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GPKT Media produce a joint programme on new border crossings in the micro-region



Six stations from the GPKT Media Working Group produced their first joint programme - comprising eight reportages on the four new border crossings between Serbia and Macedonia announced recently and to be opened in the coming months. Decja Televizija-Gjilan/Gnjilane, RTV Presevo, TV Nova-Kumanovo, TV Festa-Kumanovo, TV Hana-Kumanovo and a team from Radio Gong-Trgoviste worked together to collate coverage of the eight communities on both sides of the border that will

be immediately affected by the decision to open new local crossing points.

The GPKT Media Working Group members each took responsibility for filming in one or two of the eight villages where the crossing points will open - afterwards collecting the footage together, exchanging material so all stations could include footage from all villages, and arranging for translation as required. The resulting reportage is being broadcast by GPKT stations over the week 21st to 28th December 2005.

The Serbian Government made an official announcement in November 2005 on the opening of four new crossing points to Macedonia on the municipal territories of Presevo (Miratovac-Lojane, Strezovce-Sopot, Slavujevac-Tatarinovac) and Trgoviste (Lesnica-Ogut). The decision was warmly welcomed by GPKT communities and EWI. Lobbying for greater cross-border access has been a key advocacy focus of GPKT and EWI policy work over the last year. A policy brief on border management in the GPKT micro-region was produced and presented at a EWI GPKT Policy Roundtable in Brussels in February 2005 and at the GPKT end-of-cycle conference in Skopje in July 2005.