Overview: Moldova’s overall implementation of trade facilitation measures in 2017 was 58.06%. Its level of implementation is below the UNECE region average (69%), as well as the Eastern Europe average (61%). Among the six categories, Institutional Arrangements related measures have been the most-implemented (89%) and
Cross Border Paperless Trade (28%) related measures have been the least-implemented. Implementation levels of Transparency and Institutional Arrangements are above the Eastern European average.

Spotlight:

Moldova’s advancement in Transparency and Institutional Arrangements is noteworthy. Publication of export-import regulations, stakeholder consultation before publication of a policy and legislative framework, and measures on institutional arrangements are fully implemented. The rest of the measures in these two categories have relatively high implementation levels too. The UNECE study in Moldova\(^2\) attest to this advancement.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder:

Moldova’s upwards movement in the trade facilitation ladder is based on strong performance in Institutional Arrangements and Transparency. Moldova may focus its efforts to systematically improving its performance in Formalities-related measures that facilitate faster clearance of goods. In addition, strong emphasis on the more-advanced paperless trade-related measures is recommended, to reduce the widening gap from fuller implementation. Ensuring implementation of these measures would in turn contribute towards improving the country’s engagement in Cross-border paperless trade.

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\(^2\) UNECE (2017) Study on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Moldova, page 34