Overview: Montenegro improved its overall implementation rate of trade facilitation measures from 46% in 2015 to 61% in 2017. The average implementation rate is slightly above that of the South-Eastern Europe countries (58%), but below

1 Southeastern European countries for calculation purposes: Albania, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia
the level of the UNECE region (69%). Among the six categories, Transparency related measures have been implemented the most (87%) and the Cross-Border Paperless Trade have been implemented the least (39%), but remains above the South-Eastern Europe average (28%).

Spotlight:
In comparison to 2015, Montenegro improved its performance in Formalities (67%), Paperless Trade (56%) and Cross-Border Paperless Trade (39%) related measures. The country established a National Trade Facilitation Committee2 and fully implemented National legislative framework for the border agencies’ cooperation. In this way, the country has made an important step forward in terms of the implementation of Institutional Arrangement measures. When it comes to the Paperless Trade measures, Montenegro fully implemented Electronic Customs System and Electronic Submission of Customs Declaration. Moreover, in its official Trade Facilitation Strategy for 2018-2022 published in March 2018 by the NTFC, Montenegro started implementing an electronic customs Single Window System in 20193.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder:

While Montenegro is significantly away from the frontier of full implementation of trade facilitation measures, the country’s level of Trade Facilitation implementation is at part with the South-Eastern Europe level. In order to improve the current situation, the country should focus on implementation of the Formalities-related measures. Based on such reforms, the country will be able to put a strong emphasis on the initiation and implementation of the more-advanced Paperless Trade and Cross-border Paperless Trade measures.

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2 http://www.mek.gov.me/sto/cg_sto/