The eTIR international system aims to ensure the secure exchange of data between national Customs systems related to the international transit of goods, vehicles or containers according to the provisions of the TIR Convention and to allow Customs to manage the data on guarantees, issued by guarantee chains to holders authorized to use the TIR system.
**eTIR Major Milestones**

- **2002**: Establishment of the Informal ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure
- **2015**: MOU signed between UNECE, IRU and the Governments of Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran in order to initiate pilot projects.
- **2017**: First pilot projects were successfully performed between the Governments of Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran setting the first steps towards the full computerization of TIR procedure.
- **2020**: Adoption by the Administrative Committee of Annex II and of various amendment proposals to the body of the Convention
- **2021**: Annex II will come into force

**eTIR Benefits!**

1. **More accuracy with goods delivery times**
2. **Possibility to put goods on the market more quickly and generate more revenue**
3. **Makes TIR more attractive and eases its management**
   - No physical stocks of TIR guarantees required - reduction of related costs
   - Possibility to log TIR transports in real time further reducing possible risks
4. **More flexibility related to work with TIR and possibility to obtain TIR electronic guarantees**
   - Outside of office working hours
   - Reduced border waiting times
5. **Reduced time related to TIR handling**
   - No need to go to the association to obtain TIR guarantee
   - No need to fill in TIR guarantee manually
   - Possibility to log TIR transport in real-time
6. **Reduced administrative burden in the absence of paperwork - more time to focus on high risk consignments**
7. **Streamlining TIR procedures at border crossing points**
8. **Modernised customs procedures**
9. **Generating more revenues by further trade facilitation**
10. **Enhanced security and reduced risk of fraud - identical information available at all customs en route electronically**