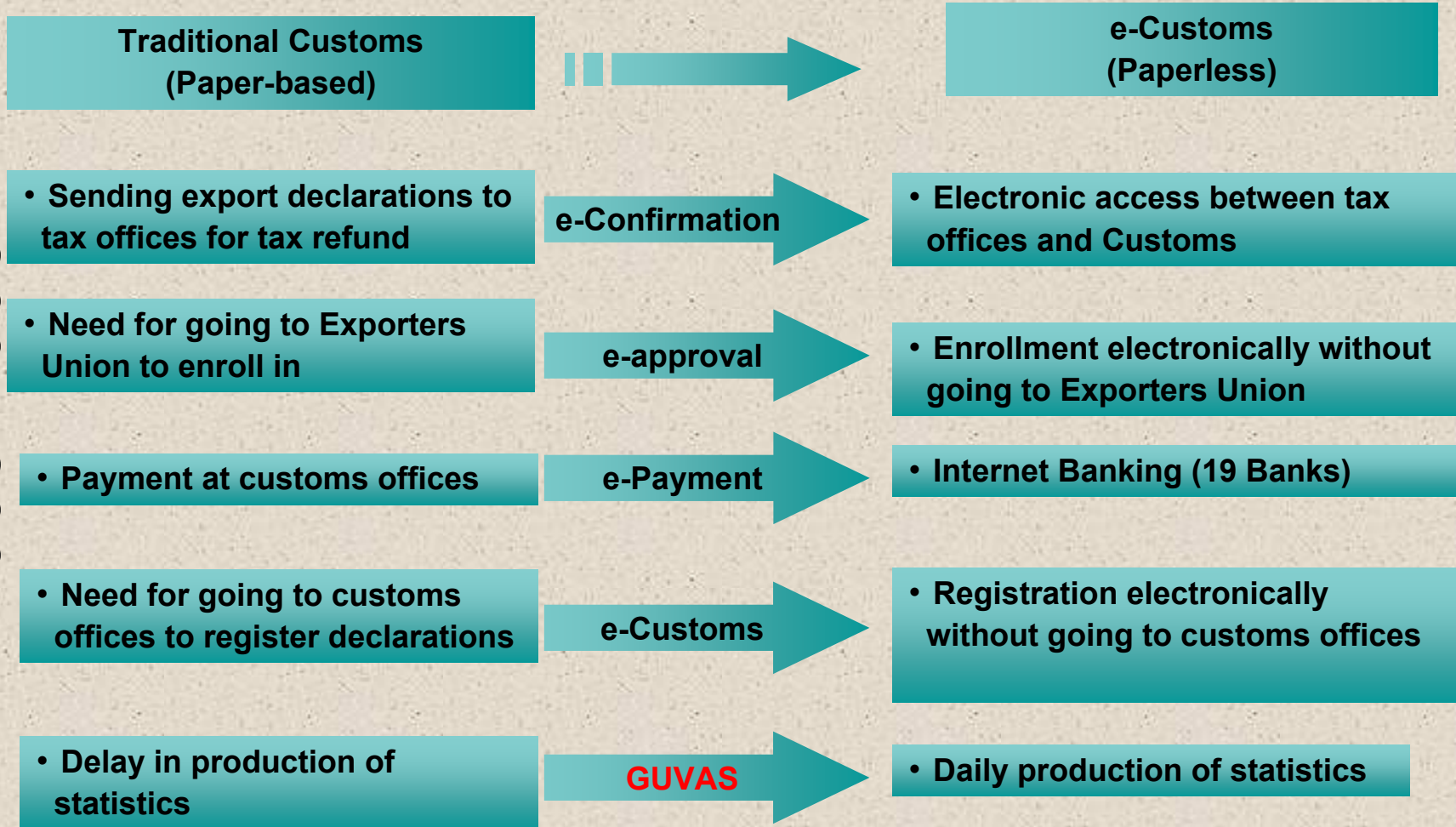
BİLGE

1998-2002



TRANSFORMATION AT TURKISH CUSTOMS

2003-2005





MODERNISATION - EU Funded Projects

- CCN/CSI
- Web-based BILGE
- ITMS (Integrated Tariff Management System)
- NCTS (New Computerised Transit System)
- Border Control Project
- Risk Management
- Modernisation of Customs Laboratories
- Automated Customs Archives
- New Training Centre
- Twinning



Automated Customs Archive

Centralised archiving

- storage of customs declarations/documents processed at Customs Offices
- minimization of the risk of separation/destruction of documents
- identification of documents for legal destruction
- eliminating any unnecessary procedure



Training Centre

One of the results of the ongoing twinning
(TR03/FV05)

“Strengthening administrative, operational and
training capacity of Turkish Customs
Administration as a future member of the
European Union”



Twinning

Sub-project groups

- Legislative and Regulatory Framework
- Administrative Capacity
- Training System



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