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- Gap Analysis of Current Legal and Technical Framework for Electronic C2C Exchange of Transit Information between Georgia and Neighboring Countries
- Customs-to-Customs Data Exchange Workshop - Tbilisi - June 22-23, 2015
- Georgia-Turkey eTIR pilot project
 - 2 Technical meetings (March and November 2015)
 - Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - Project virtual space (Confluence)
 - Technical assistance to Georgia Customs

Gap analysis - Georgia

Conclusions

- Based on analysis of the existing legal environment, Georgian customs is judged to be **ready and able (legally and technically) to participate in the pilot implementation** of C2C real-time electronic exchange of transit data.
- However, Georgian customs will **require some additional support** to ensure the systematization of technical and operational approaches.
- There are no expectations for significant technical and legal obstacles coming from neighbouring countries (Turkey and Azerbaijan), but information security standards, adopted by neighbours, could potentially require additional attention from Georgian customs.

Customs-to-Customs Data Exchange Workshop

Tbilisi - June 22-23, 2015

- Attendance: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan**
- Speakers : **Armenia, Azerbaijan, European Commission, GEC, Georgia, IRU, Turkey, Ukraine, UNCTAD, UNECE and Uzbekistan .**
- Conclusions and recommendations
 - ✓ C2C for risk assessment
 - ✓ eTIR
 - ✓ WCO DM
 - ✓ ...
- Overall meeting evaluation: **4.5**



Conclusions and Recommendations

The participants thanked UNECE and the Georgia Revenue Service for the organization of the Customs-to-Customs Data Exchange Workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia on 22-23 June 2015.

In conclusion

Participants agreed that Customs-to-Customs (C2C) electronic exchange of information will greatly support risk assessment, the control operations and, ultimately, facilitate legitimate trade, improve and secure border crossing as well as reducing related costs. However, they pointed out that internationally standardized Business-to-Customs (B2C) electronic messages for export are only facilitate the exchange of information to the business community, but also the exchange of data among customs administrations.

Participants stressed the importance of completing the TIR procedure (eTIR). They underlined the importance of carrying out pilot projects, not only to demonstrate the feasibility of the concepts derived over the years, but also to transfer the technical design of the solution that will ultimately be implemented. They also emphasized that, in parallel to the pilot projects, all relevant should be done to prepare the legal framework of eTIR, possibly, in the form of a protocol, which will facilitate the processes required for the TIR procedure to trade operators.

Moreover, participants recognized the importance of the World Customs Organization (WCO) role could, not only in facilitating the adoption of information from the private sector to governments, but also in facilitate the exchange of data between customs administrations. They recalled the importance of C2C data exchange as a fundamental part of the SAFE Framework of Standards as well as the (WCO) Supported Customs (SCS) concept.

Furthermore, participants welcomed the information on the Success of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) SAFE DEX program that allows the management of transit operations, based on TIR or its alternatives, as well as B2C and C2C data exchange.

Finally, participants greatly welcomed the exchange of best practices and the opportunities provided to learn, to meet direct, how data exchange issues related to trade are dealt with in other countries.

Participants underlined the importance of conducting similar events in other parts of risk management and other measures in the customs area.

All participants concluded an evaluation form. The results of the evaluation are provided in Annex.

Georgia Turkey eTIR pilot project

Parties

Organization



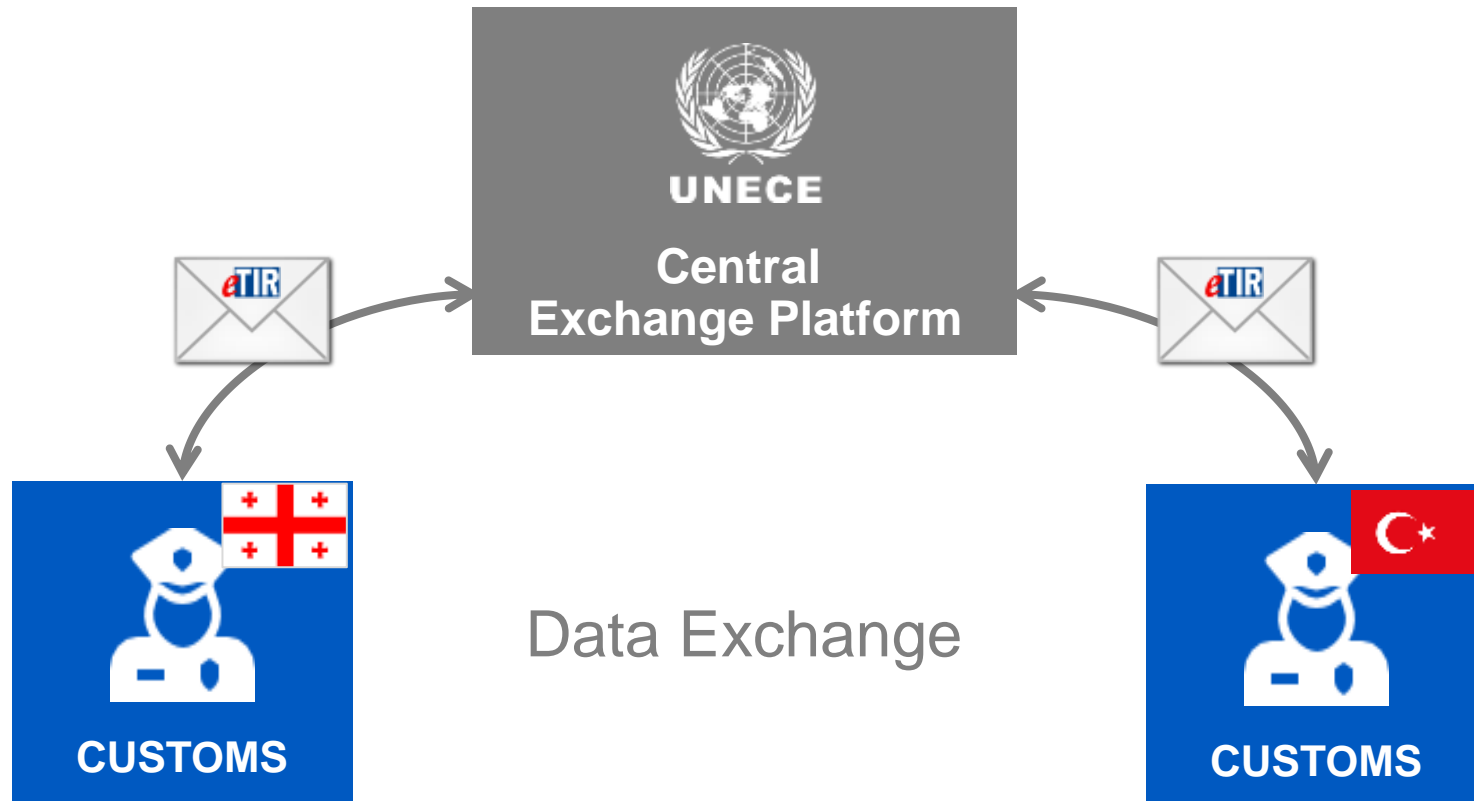
Customs Administrations



Consultants



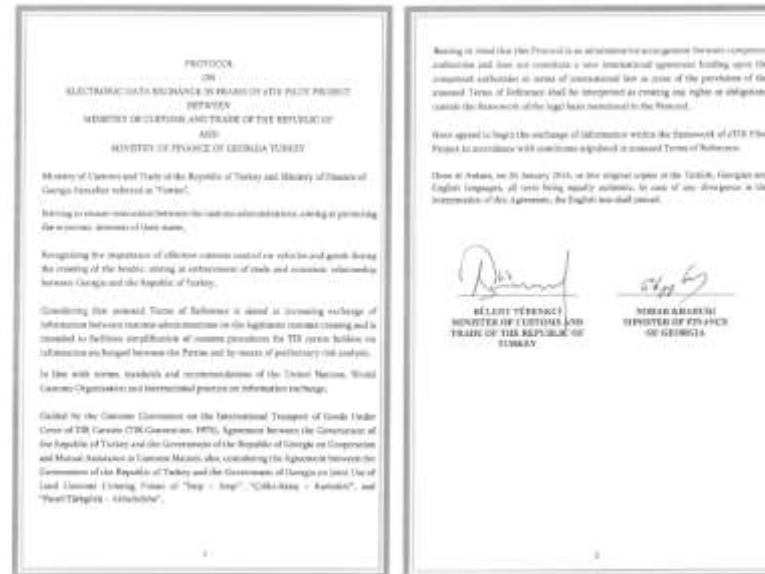
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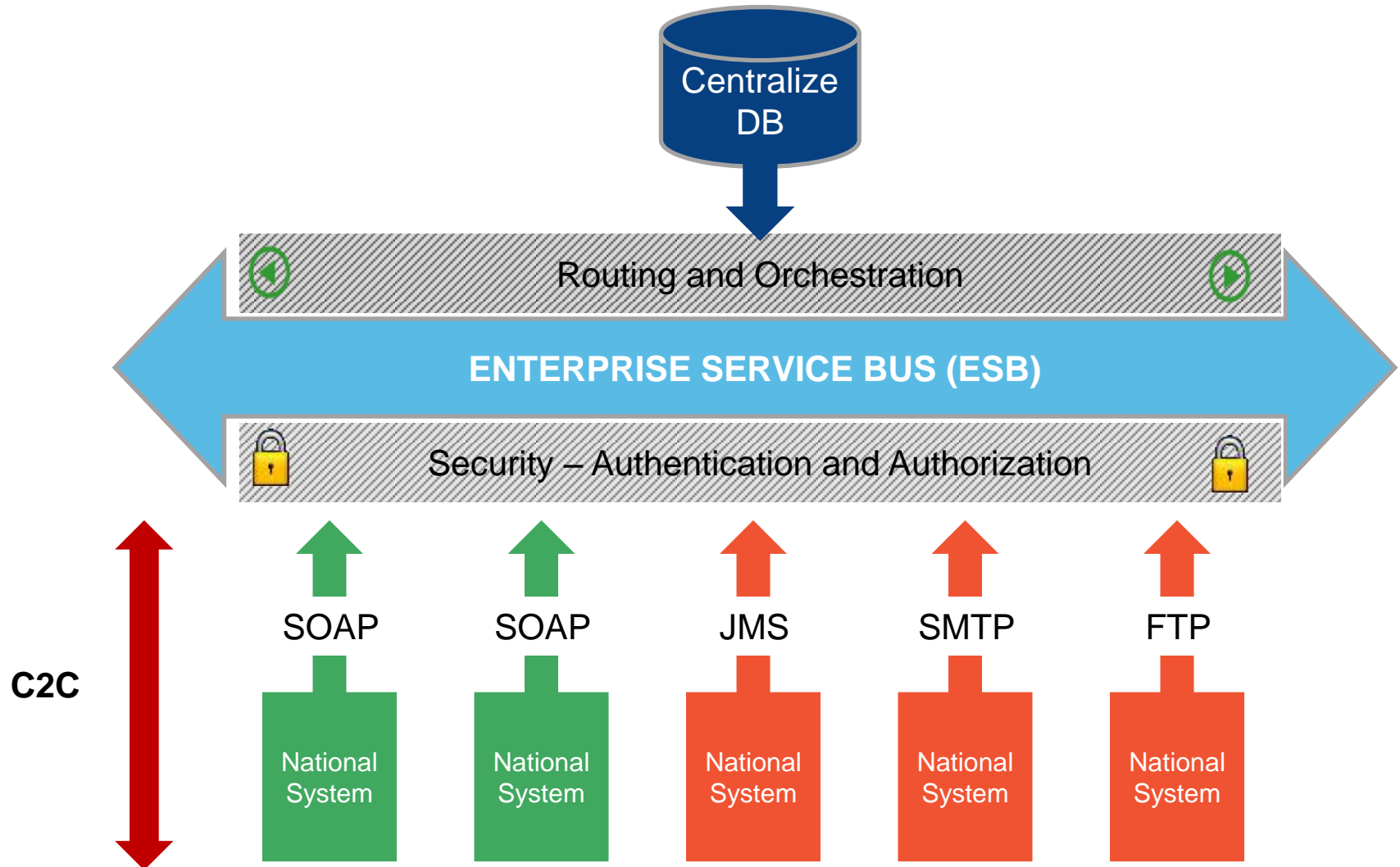
The legal basis

Protocol on electronic data exchange in the framework of a joint eTIR Pilot Project, signed by Mr. Nodar Khaduri, Minister of Finance of Georgia, and Mr. Bülent Tüfenkci, Minister of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey.

Annex: ToR

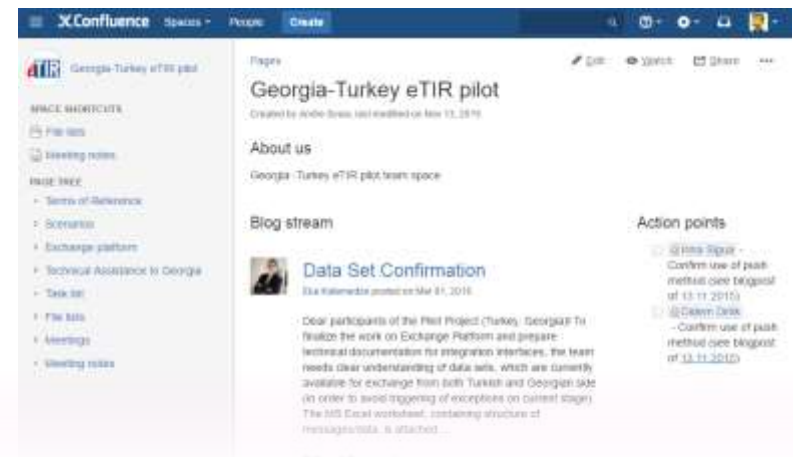


Architecture



Project virtual space

- Team **Collaboration** space
 - Restricted to the project team members (secured)
 - Central repository of documentation
 - Collaboration on document preparation
 - Issue tracking
 - Tasks management
 - Communication (avoids emails)
 - ...
- **Hosted at UNOG**



Technical assistance



Thank you

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