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## EU-funded migrant custody centres and temporary holding facilities

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- · Architecture, engineering design and project management for nine centres in Ulkraine
- · Best practice in the treatment and human rights of migrants
- · Needs analysis and feasibility studies

Following a readmission agreement between the EU and Ukraine, the EU committed to fund the establishment of migrant custody centres and temporary holding facilities

The centres were to be best practice examples of treatment of migrants, ensure respect for human rights and be compliant with recommendations set by organisations such as the Council of Europe and the Committee for the Prevention of Torture.

Arup provided needs analyses and feasibility studies, design, tender preparation and support along with supervision and management of construction and delivery of equipment. Nine centres were completed with a total value of €26m.

#### Needs analysis and feasibility

Arup, with consortium partners, ensured appropriate sites were selected for development. This included assessing utility connections, transport links, access to the internet and suitability of surrounding infrustructure.

#### Design, tender and site supervision

"Blending international and local designers, Arup designed the centres to comply with both best practice EU and Ukrainian standards and obtained planning permission and design approval."

- David Kelly, Arup project director

With a deep knowledge of EU procedures. Arup prepared tender dossiers and assisted the EU through the tender process. During construction Arup administered the works contracts and conducted statutory supervision on site.

Arup, with consortium partners, also designed the equipment requirements for the buildings and assisted the EU with procurement and monitoring of delivery

### Training

The project team also wrote terms of reference for training and capacity building of beneficiary staff who would operate the centres to ensure they would be operated and maintained ensuring best practice humane treatment of detainees.

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Nine centres were completed with a total value of 625m.

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Consultancy to set up Custody Centres and Temporary Holding Facilities for Irregular Migrants in Ukraine

**Sector**: Security system management and reform **EU Contribution**: € 3,999,240.00 (100% of total).

Implementing organisation: Ove Arup & Partners International Ltd

Duration: from 09/2009 to 01/2014

**Description:** Support to the Government of Ukraine, notably the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Border Guard Service, to establish and/or refurbish and equip custody centres and temporary holding facilities for irregular migrants.

**Location**: Ukraine: Lviv, Zakarpathia, Chernivtsi, Khmelnytsky, Odessa, Lugansk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, Zhytomyr and Volyn oblasts, and Crimea. Beneficiaries: Ministry of Internal Affairs and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

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