



Trade Facilitation and Institutional Support Project

The European Union's Tacis TRACECA program
for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

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What else is TRACECA ?

TRACECA is an **EU-funded Tacis Interstate Programme** established in 1993 during a conference in Brussels by originally 8 Nations and nowadays 13 Nations aiming at improvements in trade and transport along the Europe - Caucasus - Asia Corridor through

- Stimulating the co-operation among the participating states **for trade development in the region**;
- promoting optimal integration of the international transport corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia "TRACECA" into Trans-European Networks (TENs);
- identifying factors hindering the development of trade and transport systems;
- promoting TRACECA projects as means to attract loans from IFIs and private investors

What else is TRACECA ?

TRACECA is an **UN-registered Basic Multilateral Agreement** (MLA) on International Transport for Development of the Europe – Caucasus - Asia Corridor signed in 1998 at Baku Summit and ratified by 12 Nations aiming at

- **developing economic relations, trade and transport communications in the regions of Europe, Black Sea, the Caucasus, the Caspian Sea and Asia,**
- facilitating access to the international market of road, air and railway transport and also commercial maritime navigation,
- facilitating international transport of goods and passengers and international transport of hydrocarbons,
- ensuring traffic safety, security of goods and environment protection,
- creating equal conditions of competition between different types of transport.

“TRACECA Conference - Restoration of the Historic Silk Route”, Signature of Multilateral Agreement, 1998



The Countries “belonging“ to TRACECA

TRACECA EU Programm Members and Parties to the MLA



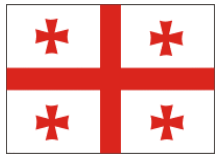
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Azerbaijan



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Kazakhstan



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Moldova



Romania



Turkey



Ukraine



Uzbekistan



Tajikistan

Parties to the MLA, but not to EU Tacis TRACECA Programme



Afghanistan



Iran

Parties to the EU Tacis TRACECA Programme, but not MLA Party



Turkmenistan

In the aftermath to the Basic Multilateral Agreement efficient decision making and executing structures were developed

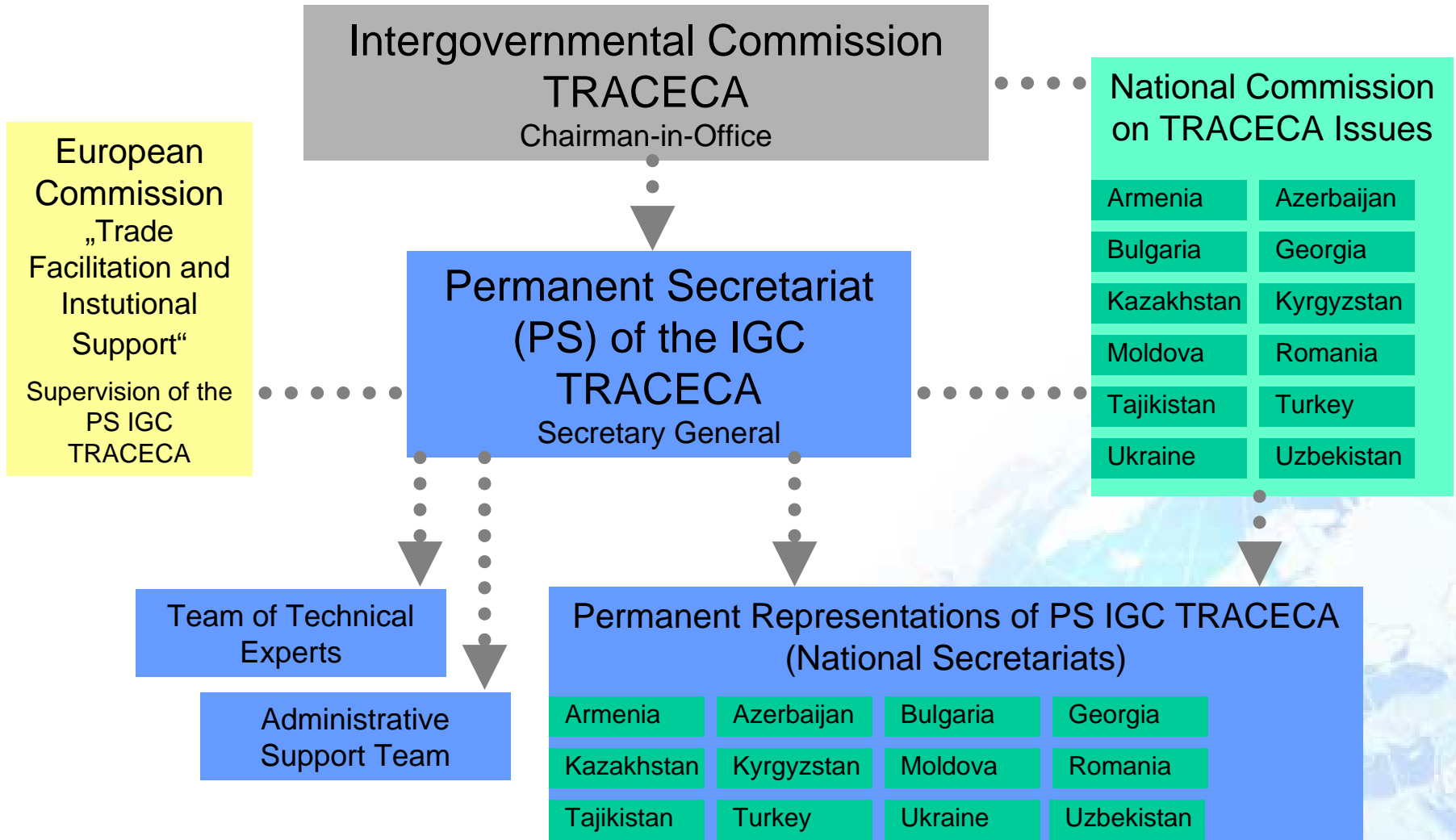
- **2000** Creation of the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA in Tbilisi, Georgia
- **2001** Opening of the office of the Permanent Secretariat (PS) of the IGC TRACECA in Baku, Azerbaijan
- **2003** Adoption of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA and the Rules of Procedures of the IGC TRACECA



The European Commission supported the development and advancement of the TRACECA institution

Period of time	Description
2000 - 2003	Full financial and institutional support for TRACECA institutional structures provided by the EU
2004 - 2005	Joint financing of the TRACECA institutional structures provided by the EU and MLA Member-states
2006 and beyond	Self-sustainability and self-financing of TRACECA institutional structures decided upon in Baku in April 2005

The TRACECA institution consists of a Permanent Secretariat located in Baku and organisational structures in each member country.



Besides supporting the institution building of TRACECA structures substantive Technical Assistance and Investment Projects have been financed by the European Commission

- **Technical assistance** projects are highly interlinked and build upon each others experience and achievements. Furthermore, they often precede or accompany investment projects along the corridor



- **Investment projects** relieved most urgent infrastructure and operational bottlenecks and complemented own efforts of the TRACECA beneficiary countries and of the international donor community

Immense financing sources for TRACECA network related projects were attracted

- EU-supported projects in the amount of 160 Mio. Euro
- IFI-supported projects of Euro 1,900 Mio. Euro
- Own investments and contributions of beneficiary countries of 1,800 Mio. Euro
- Other private and bilateral investments of ca. 1,200 Mio. Euro

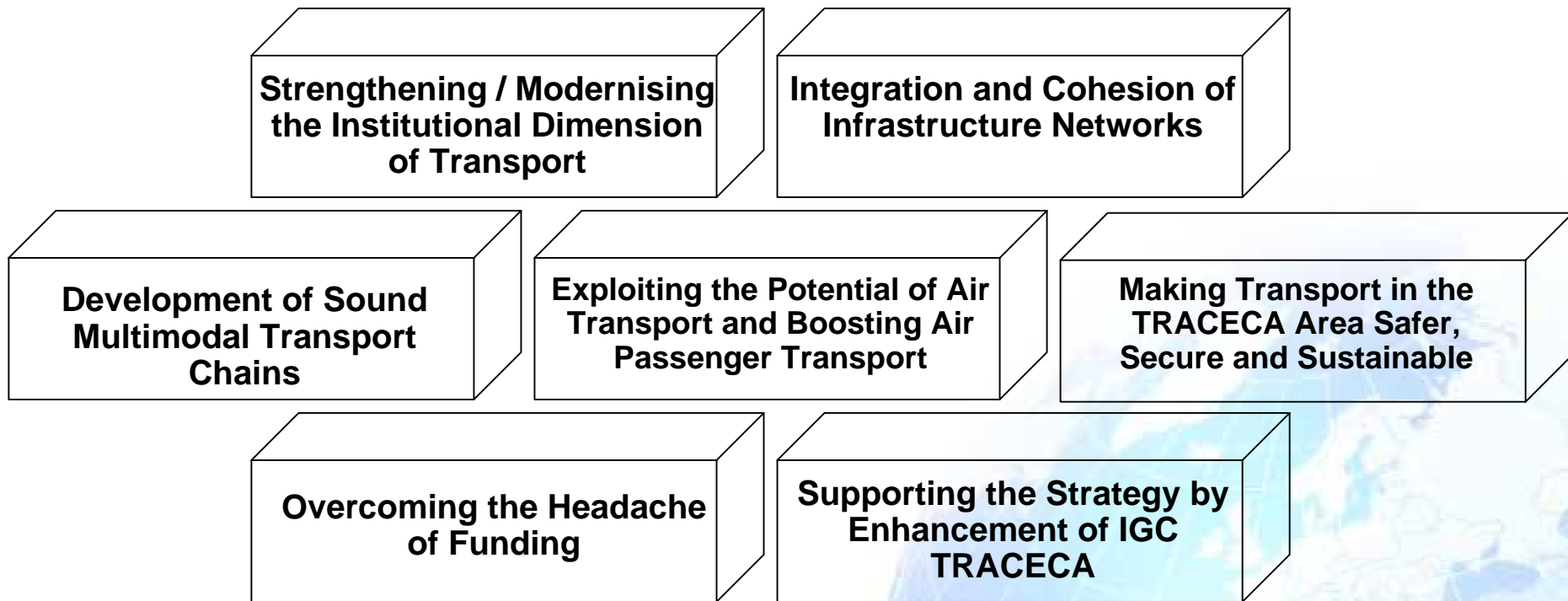
 More than 5 billion Euro have been invested in the region since 1993


Indicators for the success of TRACECA

- Transport volume increased up to 75 %
- Transport Time decreased by ca. 50 %
- Transport Costs decreased up to 70 %
- Enhanced Traffic Safety and Cargo Security
- Harmonized transport policy and legal structures
- Increased Environmental Protection

 **STILL, much room is left for further improvements !!!**

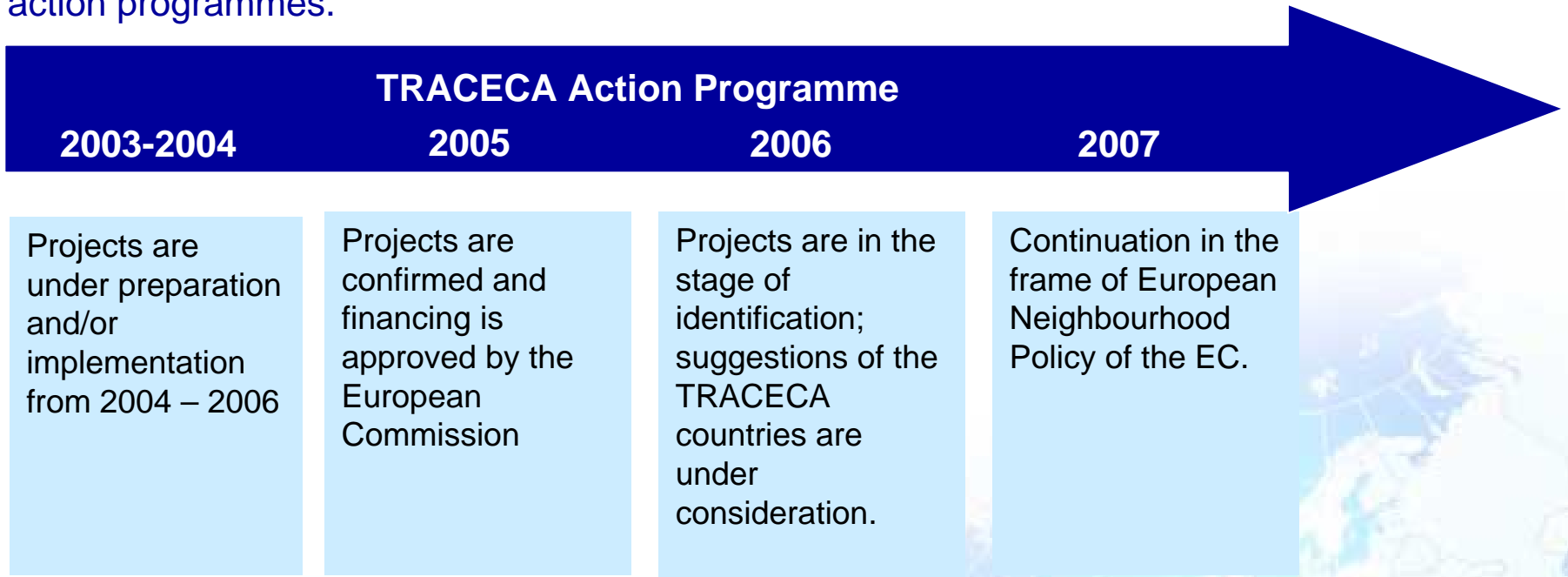
Future Prospects and Priorities of IGC TRACECA are presently outlined in the **TRACECA Strategy** to be approved during the next IGC Meeting in Spring 2006



 **The far – reaching and ambitious strategic measures will be put into operation via Action Plans on Implementing the TRACECA Strategy**

Future Prospects and Priorities of Tacis TRACECA Support

Presently EU priorities are defined in the council regulation no. 99/2000 concerning the provision of assistance to the partner states in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and consecutive multi-year strategy papers and indicative programmes and annual Tacis TRACECA action programmes.



Future EU priorities will be defined in the framework of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and it is already stated to continue the EU engagement in supporting TRACECA related projects

TRACECA cooperates with governments,
associations, bi- and multilateral financing
institutions and private investors, transport market
operators and interested businesses
for
developing economic relations, trade and transport
communications along the
Europe – Caucasus – Asia Corridor

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