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## LIBERALIZATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN THE BSEC REGION

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#### UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION

#### **VISION OF THE BSEC-URTA:**

#### "COMMON SOLUTIONS FOR COMMON PROBLEMS"

#### **MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS:**





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**ASMAP** 

#### **OBSERVERS:**









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## **General Overview**

ASIA- Central Asian Countries, China, India

**EUROPE** - enlargement (27 Member States)

- new neighboring policy with

**CIS Countries** 

Central Asia Countries

**Mediterranean Countries** 



#### **TRANSPORT**

#### What is needed?

- New itineraries, new modal combinations suited to needs

 Development of Corridors part of European Asian Network under the aegis of UN in cooperation with the road haulage industry

ROAD TRANSPORT has its very special place in this picture due to its flexibility and operability!

## Foreign Trade by Roads: BSEC Countries and EU (NEA forecast 2020\*) (thousand tones)

BSEC	2000		2020	
Countries	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	from EU	to EU	from EU	to EU
AL	707	58	3310	264
AR	10	4	14	5
AZ	22	10	33	17
GE	49	20	25	21
MD	204	145	583	202
RU	4,655	17,346	13,176	43,189
SCG	1,476	505	3,587	895
TR	3,471	2,849	9,489	8,345
UA	1,680	6,517	5,284	31,308
Total BSEC-EU	12,274	27,454	<b>35</b> ,601	84,246
Foreign Trade	39,728		119,847	

302 %

<sup>(\*)</sup> D3- Final NEA Report to EC: Scenarios, Traffic Forecasts and Analysis of Traffic Flows including Countries

Neighboring the European Union

## **BARRIERS ON THE ROAD TRANSPORT**

- Visa Problems
- Border Crossing Delays
- Time Losses and Costs Due to Repeated Control of Transit Vehicles
- High and Unreasonable Road User Charges
- Bureaucracy and corruption

# ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION (BSEC)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
FACILITATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS
IN THE BSEC REGION

Signed in Kyiv, on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2002 Entered into force, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006!!!

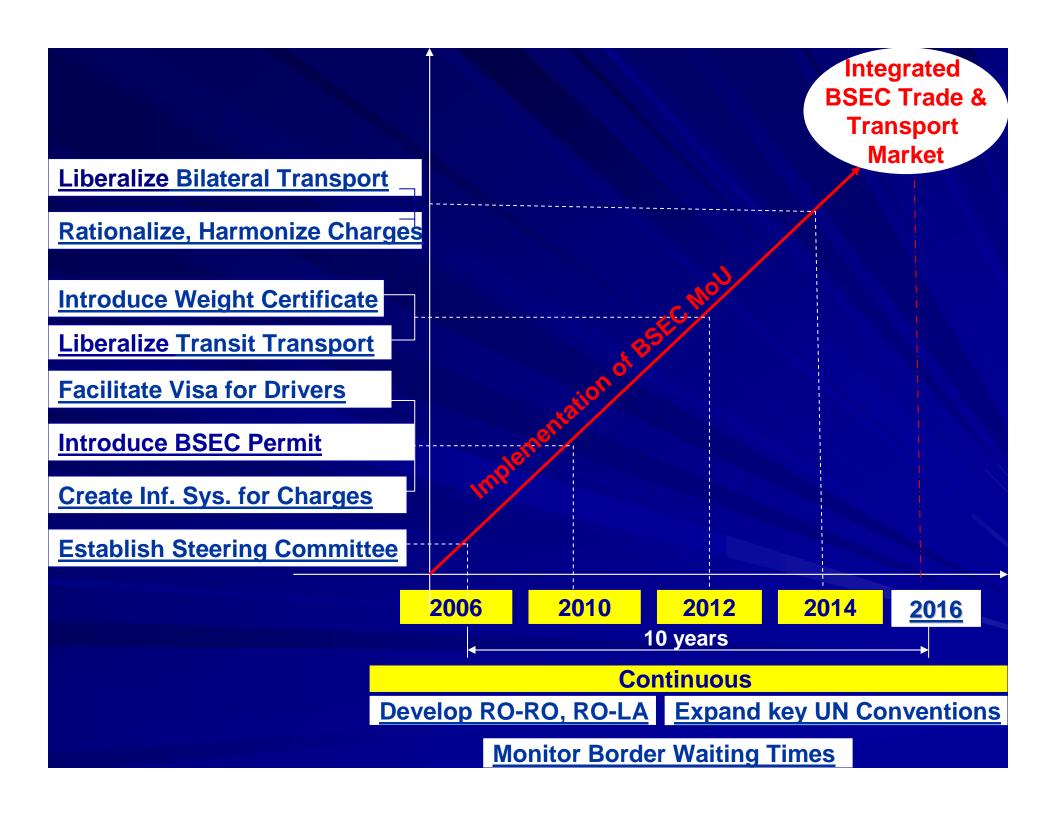
#### Why a MoU on Road Transport?

#### Because:

- deficiencies in the operation of international road transport in the region are not only due to a lack of adequate infrastructure, but most of them to institutional, regulatory and economic barriers.
- solutions to such common problems require a new and innovative approach in a regional co-operative framework
- adoption of cost and time efficient measures could be leading to a better performance of the road transport sector in the region
- strengthening co-operation among States for facilitating transport and trade, is essential for the economic development of the region

### **Main Provisions:**

- PROGRESSIVE LIBERALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS
- ACCESSION TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
- CHARGING POLICIES
- FACILITATION OF VISA PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS
- INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM



#### **NEA STUDY**

3 Proposals on gradual liberalization of direct and transit road transport in the BSEC region:

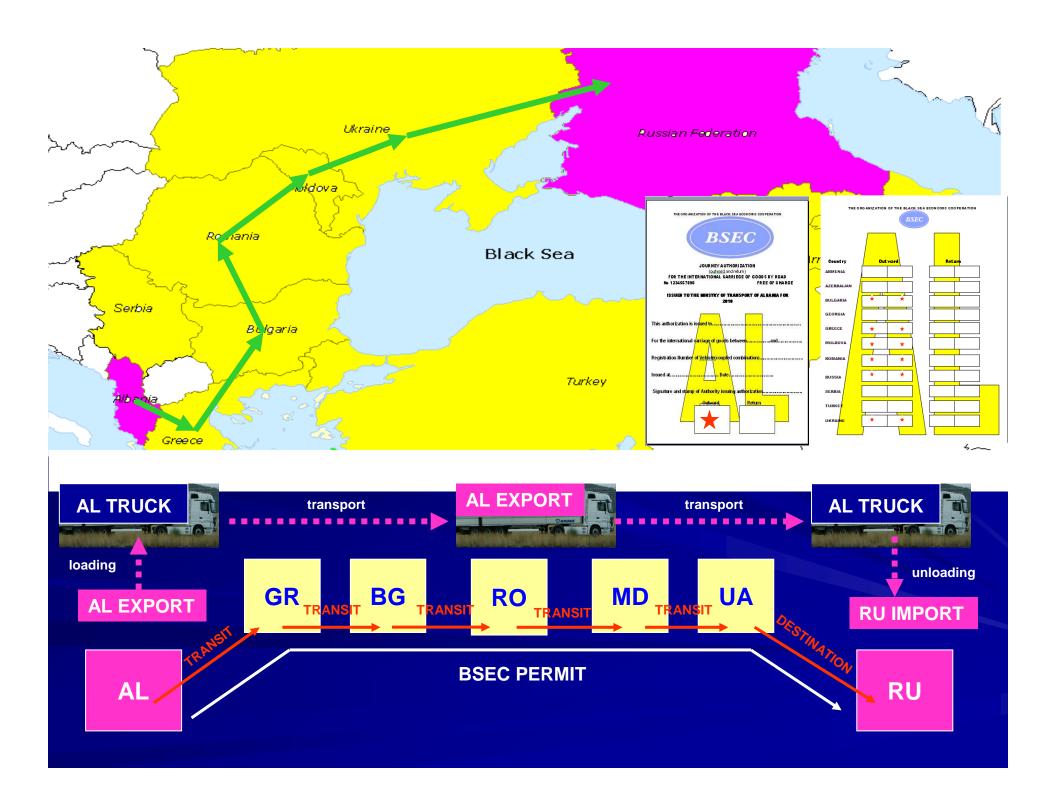
- Use bilateral road transport agreements on a systematic manner,
- Develop a regional license system similar in nature to the ECMT licenses.
- Create a BSEC Permit, which could be printed and distributed by the PERMIS and good for transit movement of trucks between the interested member states,

Country	Alternatives for Gradual Liberalization of Road Transport				
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3		
	(Through Bilateral Agreements)	(Regional BSEC License)	(BSEC Permit for transit)		
Republic of Albania	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Republic of Armenia	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Republic of Azerbaijan	No	No	No		
Republic of Bulgaria	Yes	No	No		
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Hellenic Republic	Yes	No	No		
Republic of Moldova	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Romania	Yes	No	Yes		
Russian Federation	Yes	No	No		
Republic of Serbia	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Republic of Turkey	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ukraine	•	•	•		

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Republic of Albania,
Republic of Armenia,
Georgia,
Republic of Moldova,
Romania,
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
7 BSEC Member States

Ready to join the implementation of a pilot BSEC Permit in 2010 on experimental basis for one year!



### **BSEC PERMIT PILOT PROJECT IN 2010**

- A single document printed and distributed by the BSEC PERMIS.
- Amount and Usage Rules agreed by the Steering Committee.
- It is used for a single round trip only allowing an empty or loaded truck to transit through the territories of all Participating Member States.
- 1,400 BSEC Permits printed and distributed by the BSEC PERMIS in November 2009, valid 1st January 2010 until 31st January 2011.
- The usage of the BSEC Permits in 2010 to be monitored by the BSEC PERMIS.
- Statistical analysis of usage, to be presented to the Steering Committee for consideration and decision to continue or discontinue the BSEC Permit in the future.

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Ready to Establishment of a Regional Licence System Similar in Nature to the ECMT Licence!

Set up an Ad Hoc Project Group!

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## THANK YOU!

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