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LIBERALIZATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS
IN THE BSEC REGION

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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

WEST SHARP INCREASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE EAST

EU

EUROPE

BLACK SEA REGION

EUROPE

Russia

Turkey

Central Asian Countries

India

China

ASIA
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)

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<td>Foreign Trade</td>
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(*) 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 6th March 2002
Entered into force, on 20th 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
Liberalize Bilateral Transport
Rationalize, Harmonize Charges
Introduce Weight Certificate
Liberalize Transit Transport
Facilitate Visa for Drivers
Introduce BSEC Permit
Create Inf. Sys. for Charges
Establish Steering Committee

10 years

Continuous
Develop RO-RO, RO-LA  Expand key UN Conventions
Monitor Border Waiting Times

Integrated BSEC Trade & Transport Market
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,
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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!
THANK YOU!

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