eTIR pilot project involving Azerbaijan

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The TIR system

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…the only global transit system

- An important facilitation tool for international trade and transport
  - Based on the TIR Conventions,1975
  - 76 Contracting Parties
  - Intermodal

Geographical scope

- Contracting parties to the TIR Convention
- TIR operational countries
- TIR implementation countries
- Interested parties

The eTIR project and pilots

Objective → Full computerization of the TIR procedure

The eTIR project: from theory to practice

- Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) (2003-..)

eTIR specifications v.4.2

(conceptual, functional and technical)

- eTIR (pilot) projects
  - Georgia-Turkey
  - Iran-Turkey
  - Azerbaijan-Iran
  - …
- Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2) (2015-2017)
  - Optional Annex 11 to the TIR Convention (under discussion at AC.2)

eTIR (pilot) projects

- UNECE-IRU MoU signed in 24 March 2015
  - IRN-TUR eTIR pilot project
- UNDA customs-to-customs data exchange project
  - GEO-TUR eTIR pilot project
- New **UNECE-IRU MoU and CA** signed in 6 October 2017
  - AZE-IRN eTIR project (central part of the INSTC):
    - **First transport took place on 18 June 2019**
  - Interested countries: AZE,GEO,IRN,KAZ,PAK,TAJ,UKR,UZB.
  - **Call for other SPECA countries to join/launch projects** (road transport or intermodal transport)
  - Interested countries should send a **letter of intent** to UNECE or IRU

eTIR (pilot) projects

Thank you

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