

Support to the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs

Euro-Asian region and beyond



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High-level **political commitment** adopted in 2014

32 LLDCs globally, **1/3 are Euro-Asian**

Midterm review process is ongoing (regional + global)



Vienna Programme of Action:

- **Priority 1:** Fundamental transit issues
- **Priority 2:** Infrastructure development and maintenance
 - Transport infrastructure
 - Energy and information and communications technology infrastructure
- **Priority 3:** International trade and trade facilitation
- **Priority 4:** Regional integration and cooperation
- **Priority 5:** Structural economic transformation
- **Priority 6:** Means of implementation



VPoA Euro-Asian Midterm Review Conference – 11-12 February 2019 – Bangkok

- Co-organized by **UNECE – UN-OHRLLS – UNESCAP**
- Gathered representatives from **nearly 20 Euro-Asian LLDCs** and transit developing countries
- Adopted a detailed **outcome document**, focusing on the 6 priority areas & will feed into the **VPoA High-level Global Midterm Review** which will be held in **New York in December 2019**



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OUTCOME DOCUMENT

- **Priority 1 – Transit** – VPoA target of 300-400 km/24h has not yet been achieved/ Despite increased ratification of: WTO TFA, UN legal instruments ((e)TIR, (e)CMR, ...), ongoing railway facilitation initiatives (URL) – **ratification ≠ implementation**
- **Priority 2 – Infrastructure** – Noted 10,600 km of missing links in the wider Euro-Asian region
Took note of EATL, Trans-Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railways achievements and efforts in the framework of the **International Transport Infrastructure Observatory** to increase funding opportunities for missing links
- Noted the need for a **corridor-based approach** (inclusive public-private sector platform, agreed work plans & KPIs)



UNDA project on development of a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators

- **Purpose:** provide a tool for LLDCs/ transit developing countries to measure their degree of connectivity
- **Time-frame:** September 2018 – December 2020
- **Beneficiaries:** Georgia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, Paraguay & Jordan
- **Implementing partners:** UNECE (lead entity) & ECLAC and ESCWA (UN regional commissions for Latin America and Western Asia respectively)



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Phases:

- I. Develop the initial set of Sustainable Inland Transport Indicators (SITCIN)
- II. Fact-finding missions to review national transport and logistics situation, resulting in five «national connectivity reports»
- III. National policy dialogue meetings to validate the reports
- IV. Tailor-made national capacity building programmes
- V. Concluding inter-regional forum



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SITCIN specifics:

- Measurable/ quantifiable & qualifiable
- Build on and incorporate existing indexes, e.g. the World Bank Doing Business Indicators, the Logistics Performance Index, the Time-Distance Methodology etc.
- Assess efficiency of both **soft** (e.g. regulatory framework) and **hard** (e.g. infrastructure) related aspects of the respective inland transport systems
- **Holistic scope** – incl. multi-modal transport and logistics systems, border crossing facilitation, transit, customs
- Provide basis for informed & evidence based policy-making

Thank you!



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