UNECE regional transport activities with focus on SPECA countries

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The context

- Location: an important cost factor
- Landlocked locations disadvantaged
- Efficient international transport needed
- Necessary conditions:
  - International cooperation
  - Adequate physical infrastructure
  - Complementary institutions
  - Cost-reducing competition
Safe, secure and sustainable international transport needed in landlocked developing countries

How? Transport and trade facilitation

UNECE administered international agreements and conventions can help

Iff well implemented
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- New legal instruments include
  - Annex 8 to Harmonization Convention
  - Annex 9 to Harmonization Convention

- Assistance with the implementation
  - TIR convention
  - Vienna conventions
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- Euro-Asian Transport Links: Phase II
  - Already 26 participating countries
  - Incl. SPECA member States and Mongolia

- Updated Master Plans
  - Trans-European Motorway (TEM)
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- Legal initiatives
  - Progressive motor vehicle norms
  - Transport of dangerous goods
  - Road safety (AETR)
  - Unified railway law
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- Analytical work
  - Bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service
  - Hinterland connections of seaports
  - Transport and competitiveness
  - EATL II research projects
  - UNECE/OSCE handbook of best practices at borders
Outlook for 2010

- Promote the use of UN transport agreements in cooperation with other Regional Commissions
- Promote transit facilitation in support of landlocked countries through
  - TIR system
  - Rail and multimodal approaches
Outlook for 2010

Planned outreach activities include
- Two EATL EG meetings in Central Asia
- Regional TIR seminar in Central Asia
- National Harmonization Convention workshop in the ECO region