OSCE’s Transport Activities:
Recent Developments and Future Plans

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OSCE’s mission statement:

To work for **stability**, **prosperity** and **democracy** in 56 States through political dialogue about shared values and through practical work that makes a lasting difference.
56 participating States...

...from Vancouver to Vladivostok
3 OSCE ‘Dimensions’:

- Politico-military
- Economic and environmental
- Human
Economic and environmental

Early warning
Conflict prevention
Promoting co-operation

Tools: CoEEA, Field Officers

Annual Economic and Environmental Forum
2006 - Transport development and security
2007 - Land degradation and water management
2008 - Maritime and inland waterways co-operation
2009 - Migration
2010 - Transport facilitation and security

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
OSCE Mandate in the area of transport


- Building partnerships between countries and relevant organizations
- Assisting Landlocked Developing Countries to address their unique transit transportation challenges
- Supporting relevant international legal instruments
- Promote good governance and public private partnerships
- Dissemination and implementation of best practices and standards
- Supporting ongoing coordination mechanisms such as the EATL, TEM/TER
Examples of OSCE involvement


Conference on Transit Transportation through Central Asia (Dushanbe, October 2007)

Opening of the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe in May 2009 (regional scope)

OSCE/UNECE Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings (in preparation)
The 18th Economic and Environmental Forum

THEME:
“Promoting good governance at border crossings, improving the security of land transportation and facilitating international transport by road and rail in the OSCE region”

Priority of the 2010 Kazakh Chairmanship of the OSCE

Forum process concluded in May 2010 in Prague

Follow-up activities ongoing or planned
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Effective policies aimed at streamlining and simplifying customs and other border regulations and procedures
- the “Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings” will be instrumental in this regard

Promoting integrity in customs and border services
- regional OSCE/WCO meeting held in Almaty on 12-13 July 2010
- further activities to be elaborated
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- Jointly with partners, i.e. UNECE, conduct **capacity building and training activities** (e.g. ‘Harmonization Convention’)

- Work closer with the **OSCE Border Management Staff College** (training on detecting illegal trafficking of hazardous waste conducted in June)

- Jointly with the UNECE, consider to establish **an Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum**

- Address **environmental aspects** of transport
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- Provide political support to the holding of demonstration runs of ‘secured’ container block trains, e.g. between Europe and Asia

- Promote regional and sub-regional co-operation and exchange of good practices

- Engaging Afghanistan and promote trade links with other Central Asian countries
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Strengthen interaction with the UNECE regarding the implementation of the EATL - Phase II and TEM/TER Projects

- OSCE supports the 5th EATL meeting in Tashkent on 1-3 November 2010
- OSCE will host in Vienna on 17 November 2010 a Conference on financing road and rail transport infrastructure where the TEM/TER Master Plan revision will be presented
- OSCE and UNECE will co-organize a EATL Inter-Regional Workshop on 7-8 December 2010 in Turkmenistan
In conclusion

- **Political dialogue** and **regional co-operation** are areas where the OSCE can add value and play a catalytic role.

- The OSCE is well placed to **raise awareness** and disseminate experiences on issues that require **trans-national co-operation**.

- The OSCE stands ready to continue its **co-operation with partners**.
In conclusion

Transport remains a priority – the 19th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum in 2011 to focus on “Promotion of Common Actions and Co-operation in the OSCE area in the Fields of Development of Sustainable Energy and Transport”
osce.org/eea - a great resource
Thank you for your attention!

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