



**United Nations
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Programme

Monday, 27 April 2009		
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:20	Official Opening	
	ECO UNECE	Welcoming remarks
09:20 - 11:00	Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL)	
M. Adamantiadis	UNECE	EATL: Achievements and plans
M. Mirzaei Kahagh	ECO	Implementation of EATL recommendations in the ECO region
M. Adamantiadis	UNECE	EATL: Challenges and opportunities
	Discussion	
11:00 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 13:00	National experiences with Euro-Asian transport facilitation in the ECO region	
	Afghanistan Azerbaijan Iran Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Pakistan Tajikistan Turkmenistan Turkey Uzbekistan	National reports
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch	

15:00 – 18:00	Developing EATL transport routes: initiatives and constraints	
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Anthony Pearce	Hon. DG IRF	Transport Facilitation in Central Asia: key challenges
M. Mirzaei Kahagh	ECO	Istanbul-Tehran-Almaty (I-T-A) rail route
C. Alexopoulos	Expert	Establishing a block train: a practical approach
	Discussion	

16:30 – 16:45	Break	
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Olzhas Bilyalov	Rail Research Institute of Kazakhstan	Key challenges in the railway sector in Central Asia
T. Leimgruber	SG CIT	Common CIM-SMGS consignment note for international rail transport
H. Meelich	TER	TER: a coordinated infrastructure development
	Discussion	

18:00 – 18:15	Summary	
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Tuesday, 28 April 2009		
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8:00 - 09:30	Registration	
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9:30 – 11:00	Developing EATL transport routes: border crossing facilitation	
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R. Nowak	UNECE	Border-crossing and transport facilitation in the ECO region
D. Larionov	IRU	Border Crossing in the ECO region: Evidence from the NELTI initiative, part I
Haydar Ozkan	IRU	Border Crossing in the ECO region: Evidence from the NELTI initiative, part II
Jan Tomczyk	Expert	Border crossing facilitation: infrastructure
	Discussion	

11:00– 11:30	Break	
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11:30 – 13: 00	Developing EATL transport routes: challenges and solutions	
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S. Senkaya	GTI A.S, TOBB	Modernization of border crossings points in Turkey: New prospects in the ECO Region
M. Mirzaei Kahagh	ECO	Transport facilitation for landlocked countries
R. Janssens	OSCE	OSCE-UNECE Handbook of best practices at borders
	Discussion	

13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
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15:00 – 18:00	Developing EATL transport routes: challenges and solutions (continued)	
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Stanley Lim	FIATA	Freight forwarding in the ECO region
M. Adamantiadis	UNECE	Road transport safety in the ECO region
Jan Tomczyk	Expert	Transport facilitation issues in the ECO region: a summary
	Discussion	

17:30 – 18:00	Summary and closing	
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Wednesday, 29 April 2009
The full day will be dedicated to the TIR Convention, 1975

09:00 – 09:30	Introduction to the Regional TIR Seminar for the ECO Region	
	ECO UNECE IRU	
09:30 – 11:00 Overview of the TIR System and its benefits for the region		
Konstantin Glukhenkiy	UNECE	The importance of the TIR Convention for the development of transport and trade in the region:
Haydar Ozkan	IRU	- General introduction
All participants	Discussion	- Pillars of the TIR Convention Application of the TIR system in the ECO countries
11:00 – 11:30 Break		
11:30 – 13:00 Public-private partnership as the key to success of the TIR Convention		
Konstantin Glukhenkiy	UNECE	Roles and responsibilities of the public actors under the TIR Convention
Haydar Ozkan	IRU	Roles and responsibilities of the private actors under the TIR Convention
		- management of the distribution of TIR Carnets
		- control of the use of TIR Carnets and risk management by SafeTIR;
		- organization and functioning of the guarantee chain
13:00 – 15:00 Lunch		
		Compliments of the ECO secretariat
15:00 – 15:50 TIR Convention: recent and current challenges		
Konstantin Glukhenkiy	UNECE	TIR Convention:
Haydar Ozkan	IRU	- latest amendments
All participants	Discussion	- future developments Challenges and opportunities for the TIR system: views of transport industry
15:50 – 17:30 National experiences with the TIR procedure in the ECO region		
M. Mirzaei	ECO	Overview of the implementation of the TIR procedure in the region
16:15 – 16:45 Break		
	Azerbaijan Iran Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Turkmenistan Turkey Uzbekistan	National reports
All participants	Discussion	
17:30 – 18:00 Summary and closing		