



# **SINGLE WINDOW CHALLENGE for Trade Facilitation**



➤ **REFORM**

➤ **FACILITATION**

➤ **CHALLENGE**



## WHY IS IMPORTANT?

- **Implementation of following strategic documents:**
  - **National Strategy of the Government for EU accession**
  - **Strategy of Albanian Customs 2018 -2021**
  - **Multi-Annual Strategic plan for Regional Economic Area for the WB6**
  - **Additional Protocol 5 of CEFTA**
  - **Strategic plans of the government authorities involved in cross-border movement**



# Legal framework – International level

## SW Family of Recommendations from UN/CEFACT

### Rec N. 33 - Recommendation and Guidelines on establishing a SW

WCO definition of a SW according to REC n. 33 UN/CEFACT

Parties involved in  
trade and transport

Standardized  
information and  
documents

*“a form of **facilitation** to lodge **information** and*

Single entry point

Regulatory  
requirements

*the **single point of entry**, to meet the **regulatory***

***requirements** prescribed for import/export/transit”.*

Single submission of  
individual data  
elements

*If information is submitted in a single submission, then individual data elements should only  
be submitted **ONCE**.*



# Legal framework – International level

## ... and the relatives ...

- A number of other compendiums/documents/ recommendations/guidelines, coming from UN/CEFACT and WCO, that support Single Window initiatives and other standards.
- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Several other projects ongoing.



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION





## Legal framework – National Level

- **Law No.102 / 2014, "Customs Code of the Republic of Albania",** amended and its implementing provisions.



- **Order of the Prime Minister no. 131, dated 27.03.2014,** on establishing an Inter-institutional Working Group for Single Window realization.



## Competent authorities

Main authorities involved:

- Ministry of Finance and Economy, Directorate General of Customs, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense .

Other authorities involved:

Directorate General of Taxation, Directorate General of Treasury, Food Safety and Veterinary Institute, National Business Center, National Medicaments Control Center, Directorate General of Standardization; Regulatory and Control Directorate General, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

**The number of authorities involved proves the complexity of SW.**



- Presently, the ACA operates by ASYCUDA World (AW), managing all types of customs procedures, including management Transit movements, together with the TIR.

## **Actual Need**

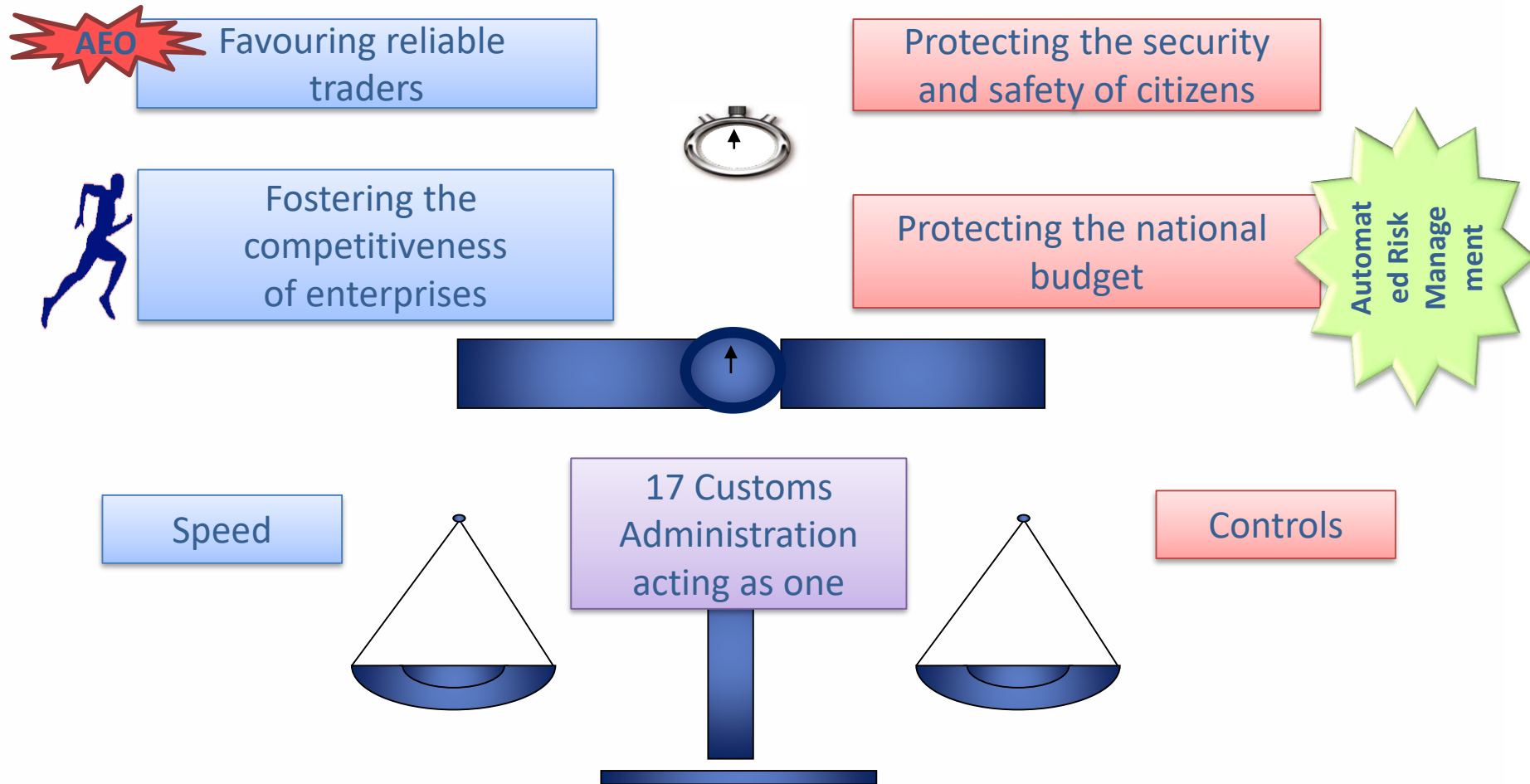
- Develop necessary IT systems
  - Single Window
  - (National Computerized Transit System)  
fully in line with the NCTS of the EU
  - ITMS (Integrated Tariff Management System)







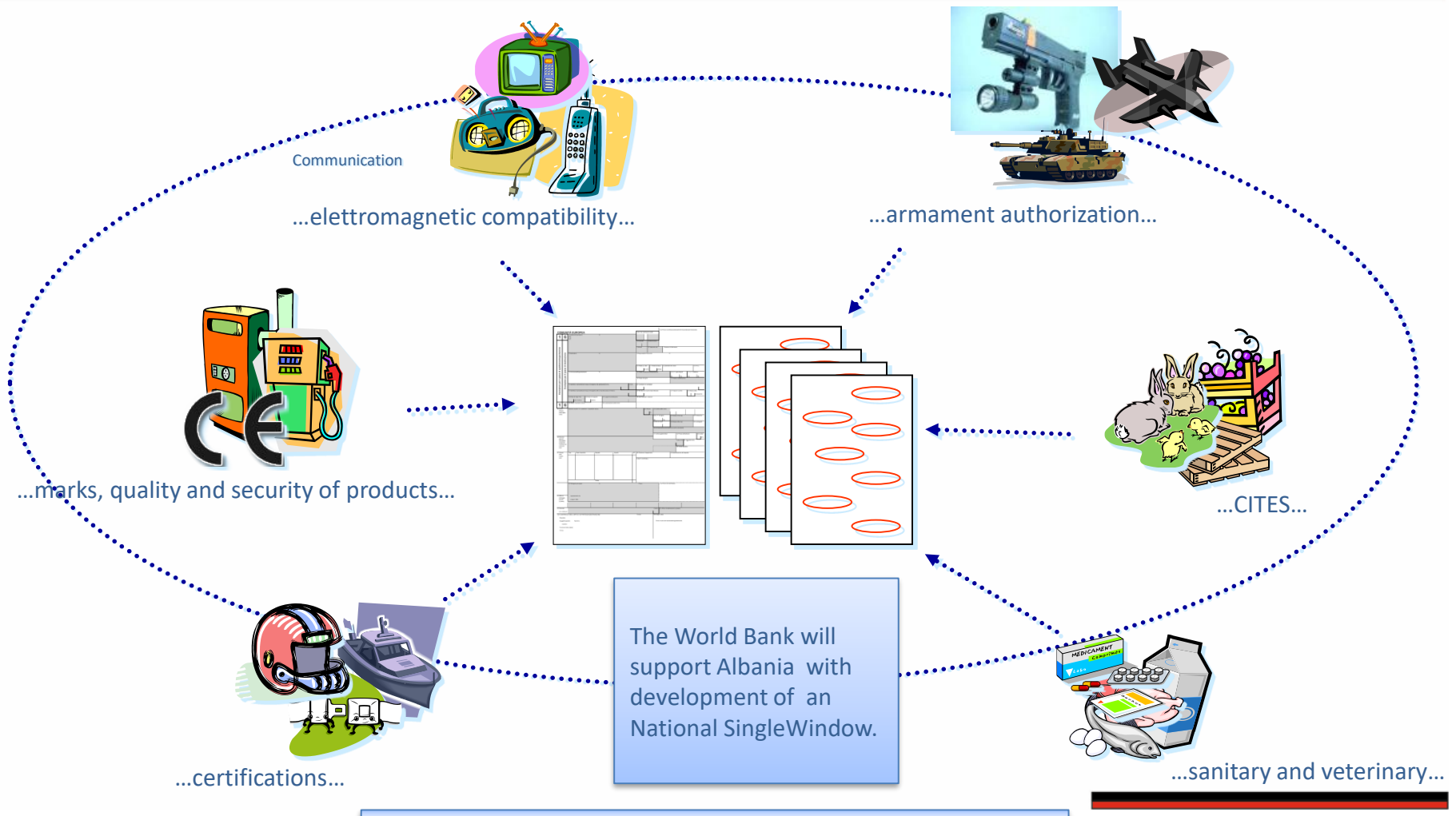
## eCustoms: a solution for the Customs *Dilemma*



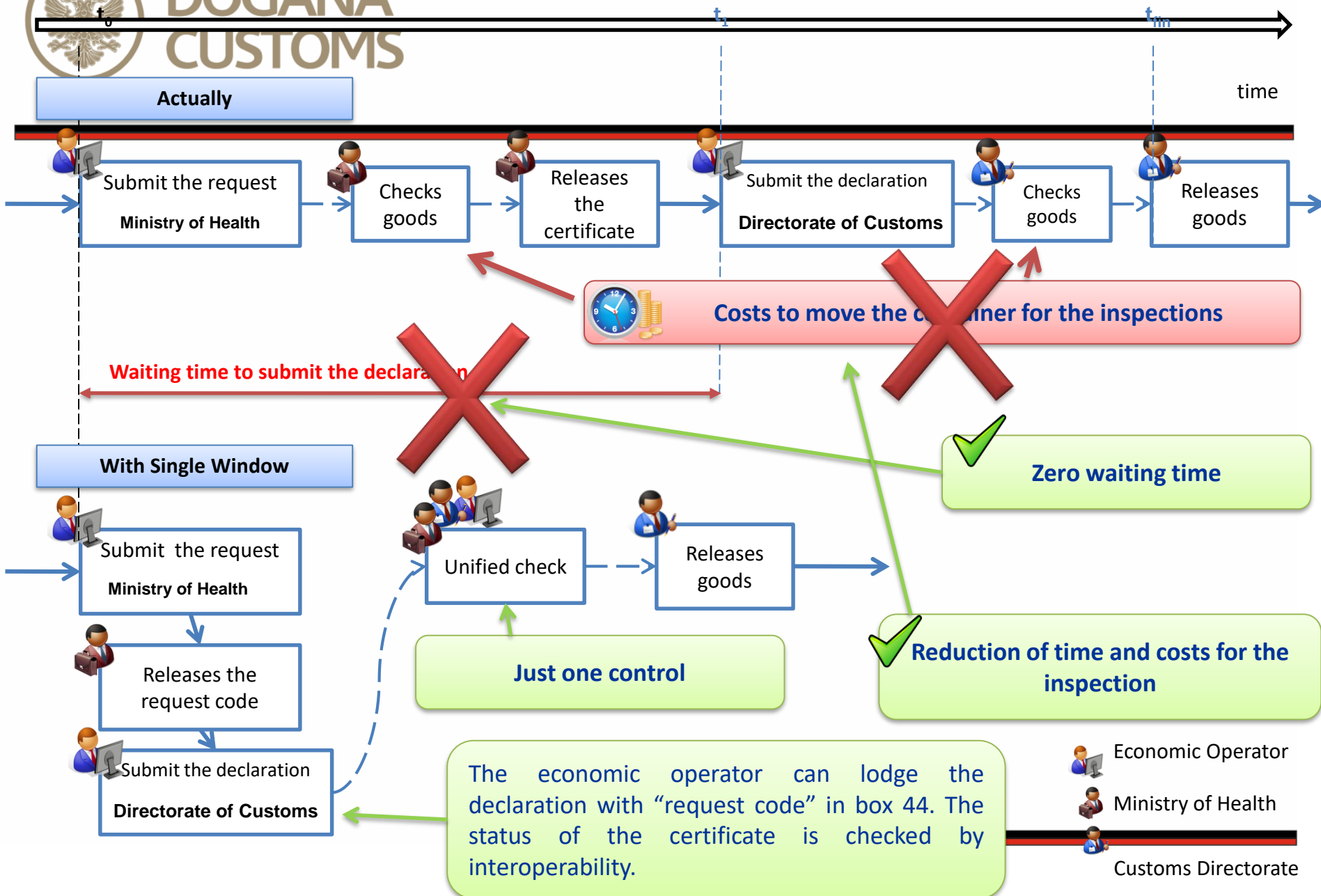


# The Complexity of Operations: Single Window

## The Fragmentation of Customs Momentum



## Example: Proposed interoperability with the Ministry of Health





# The Box 44 of SAD and the crucial role of TARIC

Supporting documents are declared in box 44 of SAD.

Three main controls performed:

- Admissibility check: the system verifies the presence of supporting documents by using TARIC database. **Need for constant updating of TARIC measures.**
- Formal check: the system verifies that supporting documents are indicated correctly, according to the rules published by the Albanian Customs Agency.
- Substantial check: the system verifies the supporting documents against the database of the competent authorities (existence, validity, quantity, etc.). **One stop shop approach if possible.**

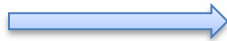


## The model of interoperability

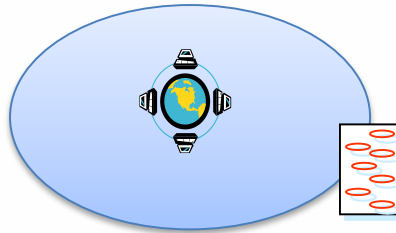
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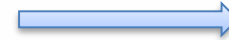
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ALBANIAN CUSTOMS



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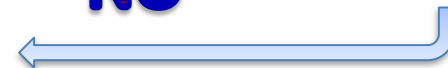
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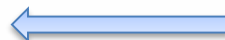


Is the  
licence  
valid?

**NO**



Goods stopped



Declaration rejected





# **BENEFITS:**

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- **Better management of risk system**
  - **Increase of Security Level at BORDERS**
  - **Increase of income**
  - **Better use of human and financial resources**
  - **Elimination of information duplication**
  - **Transparency and Standardization of Procedures**
  - **Reduction of business costs**
  - **Reduction of Corruption**
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# GAPS

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- **Lack of engagement of agencies to engage in this process**
  - **Use of different systems**
  - **Overlapping of functions and responsibilities between and within the institutions themselves**
  - **Disclaimer from the public/business of agencies responsible for import, export and transit operations.**
  - **Legislation - respective legal changes required**
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# Proposals on Steps to Take

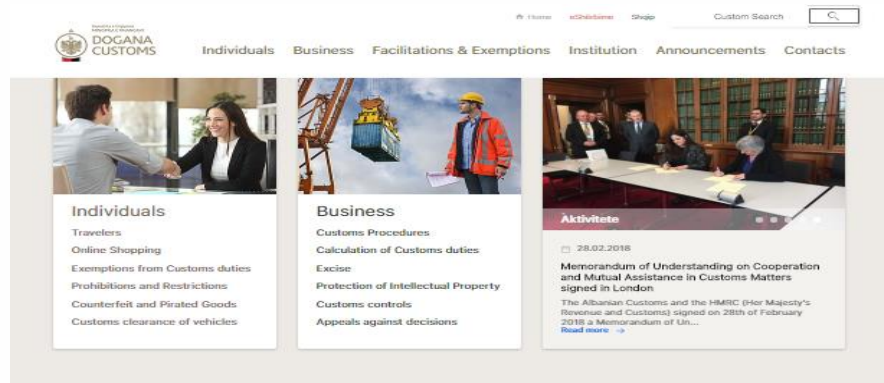
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- Creation of the GDC Working Group (Legal, Procedure, Tariff Directorate, Excise and Law Enforcement Department)
  - Establishment of a Coordination Committee with representation from all the Institutions engaged in SW
  - Identification of all certificates / permits / authorizations required to carry out customs procedures
  - Harmonization and coordination of working schedules for unification of controls and operational needs
  - Planning and organizing periodic meetings with all agencies
  - Involvement in the process of economic operators at central and local level
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## Single Window information and transparency



At web site [www.dogana.gov.al](http://www.dogana.gov.al)  
will have the Single Window section

