

Distr.: General
26 January 2024

English only

Economic Commission for Europe

Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975

Eighty-second session

Geneva, 8 February 2024

Item 6 (a) of the provisional agenda

eTIR international system and its interconnection with national customs systems

Project proposal on implementation and Operationalization of the eTIR procedure in Caucasus and Central Asia

Project proposal on implementation and Operationalization of the eTIR procedure in Caucasus and Central Asia

In annex, the secretariat encloses a project proposal submitted to ECE Executive Committee for approval

Annex

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title: Implementation and Operationalization of the eTIR procedure in Caucasus and Central Asia		
Expected timing/ duration: March– October 2024		
<p>Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to make operational the eTIR procedure in Caucasus and Central Asia by creating an electronic TIR transport corridor. The TIR Secretariat following mandate provided by the TIR Convention undertakes several activities in order to interconnect the eTIR international system which is developed and hosted by the TIR secretariat with the national customs systems of the contracting parties to the TIR Convention. In order for eTIR procedure to be implemented, eTIR transport corridors should be developed starting using the eTIR procedure. The Central Asian countries, contracting parties to the TIR Convention are the higher users of the TIR carnets today. Already, some countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia such as Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Uzbekistan have finalized the interconnection project. The secretariat has initiated the interconnection project with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan while considerable actions will be undertaken during 2024, the interconnection project to start for the rest of the countries such as Turkmenistan.</p> <p>The objective of the project will be achieved by the implementation of the following activities: A1.1. Interconnection of the information technology systems of the customs authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan with the eTIR international system hosted by TIR Secretariat A1.2. Training of customs officers on how to use the applications. A1.3. Preparation of customs guides regarding the internal procedures to administer electronic guarantees instead of paper TIR carnets.</p>		
Link to the SDG targets: SDGs 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 17.6		
<p>Expected results of the project: EA1. Improved national capacities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to implement and operate the eTIR procedure along at least one transport corridor in Caucasus and Central Asia.</p>		
<p>Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries: Caucasus and Central Asian countries contracting parties to the TIR Convention, mainly Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan and possibly Turkmenistan. Target group: national customs authorities.</p>		
<p>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 2 "Transport" "to advance a regionally and globally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable, both for freight transport and people’s mobility” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2024.</p>		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of P5		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Islamic Development Bank	30,058	
Project Manager: Konstantinos Alexopoulos 15.01.2024	Section/Division: Transport Facilitation and Economics Section Sustainable Transport Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 15.01.2024	Approved by EXCOM¹	13.02.2024

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Improved national capacities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to implement and operate the eTIR procedure along at least one transport corridor in Caucasus and Central Asia.	A1.1. Interconnection of the information technology systems of the customs authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan with the eTIR international system hosted by TIR Secretariat; A1.2. Training of customs officers on how to use the applications; A1.3. Preparation of customs guides regarding the internal procedures to administer electronic guarantees instead of paper TIR carnets.	26,000
	1 international consultant to coordinate implementation of the eTIR procedure x 8 months x \$2,500	20,000
	Travel of consultant x 6 missions x \$1,100	6,600
Budget summary		26,600
13% of Programme Support Costs		3,458
Total		30,058