



Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia

Digitalization of International Transport Corridor



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TRACECA

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Key dates

May 1993

Initiating of the TRACECA Program

September 8, 1998

Signature of the Basic Multilateral Agreement of the international transport on development of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia corridor (MLA)

March 10, 2000

The First Annual Meeting (Conference) of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on the transport corridor "Europe-Caucasus-Asia"

February 21, 2001

An official opening of the office of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA in Baku (Azerbaijan)

The development of economic relations, trade and transport communication in the regions of Europe, the Black Sea, the Caucasus, the Caspian Sea and Asia – one of the main objectives



Intergovernmental Commission

Decision-making structure – Competent Ministries



Permanent Secretariat

Executive structure – Implementation and Monitoring



An official opening ceremony of the office of the Permanent Secretariat in Baku



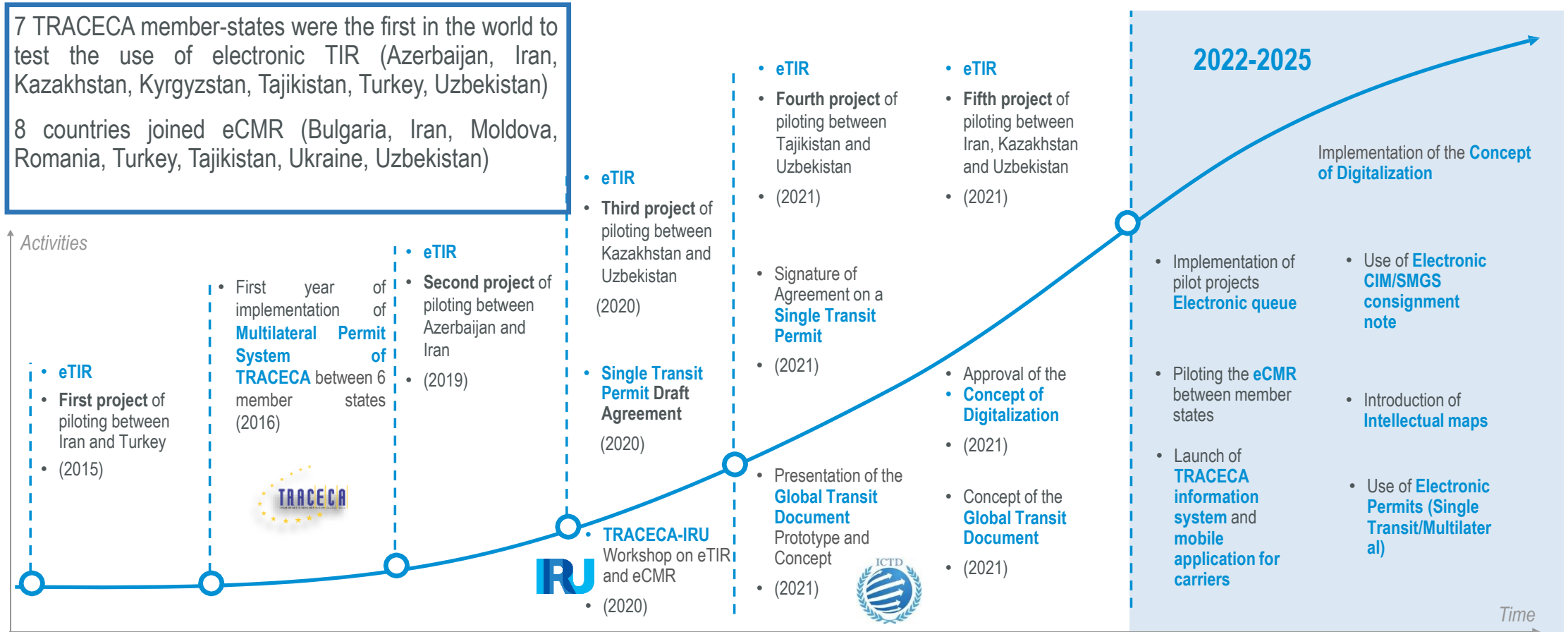
Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) in 13 member states

National structure – Focal and Coordinating point between national competent authorities/organisations and Permanent Secretariat



Projects and Initiatives towards Digitalization

The Permanent Secretariat is currently working on initiatives aiming to introduce digital solutions on transport



Digitalization of transport documents

CURRENT STATUS ON eTIR and eCMR

Country	Signing a Letter of Intent (eTIR)	Signing eTIR main principles	Acceding to eCMR
Armenia	NO	NO	NO
Azerbaijan	YES	YES	NO
Bulgaria	NO	NO	YES
Georgia	YES	YES	NO
Iran	YES	YES	YES
Kazakhstan	YES	YES	NO
Kyrgyzstan	YES	YES	NO
Moldova	YES	NO	YES
Romania	NO	NO	YES
Tajikistan	YES	YES	YES
Turkey	NO	NO	YES
Uzbekistan	YES	YES	YES
Ukraine	YES	YES	YES

PILOT PROJECTS



8 countries have acceded to the Additional Protocol to the CMR: Bulgaria, Iran, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ukraine

7 countries have carried out eTIR pilot transportations: Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan

Global Transit Document

CHRONOLOGY OF WORK ON THE INITIATIVE

- 2020:** The Concept of the Global Transit Document (GTrD)
- 2Q 2021:** Presentation of GTrD
- 3/4Q 2022:** Implementation of pilot project using GTrD
- 2023:** Presentation of the results of the pilot application of GTrD



GTrD PILOTING ROUTE

Tajikistan-Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan/Turkmenistan-Azerbaijan



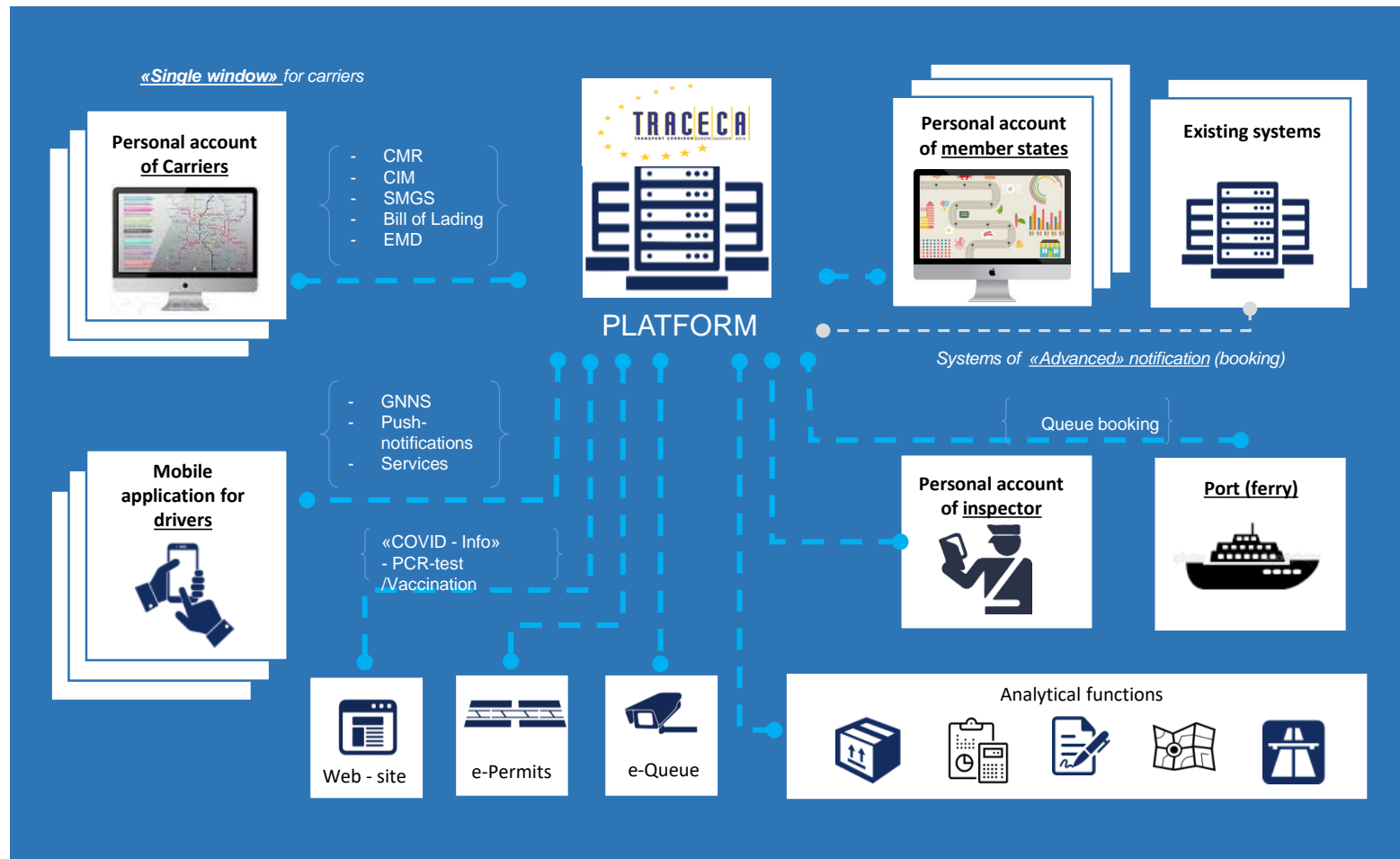
GTrD will shift focus from documents to data

- GTrD will provide a more efficient, predictable and secure exchange of information.
- Disparities and discrepancies in documentation will be alleviated providing huge savings in time and costs.
- Access to earlier, more complete, immutable data improves the effectiveness of targeting processes, facilitating legitimate trade, increasing compliance and improving Customs' efficiency.
- A Customs authority can establish a connection in a few days, with a small team, rather than requiring its staff to first invest in becoming blockchain experts.

Digitalization

Concept of Digitalization will be the main guide to digitalization of the corridor in various modes of transport

MAIN AREAS



- Digitalization of Multilateral Permits System of TRACECA
- Implementation of Agreement on a Single Transit Permit
- Implementation of eTIR and eCMR
- Creation of TRACECA digital platform
- Introduction of Intellectual maps
- Digitalization of supply chains along the TRACECA routes

The fulfillment of the tasks assigned to TRACECA is currently possible only with integrated development, where one of the most important components is the digitalization of the transport industry.

Introduction of systems and technologies in the task of digitalization of the TRACECA transport complex will ensure the formation of a complex "Ecosystem".

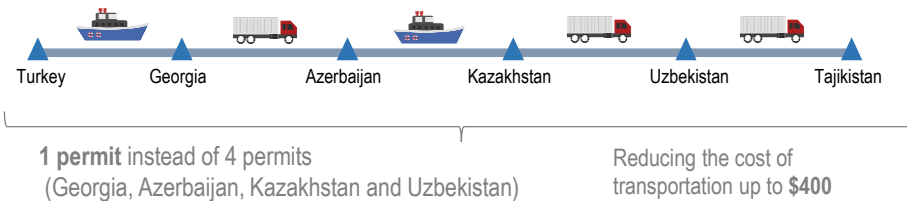
Development of international road transport

Permanent Secretariat is currently working on initiatives aimed at introducing digital solutions on transport

SINGLE TRANSIT PERMIT

Sample of the application of a Single Transit Permit

Example— transit transportation among the TRACECA countries



Objective

of the Agreement on a Single Transit Permit

- Reducing the number of permits for transit transportations;
- Reducing the cost of transportation;
- Simplification of the transport process between the TRACECA countries;
- Increasing the return loading when transporting cargo by ferry vessels;
- Optimization of procedures for obtaining a transit permit;
- Applications of digitalization elements;
- Exclusion of the application of paper permits;
- Growing interest of countries in acceding to TRACECA

MULTILATERAL PERMIT

- Applied since 2016
- Used in 6 countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine
- Gives the right to carry out bilateral and transit transportations, as well as transportations to/from third countries



- The average percentage of use of multilateral permits among 5 countries is 97.8%, with the exception of Armenia, which did not use permit forms in 2020.

OTHER INITIATIVES

E-CIM/SMGS

ELECTRONIC QUEUES

E-Guide for border-crossing procedures

1. It is expected that the procedures for approving the Agreement on a Single Transit Permit of TRACECA will be completed

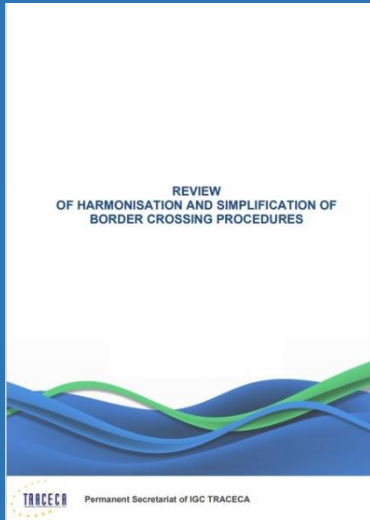
2. Other countries of the corridor are expected to join the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System

3. The active participation in the implementation and piloting of projects is observed

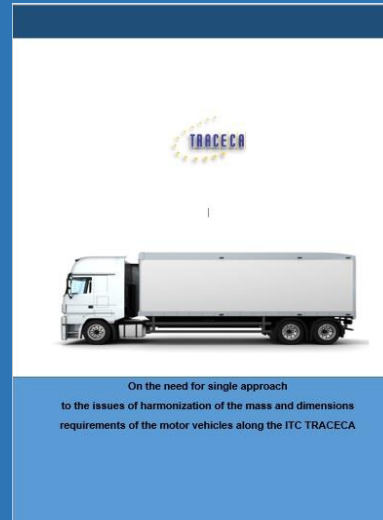
4. Provision of favourable conditions for attracting cargo flows is carried out

Reviews and Analysis

Harmonization of transport legislation in TRACECA countries



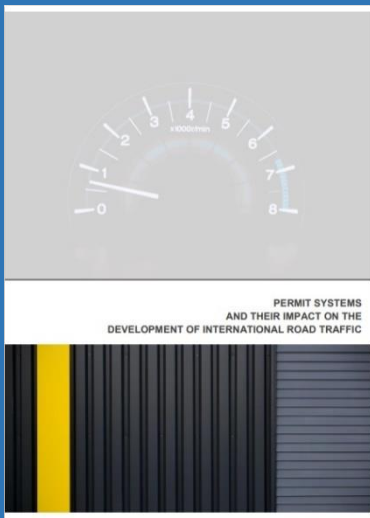
Review of harmonization and simplification of border crossing procedures



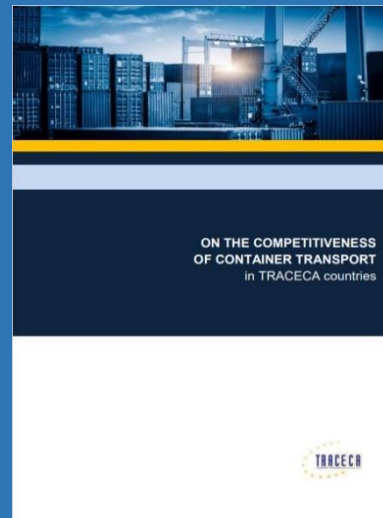
On the need for single approach to the issues of harmonization of the mass and dimensions requirements of the motor vehicles along the ITC TRACECA



Analysis of the applied tariffs in the field of maritime in MLA member states and recommendations on the elaboration of harmonized tariff policy on the Caspian and Black Seas



Permit Systems and their impact on the development of international road traffic



On the competitiveness of container transport on TRACECA countries



Research and Comparative analysis of maritime legislation



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