PROMOTING GREEN PORTS AND CONNECTIVITY IN THE CASPIAN SEA REGION

Workshop on Strengthening security and inter-operability along Euro-Asian inland transport corridors
GREEN AND CONNECTED TRADE IN THE CASPIAN SEA REGION

The OSCE promotes green ports and connectivity in the Caspian Sea region in line with its overarching regional goals.
VISION – GREEN PORTS

Green ports establish the first transportation hubs of the Green Corridor of the future from Asia to Europe

Sustainable port and transport development enhances the transport routes competitiveness and improve its environmental integrity
The success of future international trade and logistics will be determined by the degree of connectivity of the parties alongside the value chain.

Connectivity can be seen in three dimensions promoting an unhindered flow of goods, services, ideas and people.

Connectivity means therefore to consider the physical infrastructure, but also infrastructure in terms of communication patterns, custom procedures, legislative frameworks, technical agreements...
DIGITAL ROUTE PROJECT - SCOPE AND APPROACH

The Digital Route Project – strengthening connectivity in and among the ports of Baku (Azerbaijan), Aktau/Kuryk (Kazakhstan) and Turkmenbashi (Turkmenistan)

Focus on ports
✓ Aktau / Kuryk, Kazakhstan
✓ Baku, Azerbaijan
✓ Turkmenbashi, Turkmenistan

Cooperation
Strengthening between the ports by means of a joint logistic IT infrastructure – The Digital Route Project

Digitization
Ease and smooth customs operations and logistic processes and significantly speed up stock turnover times

System solutions
Show up possible organizational and technical solutions and estimate implementation cost

Guidance and support
For a subsequent decision concerning the implementation of the Digital Route Project

Logistics Performance Index (LPI)
Improve the overall Logistic Performance of the participating countries
TRADE FACILITATION - POSSIBLE CHALLENGES

During the development of a common digital platform, the project might face a variety of challenges

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POSITION OF THE OSCE

**OSCE is a neutral partner to support and coordinate the development of a solution for trade facilitation within the transport route of the Caspian Sea region.**

- **Government**: Communication on highest political levels, Perception of an unbiased communicator.
- **Know-how**: Great experience in managing regional projects, Strong network of external experts.
- **Neutrality**: Focus on the big picture, No personal interest in profit, Mediation between stakeholder groups.
- **Fundraising**: Connections to institutions and initiatives to place topics of interest, Close ties to international donor groups.
CURRENT PROJECT STATUS – TIMELINE

The feasibility study is conducted in three phases; the findings of the individual work streams will guide decision making at each project stage

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**Foundational Research**
- Estimate of trading volume
- Logistics process landscape as is
- Assessment of legal and political framework
- Requirements for a Digital Route Project
- General investigation of possible solutions

**Digital Route Design Phase**
- Detailed investigation of selected solutions
- Development of a future process landscape
- Requirements for the participating ports
- Development of an operator model
- Estimate of investment and operating cost

**Develop Implementation Strategy**
- Business plan and fee model
- Financing
- Contract framework
- Implementation plan

On-site visits with expert and stakeholder Workshops
- Evaluation of processes and challenges
- Detailed assessment of scoped processes
- Economic assessment and implementation plan
PROJECT

• Leading: Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Energy Security

• Consultants: BTC Management Consulting

• Ports visited:

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