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Europe Asia Transport Links Survey Analysis

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UNECE EATL Survey Analysis

• Analysis is based on 4 returned questionnaires
• On average, respondents replied to 47% of 85 questions
• Questionnaires are confidential
• Questions 1 to 3 (Q1-Q3) are of demographic nature and contain personal data
EATL Survey Conclusions (1)

• Trucks must wait for BCP entry gate to get lifted on BCP approach road and in neutral zone – traditional one entry and exit gate method delaying export, import and transit trucks

• Average truck waiting time in neutral zone 45 minutes – probably because of one gate and also because many BCP use one truck at a time processing
EATL Survey Conclusions (2)

• Average time to give documents to Customs one hour – truck drivers get passport checked and in some countries obligatory truck weighing irrespective if the truck has an international weight certificate because national rules dictate all trucks must get weighed

• Most BCPs have one dedicated truck lane
EATL Survey Conclusions (3)
BCP procedure times

• 6 hours wait to create Customs convoy
• 5 hours for veterinary and phyto-sanitary
• 2 hours for Customs transit procedures
• 1 hour for Customs document checking
EATL Survey Conclusions (4)  
BCP procedure times

- Transit visa for truck drivers 14 days – too short in case something goes wrong
- Several BCPs use IT for processing
- Several BCPs use vehicle/cargo x ray scanning
- Some BCPs open 24 hours 7 days each week
- Some BCPs still open for 12 hours while some BCPs close for lunch
- Release note takes between a few minutes to less than 20 minutes
EATL Survey Conclusions (5)

BCP procedure times

- Some trucks wait up to 1 hour to get scanned
- 10 per cent of trucks selected for scanning
- Average cost US$30 for truck scanning
- Some countries insist on 100% scanning
- Lack of TIR truck processing lane at BCPs
Thank You