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Facilitation Mechanisms in the Euro-Asian Region

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Why Facilitation Mechanisms?

- Facilitation important in EATL
 - Need for reduced transit costs and time
 - LLDC, Almaty Declaration, SPECA, OSCE Initiatives
 - Establishing/Strengthening NFM's a task of EATL Project
 - UNECE Trade Facilitation Recommendation 4
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Existing Models

- PPP equally strong input
 - Public initiative
 - Private initiative
- Private only
- Predominantly Public

Private sector involvement indispensable



Experience in the Euro-Asian Region

- PRO Committees (AZE, BGR, ROU, TUR)
- Full private (GEO)
- English Model SISTRO (Private with State subsidy)
- Predominantly Public (KGZ)



Sectoral Representation

- Transport only
- Trade only
- Transport and Trade - TTFC
- Coordination at border crossing



Transport and Trade

Sub-region	Country	Trade facilitation committee?	Transport facilitation committee?	Combined committee?	Coordination at border crossing?
Central Asia/ South Caucasus	Armenia			✓	✓
	Azerbaijan			✓	
	Georgia			✓	✓
	Kazakhstan		✓		
	Kyrgyzstan	✓	✓		
	Tajikistan		✓		
South Asia	Nepal			✓	✓
	Pakistan			✓	
ASEAN/GMS	Cambodia	✓	✓		
	Lao PDR		✓		✓
	Thailand		✓		
	Viet Nam		✓		
East Asia	China		✓		✓
	Mongolia	✓	☑		☑



Transport and Trade

Trade Facilitation

Trade policy

- Review, assess and propose changes to international trade policy
- Review, assess and propose amendment to bilateral and multilateral trade agreements
- Review, assess and propose adoption of international trade conventions, standards, good practices

Controls on cargo

- Inspection of cargo documentation:
 - Certificates of Origin
 - Letters of Credit
 - Import licenses
 - Export permits
 - Quality certificates
 - Quarantine (agric. and veterinary) certificates
- Customs physical inspection of cargo
- Quarantine (agriculture and veterinary)/Health inspection of cargo
- Collection of customs duties, fees or charges

Transport Facilitation

Int'l transport policy

- Review, assess and propose changes to international transport policy
- Review, assess and propose amendment to bilateral and multilateral transit agreements
- Review, assess and propose adoption of international transport conventions

Controls on vehicles and drivers

- Checking of transport authorization
- Checks on customs security of vehicles and containers
- Collection of vehicle tax, fuel tax and road charges
- Collection of payments for special transport permits
- Checks on vehicle certificates, weights and dimensions, road worthiness and insurance cover
- Vehicle quarantine inspection
- Driver passport/visa, customs and health inspections
- Inspection of driver licenses and rest period records
- Cargo storage, consolidation/ deconsolidation, transshipment

Controls on cargo

- Inspection of common documentation:
 - Contract
 - Customs declaration
 - Waybills/Bills of Lading/Consignment Notes
 - Invoices
 - Packing lists
 - Cargo insurance policy
- Customs physical inspection of cargo
- Quarantine (agriculture and veterinary)/Health inspection of cargo

Other activity at border

- Statistical data

Overlap



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