

## The project

The project «We Cross Borders» is aimed at modernizing and improving infrastructure at the Evzoni and Bogorodica Border Crossing Points. It also aims at improving customs services, both for citizens and businesses of the two neighboring countries, as well as for the citizens of the European Union.

The project is expected to make a significant contribution to boosting economic growth in the cross-border area, resulting from the increased tourist flow between the two countries. The main objective of the project is to create new infrastructure at the Evzoni and Bogorodica border stations.



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**Faster and Safer  
border crossing  
for everyone**

## Project partners

The 'We Cross Borders' project partnership includes a total of four partners from both countries:

 Decentralized Administration of Macedonia & Thrace - Lead Partner

 Ministry of Finance, Customs Administration

 Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia

 Ministry of Interior

## The actions of the project

The actions of the project «We Cross Borders» include:

- Transfer of know-how for the organization of border crossing points
- Managing project activities and cooperation between partners
- Dissemination and communication activities related to the actions, benefits and results of the project
- Study of special needs of border crossing points, modernization and improvement of border crossings with actions such as: installation of ANPR cameras with the corresponding access control system, which consists of vehicle bars at the Evzoni crossing point, CCTV cameras and NVR equipment, new decking bridge etc.

## The expected benefits of the project

The expected results and benefits of the project include:

- Improving the level of customs services at the Evzoni and Bogorodica Border Stations.
- The service of transit vehicles and travelers and the support of Customs Services through automated systems, on a seven-days-per-week and 24-hours-per-day basis.
- Improving working conditions for the customs staff of both countries.
- Minimizing the time needed to implement transit of individuals and goods.
- Improving the sense of security of tourists and residents crossing the borders.
- Reduce (and hopefully eliminate) congestion at the Evzoni and Bogorodica border crossing points.
- Prevent and combat smuggling of products and / or drugs.
- Address illegal immigration more efficiently.
- Strengthen bilateral trade.
- More effective oversight and protection of the European Union's external borders.
- Increase cross-border mobility for the citizens of both neighboring countries.

