

Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation

Project/Activity Report

Integration of Belarus transport and logistics infrastructure in international supply chain

The Government of Belarus, aware of the importance of the well- functioning transport and logistics system, formulated a medium-term plan to foster development of transport and logistics. In order to make it comprehensive and operational, it requested the UNECE Transport division's assistance. The assistance comprised formulation of practical and results oriented policy recommendations, a reference study and a capacity building workshop that would assist national authorities to achieve better integration of transport and logistics capacity of the country into the international supply chain, improve the national competitiveness and allow more effective use of its transit transport potential. The principal objective was to (i) increase and improve the interaction of Belarus logistics companies with international logistics organisations; (ii) develop legislation based on advanced experience of foreign countries; and, (iii) to introduce other measures aimed at reducing the cost of shipping, handling and storage of goods as well as the speed of their delivery.

Jointly with the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Belarus and the School of Business and Management of Technology of the Belarus State University, UNECE Transport division organized a capacity building workshop in Minsk, Belarus. More than 60 participants and several foreign experts attended the event. Results of the background study, prepared by a consultant at the request of Belarus Government, were presented at the workshop, together with presentations by foreign experts. The study provides the detail analysis of regulatory and institutional framework, competition conditions in the transport market, supply and demand characteristics of the transport sector, and offers policy recommendations on legislative measures, and, proposes measures to increase competitiveness of transport and logistics services. The target audience was government ministries and customs, business sector, transport and logistics operators, and scientific and research community dealing with transport and logistics.

The workshop contributed to the strengthening of the involvement and closer collaboration of all relevant Government departments and other stakeholders engaged in implementation of the Program of the development of logistic system of Belarus until 2015. The Government representatives' as well as other stakeholders acknowledged the value of the recommendations proposed in the study as well as exchange of views and learning from good practice examples from other countries. The workshop resulted in their enhanced understanding of the relevance and applicability of the practical and results oriented policy recommendations in their work and the opportunities provided for strengthening strategic objectives of the Government to improve transit transport potential and capacity of Belarus logistics and transport services. Recommendations in regard to regulatory framework and structural adaptation of transport sector were further fine-tuned and agreed upon. They will serve for further reformulation and finalization of concrete and practical policy recommendations for national authorities.

The link to view the final study with recommended measures will be provided when the study is published.

Thematic focus	Venue of the conference/workshop	Date	Total participants/Female participants
Transport	Minsk, Belarus	3 December 2013	65/30