Support to the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs
Euro-Asian region and beyond
UNECE support for the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs

High-level political commitment adopted in 2014

32 LLDCs globally, 1/3 are Euro-Asian

Midterm review process is ongoing (regional + global)
Vienna Programme of Action:

- **Priority 1**: Fundamental transit issues
- **Priority 2**: Infrastructure development and maintenance
  - Transport infrastructure
  - Energy and information and communications technology infrastructure
- **Priority 3**: International trade and trade facilitation
- **Priority 4**: Regional integration and cooperation
- **Priority 5**: Structural economic transformation
- **Priority 6**: Means of implementation
VPOA Euro-Asian Midterm Review Conference – 11-12 February 2019 – Bangkok

• Co-organized by UNECE – UN-OHRLLS – UNESCAP

• Gathered representatives from nearly 20 Euro-Asian LLDCs and transit developing countries

• Adopted a detailed outcome document, focusing on the 6 priority areas & will feed into the VPOA High-level Global Midterm Review which will be held in New York in December 2019

OUTCOME DOCUMENT

• Priority 1 – Transit – V PoA target of 300-400 km/24h has not yet been achieved/ Despite increased ratification of: WTO TFA, UN legal instruments ((e)TIR, (e)CMR, …), ongoing railway facilitation initiatives (URL) – ratification ≠ implementation

• Priority 2 – Infrastructure – Noted 10,600 km of missing links in the wider Euro-Asian region
  Took note of EATL, Trans-Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railways achievements and efforts in the framework of the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory to increase funding opportunities for missing links

• Noted the need for a corridor-based approach (inclusive public-private sector platform, agreed work plans & KPIs)
UNDA project on development of a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators

- **Purpose:** provide a tool for LLDCs/ transit developing countries to measure their degree of connectivity
- **Time-frame:** September 2018 – December 2020
- **Beneficiaries:** Georgia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, Paraguay & Jordan
- **Implementing partners:** UNECE (lead entity) & ECLAC and ESCWA (UN regional commissions for Latin America and Western Asia respectively)
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# Phases:

I. Develop the initial set of Sustainable Inland Transport Indicators (SITCIN)

II. Fact-finding missions to review national transport and logistics situation, resulting in five «national connectivity reports»

III. National policy dialogue meetings to validate the reports

IV. Tailor-made national capacity building programmes

V. Concluding inter-regional forum
UNDA project on development of a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators

SITCIN specifics:

• Measurable/ quantifiable & qualifiable
• Build on and incorporate existing indexes, e.g. the World Bank Doing Business Indicators, the Logistics Performance Index, the Time-Distance Methodology etc.
• Assess efficiency of both soft (e.g. regulatory framework) and hard (e.g. infrastructure) related aspects of the respective inland transport systems
• Holistic scope – incl. multi-modal transport and logistics systems, border crossing facilitation, transit, customs
• Provide basis for informed & evidence based policy-making
Thank you!