Achieving Trade Facilitation and Sustainable Development in the SPECA Region

14th Session of the SPECA Working Group on Trade
GIZ Perspectives on Trade Facilitation in Central Asia

November 19, 2019
Cornerstones of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

**Commissioning Ministry:**
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

**Implementing Agency:**
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

**Political Partners:**
- Kazakhstan - Ministry of Trade and Integration
- Kyrgyzstan - Ministry of Economy
- Tajikistan - Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
- Uzbekistan - Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade

**Duration:**
From 01/2020 until 12/2022 (3 years)

**Budget:**
7 Million EUR

*conditionally upon the commissioning by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development*
Structure of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

**Project Objective**

The implementation of trade facilitation measures in Central Asia has improved.

**Outputs**

- Risk management systems for border clearance are improved
- Simplified transit procedures are introduced
- The involvement of the private sector in policy making for trade facilitation has improved
- Innovative measures of trade facilitation have been piloted

*The implementation of this project is conditionally upon the commissioning by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.*
Outputs of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

**OUTPUT I**
Risk management systems for border clearance are improved

- In 3 of the 4 Central Asian countries, the border authorities (including customs, veterinary, environmental, health and border control authorities) use **harmonised methods of risk analysis** on the basis of exchanged risk data.

- The number of **physical inspections** by customs authorities has** decreased** by an average of 20% in 3 countries.

  SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 7a

**OUTPUT II**
Simplified transit procedures are introduced

- The **Electronic Pre-Declaration (EPD)** of the Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR) Convention is applied in 3 of the 4 Central Asian countries.

- **E-TIR corridors** are established in 2 of the 4 countries.

  SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 13
Outputs of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

**OUTPUT III**
The involvement of the private sector in policy making for trade facilitation has improved

- 15 additional recommendations of the **private sector** are presented in working groups of the **national structures for trade facilitation** in 3 countries (e.g. introduction of TIR corridors, proposals for optimising procedures at pilot border crossings points or pilot customs clearance offices).

**OUTPUT IV**
Innovative measures of trade facilitation have been piloted

- For **pilot trade facilitation measures** at 2 selected border crossing points and/or customs offices, a cooperation agreement on the mandate and objectives of the pilot actions has been concluded between the responsible national authorities and the private sector involved.
- 2 analyses on the effects of trade facilitation (e.g. policy impact assessments, potentials and risks) and/or relevant/innovative trends in regional/global trade (e.g. e-commerce, Belt and Road Initiative) are available for **regional exchange**.

SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 1, 3, 4, 9

SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 4, 7, 12, 19
As a federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.

Published by
Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Registered offices, Bonn and Eschborn, Germany

Regional Project “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia”
Manager – Ms. Felicitas Siek

Advisor – Ms. Christina Schmahl
720040 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
127, Chokmorova Str.

M  +996 775 75 00 40
E  christina.schmahl@giz.de
I  www.giz.de