Objectives and status

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<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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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

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

- Increase of government revenue and increased efficiency in use of national budgets
  - Reduced evasion of duties and taxes, improved quality of declarations and valuation
  - Reduction of corruption at border crossings
  - Increased collaboration between Customs of different countries and exchange of electronic data
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
- Technical workshops to build capacity in the field of C2C exchange and B2C standards
- 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
Meeting objectives

- Selection/confirmation of pilot countries
  - Criteria
    - Gap-analyses/presentations
    - Experts’ assessment
- Define objectives (make recommendations)
  - Options
    - Actual C2C electronic exchange of transit data
    - Development of an action plan
    - Identify data exchange partner country(ies)
  - Criteria
    - Gap-analyses/presentations
    - Experts’ assessment
The project was approved by the GA in December 2011

Project document finalized and approved in December 2012

Each RC appointed focal points for the project

3 gap-analyses have been finalized (ECA, ESCWA and UNECE)

2 gap-analyses are ongoing (ESCAP and ECLAC)
## Status

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| **UNECE**    | - Project management and administration (e.g. project progress reports)  
               - Development and maintenance of the project website  
               - Consultant delivered the gap analysis for Georgia  
               - Organization of the first Expert Group meeting  |
| **UNESCAP**  | - Consultant started the gap-analysis for Kyrgyzstan |
| **UNECA**    | - Consultants delivered the gap analysis for Morocco and Tunisia |
| **UNESCWA**  | - Consultants delivered the gap analysis for Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia |
| **UNECLAC**  | - Consultant started the gap-analysis for Costa Rica |
Thank you for your attention

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