



Project of training Border Police officers, funded by UK completed successfully

In cooperation with the UK General Consulate in Erbil, the European Technology and Training Center (ETTC) trained policemen from KRG in several fields that deal with securing borders. The main aim of this assistance is to maintain the stable security situation in Iraqi Kurdistan through improving the border security in KRG regarding irregular migration and trafficking supported by criminal networks. The project, however, is not only geared towards short-term improvements in police capabilities, but in the future will enable the educated to give such seminars themselves.

In a period of one month, from December 03, 2017 until February 08, 2018, nine seminars with different contents took place. Within this period, 184 representatives of the Ministries of Interior in Erbil and Sulaimaniya were trained, among them 23 women and 161 men of the Bureau of Migration and Displacements, the General Directorate of Residency, the Directorate of Passport and the Airport Residency Offices in Erbil and Sulaimaniya.

184 representatives
68 days
9 seminars

On a theoretical basis the lecturers introduced relevant topics to the audience in Erbil and Sulaimaniya, such as “International Development in International Migration Law”, “International Human Right Law, Human Trafficking and Role Of Police” and “International Humanitarian Law about migrants and Refugees in Kurdistan Region”.

Regarding the everyday work experiences and challenges of the Kurdish security forces in Erbil as well as in Sulaimaniya, also practical seminars were held. Beside a site visit of the Directorate of Criminal Evidences, training events with titles like “How to Investigate with suspicious cases”, “How to Identify and Recognize Forged Documents.” or “Camp Management”, enabled the visitors to be better prepared for the daily routine.

In summary, one can say that all events had a lively participation from a total of 31 different institutions that belong to the Ministries of Interior in Erbil as well as in Sulaimaniya. The 184 participants of the courses give an optimistic view that the work of the domestic authorities with regard to the protection of borders will continue to be maintained even more effectively. For the future, it is expected that the security forces from nowadays will pass on their knowledge in order to guarantee a safe future for KRG as well as to make the daily working life more comfortable and efficient for future generations.

