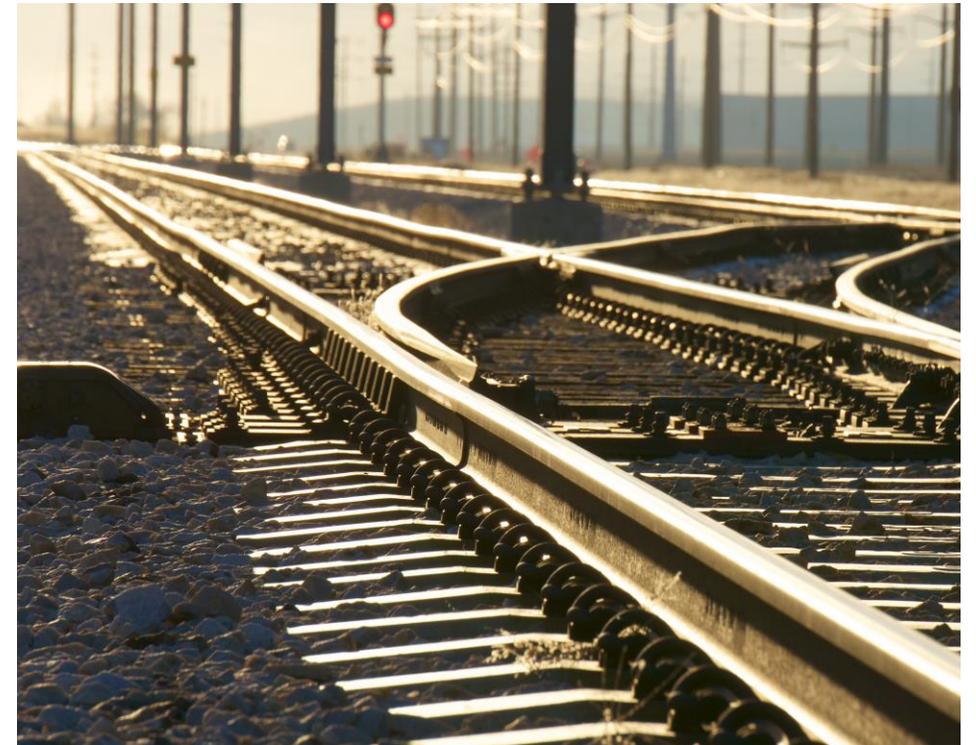




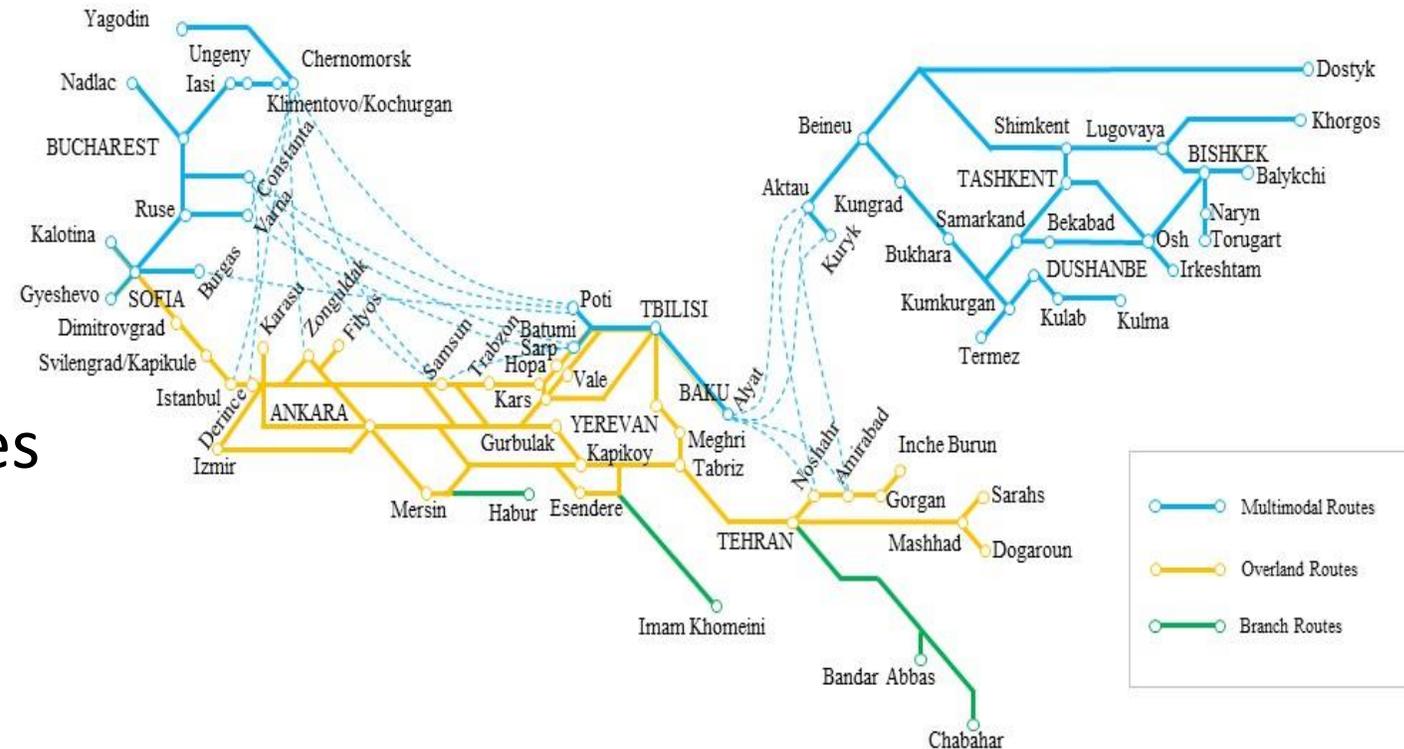
Session 1: Findings from the first joint CIM / SMGS workshop (June 2022)



Use of the electronic CIM/SMGS Consignment Note on selected TRACECA railway routes
OSJD – CIT – UIC – TRACECA – Joint Workshop
18-19 January 2023

1. Interest in use of CIM / SMGS railway consignment note

- TRACECA railway routes across Azerbaijan, Georgia, Türkiye, and Kazakhstan
- Other TRACECA railway routes
- Participating TRACECA countries - from 4 + 1 countries (1st Joint Workshop) to ➡ 9 countries (2nd Joint Workshop)



Implementing challenges to be addressed and well coordinated cross border cooperation to be secured

2. General legal framework, guidance and support for use of CIM / SMGS railway consignment note

- CIM/SMGS Consignment Note Manual (GLV-CIM/SMGS) (CIT/OSJD)
- Functional, legal and technical specifications for the electronic CIM/SMGS Consignment Note (CIT/OSJD)
- Annex 6 to the SMGS Agreement; relevant OSJD Leaflets (OSJD)
- Digital Solutions (e.g. UIC RailData ORFEUS / ISR, ..)
- UN ECE – UN/CEFACT Standards
- WCO standards, recommendations and initiatives
- EU digitalization and facilitation initiatives
- ...

The image shows a complex, multi-sectioned form for a CIM/SMGS Consignment Note. The form is titled 'CIM/SMGS Consignment Note' and 'Digital of the consignment note'. It contains numerous fields for data entry, including sender and receiver information, goods description, and transport details. The form is organized into several numbered sections (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100). The form is designed for data entry and is used for the transport of goods by rail.

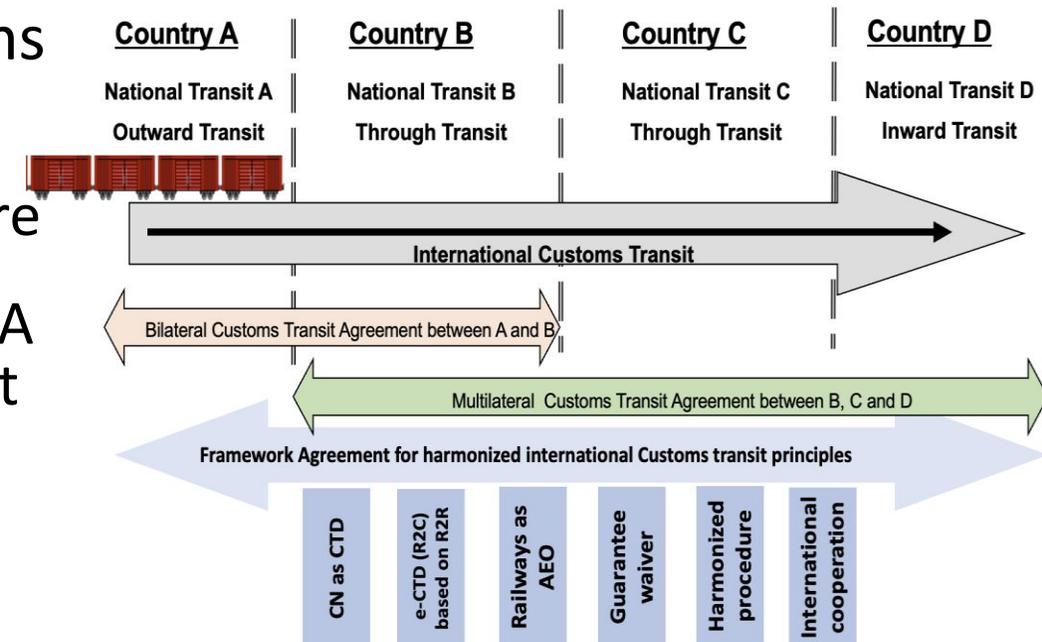
Transposition in national legislation, use of common standards, interoperability and efficient national and cross border practices

3. Readiness to implement (electronic) CIM / SMGS railway consignment note

- Established national legislation to use CIM/SMGS consignment note
- Participating countries (AZE, GEO, KAZ, TUR + UKR) are ready to use (electronic) CIM/SMGS consignment note
- Remaining issues:
 - Harmonization of electronic information exchanges
 - Use of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note
 - Electronic transfer of accompanying documents to the e-CIM/SMGS CN
 - Facilitation of Customs procedures with use of (electronic) CIM/SMGS consignment note as a Customs document
 - Use of CIM/SMGS consignment note in multimodal transport

4. Use of the CIM / SMGS consignment note in Customs transit

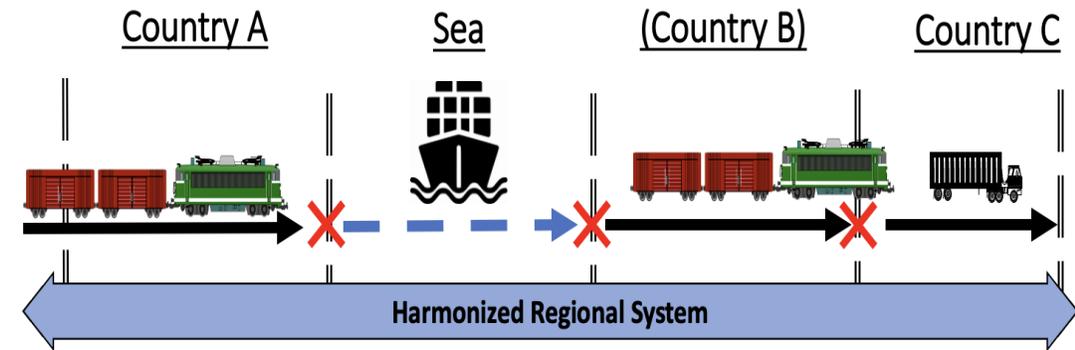
- Significant difference of national Customs transit procedures
- Potential for further digitalization and R2C electronic information exchange
- National/bilateral efforts for digitalization and facilitation
- Opportunities for seamless international Customs transit procedures for railway
 - Joining Convention on Common Transit Procedure
 - TRACECA railway Customs Transit (amending MLA Technical Annex on International Customs Transit Procedures with SMGS CN)
 - New framework concept with commonly agreed principles



New Framework Concept on International Railway Customs Transit

5. Multimodal transport, cooperation between stakeholders

- Challenges in organization of multimodal transport and use of CIM/SMGS CN
- Use of single document for multimodal transport (integration of main transport documents / data elements)
- Strengthening cooperation between rail carriers, maritime carriers, ports and other logistics operators
- Electronic information exchange among consignors, transport/logistics operators, border/port authorities and related initiatives (digitalization, SW,..)



(Electronic) CIM/SMGS is still not largely utilized even though it could be regularly applicable. To identify/address bottlenecks. Promotion

6. Organization of pilot projects, and next activities

- Potential topics to be covered in electronic CIM/SMGS pilot projects:
 - harmonization of data elements for electronic information exchange (R2R, R2C, R2M, ...)
 - exploring/development of IT solutions for electronic information exchange
 - identification of bottlenecks in organization of multimodal transport
 - evaluation of advantages from digitalization / use of eCIM/SMGS CN
- Questionnaire and draft MoU on organization of potential pilot projects