UNDA Project - C2C transit information exchange

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Fact sheet

**US$ 750,000**

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<th>Project Title:</th>
<th>Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration</th>
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<td>Duration:</td>
<td>Three years (2013-2015)</td>
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<td>Beneficiary Countries:</td>
<td>Developing countries and countries with economies in transition, particularly Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention</td>
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<td>Executing Entity:</td>
<td>UNECE/Transport Division</td>
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Expected accomplishments

- **EA1**  Increased capacity to exchange secure electronic C2C transit information between the pilot countries and their neighbour countries and trade partners.

- **EA2**  Increased capacity to utilize international standard electronic messages in the field of transit procedures by the pilot countries and their neighbouring countries, in particular B2C information.
Objective tree

**Ends**

- Increased inland transport facilitation
- Increased collaboration between Customs of different countries and exchange of electronic data
- Reduced evasion of duties and taxes, improved quality of declarations and valuation
- Reduction of corruption at border crossings
- Increase of government revenue and increased efficiency in use of national budgets

**Means**

- Improved risk assessment
- Reduced Customs checks escorts and delays
- Increased use of international standards

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Activities

- Gap-analyses: identify legal and technical obstacles
- 1st inter-regional Expert Group meeting: selection of pilot countries and objectives
- Development and deployment of a secure C2C versatile electronic exchange platform
- Provision of technical assistance to undertake actual C2C exchange of transit data or devise action plans
- 5 technical workshops to build capacity in the field of C2C exchange
- 2nd inter-regional Expert Group meeting: evaluate the results obtained in each RC
- Seminar to promote the results of the project and, more generally, the benefits of C2C exchange of transit information and the adoption of standards
The project was approved by the GA in December 2011

Each RC appointed focal points for the project

Project document finalized and approved in December 2012

UNECE circulated generic ToR for the gap-analyses

In UNECE, Georgia accepted to become a pilot country and appointed a project focal point
## Status

| UNECE   | • Project management and administration (e.g. 2013 project progress report)  
|         | • Project website  
|         | • Consultant has been hired and is currently working on the gap analysis for Georgia (first draft ready) |
| UNESCAP | • Looking for interested candidate countries in Central Asia |
| UNECA   | • Morocco and Tunisia as candidate countries  
|         | • Consultant has been hired and is currently working on the gap analysis |
| UNESCWA | • Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia as candidate countries  
|         | • Consultant has been hired and is currently working on the gap analysis (first draft ready) |
| UNECLAC | • Looking for interested candidate countries |
Next steps

- Finalization of the Gap-analyses in all RC
- First inter-regional meeting (date to be confirmed)
- UNECE will prepare the ToR for the international exchange platform
- The development of the exchange platform could be co-financed as it might be useful for other projects (i.e. eTIR pilot project between Italy and Turkey)
Thank you for your attention

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