As the PTS did not have a full set of OSI core and auxiliary equipment, contributions in kind (CiK) were requested from State Signatories in 2005. Subsequently in 2006 Officers from the PTS identified suitable equipment for the IFE and a list of equipment was made up and agreements signed with States that were to provide CiK equipment. Planning for the transportation of Equipment and Personnel for IFE08 commenced in 2006 with a risk assessment of different modes of transport. Planning for infrastructure needs was based on the results of a Directed Exercise (DE06) which was held in Croatia to assess the needs for an OSI Base of Operations (BOO). In early 2007 some infrastructure elements were procured for DE07 but the bulk of infrastructure equipment was procured in Quarter 3 & 4 2007 and Quarter 1 & 2 2008.

All of the logistical elements of IFE08 were managed and implemented by the Personnel and Equipment transport task force (PETG), the equipment and procurement task force (EPG) and the project management and coordination group (PMCG). The Task force group members came from all the divisions in the PTS.

Many of the tasks overlapped, so cooperation between the groups and individual members was essential. The planning for transportation was done in conjunction with the planning and procurement of the equipment and at the same time negotiations were being carried out by the PMCG with the Host Country, this meant that the PETG, EPG and PMCG had to be constantly aware of the implications of decisions made by each group. This process alone has provided valuable lessons that will be used in the future by the PTS to develop further the logistical elements of the OSI Verification system.