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The UN transport-related legal instruments administered by UNECE: Achievements and challenges in the SPECA region

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Introduction

- UNECE administers 57 UN legal instruments for international transport
- Focus on 16 key UN transport-facilitating legal instruments
- Incl. 7 conventions recommended by UNESCAP Resolution 48/11
- All 16 instruments recommended by the SPECA PWG-TBC since 1999



Key Legal Instruments

- *Infrastructure* (AGR, AGC, AGTC)
- *Road transport regulations* (2 Vienna conventions, 2 supplementary European Agreements, AETR)
- *Border-crossing facilitation* (CMR, TIR, Harmonization of frontier controls, 3 conventions on temporary import rules)
- *Dangerous and special goods* (ADR, ATP)

| № | UNECE International Transport Agreements and Conventions | AFG | AZE | KAZ | KGZ | TJK | TKM | UZB |
|----------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | Road Traffic (1968) | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 2 | Road Signs and Signals (1968) | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| 3 | Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR, 1956) | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 4 | Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles (1956) | x | x | | x | | | x |
| 5 | International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (1975) | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 6 | Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982) | | x | x | x | | | x |
| 7 | Containers (1972) | | x | x | x | | | x |
| 8 | Supplementary Agreement on Road Traffic (1971) | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Supplementary Agreement on Road Signs and Signals (1971) | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Traffic (AETR, 1970) | | x | x | | | x | x |
| 11 | Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) | | | | | | | |
| 12 | International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR, 1957) | | x | x | | | | |
| 13 | International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (ATP, 1970) | | x | x | | | | x |
| 14 | Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR, 1975) | | x | x | | | | |
| 15 | Main International Railway Lines (AGC, 1985) | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC, 1991) | | | x | | | | |

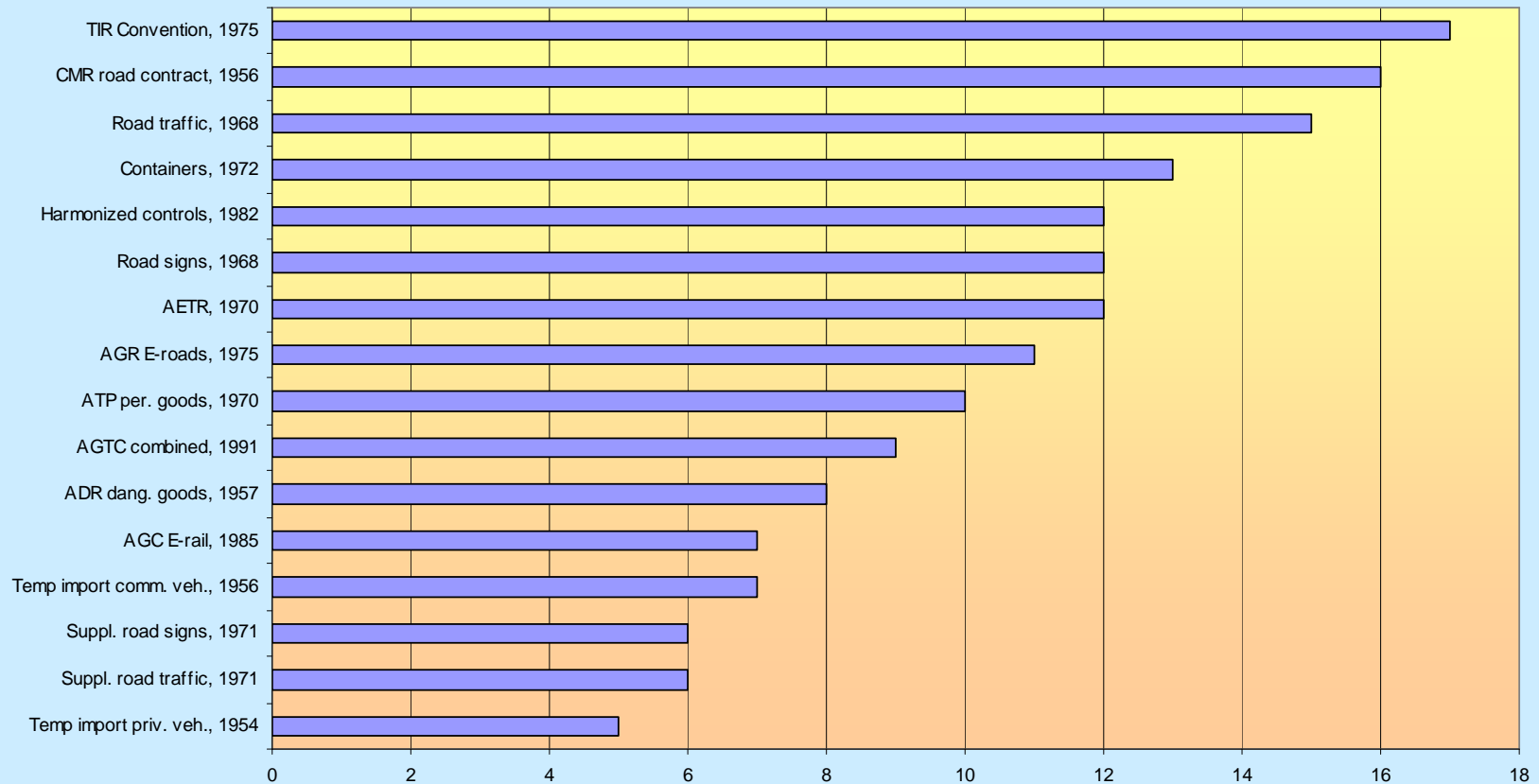


Euro-Asian Transport Linkages

- Joint UNECE-UNESCAP project (EATL I): 2003-2007 www.unece.org/trans/main/eatl/intro.html
- Non-physical obstacles reduce significantly the EATL performance
- Acceptance of the 16 key UN transport-facilitating legal instruments uneven in 18 EATL I countries
- SPECA-7, ARM, BGR, BLR, CHN, GEO, IRN, MDA, ROU, RUS, TUR, UKR

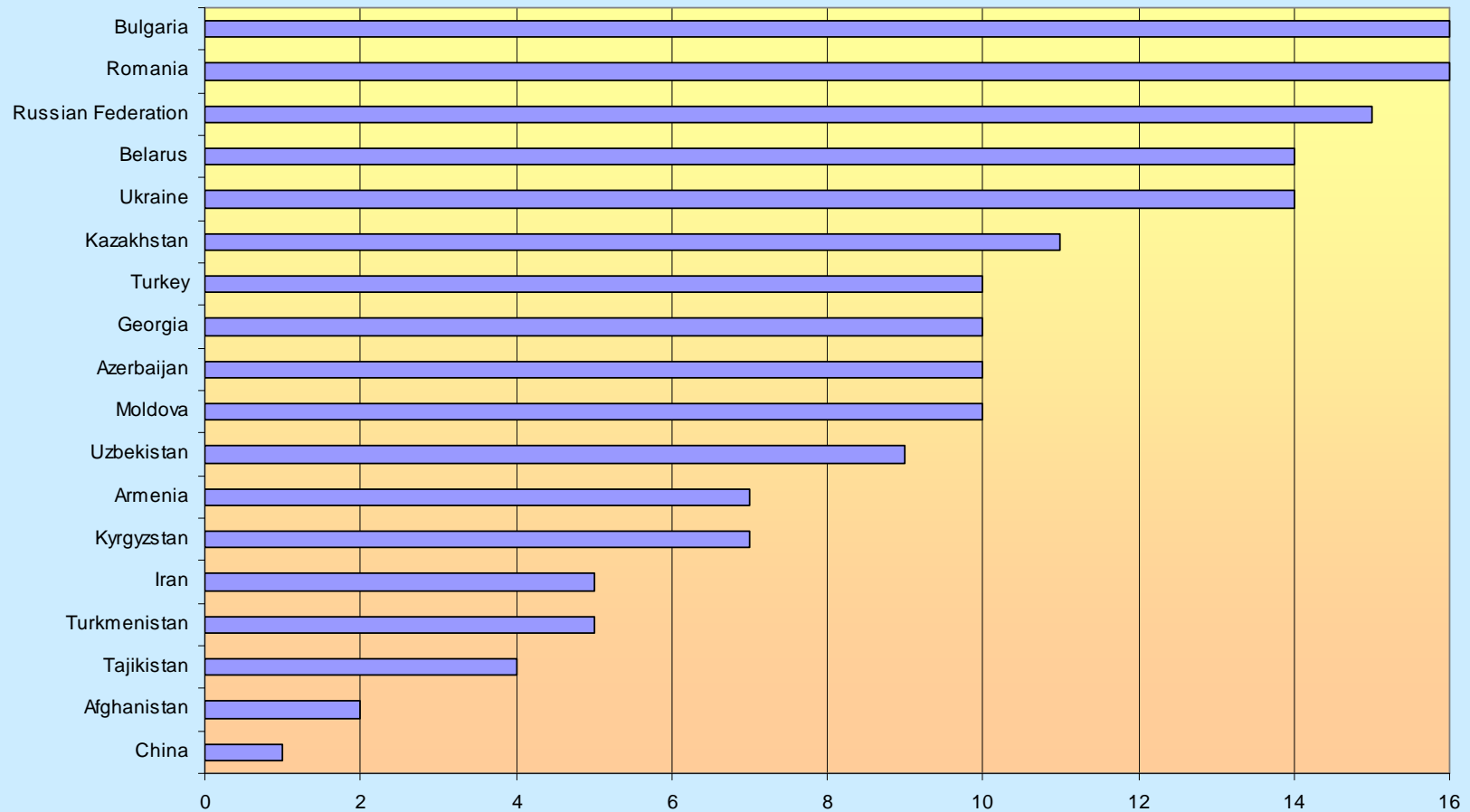


Acceptance by legal instrument





Acceptance by country





Conclusions

- **The UN transport-facilitating agreements and conventions recommended by the SPECA PWG-TBC relevant for Euro-Asian transport**
- **Effective implementation of the agreements and conventions already adopted should enhance competitiveness of SPECA economies**
- **Improved performance of the Euro-Asian transport system could accelerate economic development of the SPECA region as a whole**
- **The “goodness of implementation” should be evaluated regularly by the PWG-TBC with the aid of agreed performance indicators**



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