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German Programme on “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia”: Objective and Outputs

SPECA Roadmap to Implement the Trade Facilitation Strategy (Draft)

SPECA Proposed Activities	Activities of the German Programme on Trade Facilitation in CA	Recommendations for SPECA Strategy implementation
1. Priority measures for TF in each country/ regional cooperation	Promotion of regional cooperation by organizing regional dialogue platforms	*Balance between national interest/level of development and regional interests*
2. Sustainability of NTFB/ cooperation network/ regional and bilateral trainings	Tailored technical support to NTFB in each country	*Foster sustainable national institutional structures*
3. Cross-border cooperation between public and private stakeholders	Tailored technical support to Transport and Logistics Partnership in Central Asia	*Intensify public-private partnerships*
4. Implementation of international standards for TF	Analytical works on applicability of international standards outlined in the Article 10.3 of the TFA	*Country priorities based international standards (to follow by each country) shall be identified*
5. Detailed national trade facilitation action plans	Tailored technical support to NTFB in each country	*Action plans shall contain critical and priority commitments for each country and foresee reasonable timeframes for execution*
6. Experience exchange on TF measures implementation	Promotion of regional cooperation by organizing regional dialogue platforms	*Foster the regional cooperation on trade facilitation by using different platforms*

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7. Exchange of best practices in customs area/ pre-arrival information	Improved application and processing of the pre-arrival information within Risk Management System of Customs	*Emphasize the proper use of pre-arrival information for advance risk analysis*
8. Simplification and harmonization of formalities (documentary and procedures)	Amending the legal framework for International Weight Certificates for cargo vehicles	*Put more efforts on mutual recognition of international (ratified) agreements by governments*
9. Joint training and cooperation activities	Regional approach to technical seminars and capacity building measures	*Foster knowledge exchange and strengthen networking between countries in all topics of TF*
15. Enhancing free transit / TIR Convention	Restoration/Integration of the TIR – electronic pre-arrival declaration (TIR-EPD) IT-tool	*Lead digitalization of transit (and other) procedures for enhanced transparency*
23. Conduct Time Release Studies (TRS) and Business Process Analysis (BPA)	• TRS in KG and TJ • BPA at 7 Border Crossing Points	*Consider simplification of methodologies for time release study to enable the governments of each country to conduct studies by themselves*

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Expected additional activities of the German Follow-on Programme on Trade Facilitation in CA in line with the SPECA Proposed Roadmap
13. Harmonization of border crossing procedures
14. Border agency cooperation
21. Information exchange among Customs authorities within a Green Corridor

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