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Summary

This document provides additional information to the overview of capacity-building and technical assistance activities carried out under the UNECE subprogramme on Trade during the period 1 January 2014 – 30 June 2015. It includes activities carried out by the Regional Adviser.

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1	290525	Advisory services at the 2 nd Conference on Regional Multimodal Transport Logistics and Trade Networking, Tehran, Iran 14-16 February 2014	Provide advisory services on UNECE's standards and tools in trade facilitation (TF) and the Single Window (SW) to middle-level decision-makers in regulatory organizations and business from Iran to strengthen cooperation on standards, if sanctions are lifted. Build synergies with ECO in Central Asia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 148 middle-level decision-makers (incl. 28 women) trained on ECE's TF instruments. • Commitment of the Iranian government hosts and ECO to use UNCEFACT and ECE standards and transport conventions confirmed in the official decisions of the Conference. • Priority areas of work with the ECO's trade and international relations divisions agreed. 	RPTC USD 1612.29		ECO, IRU
2	290269	Advisory services, Minsk, Belarus, 19-21 February 2014	Provide advisory services to the Consultative Committee on Customs regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) and relevant Belorussian policy makers on TF and SW implementation. Assist the process of building political will for these objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important step in building political will for TF and SW in Belarus and EEC. • Strategic planning for TF and SW started with the support of EEC Commissioner for Customs with special reference to UNCEFACT and UNECE standards; • UNECE RA's keynote presentation used for the strategic planning documents. • An EEC resolution adopted a step-by-step approach for implementing TF and SW. 	XB, E-159 USD 1730.91		EEC

¹ Project Id numbers as per the UNECE Project Monitoring Tool <http://www.unece.org/info/open-unece/pmt.html>.

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3	293304	European Commission Eastern Partnership meeting., Brussels, 11-12 March 2014 This mission substituted a planned travel to Kiev, as the latter was cancelled due to security concerns.	Ensure DG TAXUD support for ECE activities on TF and SW in transition economies (EEC, Ukraine, S. Caucasus, SE Europe); represent UNECE at the 1 st meeting of the WCO WG on implementing the WTO TF Agreement (TFA); and agree with key partners from Ukraine and the European Commission (DG MOVE and DG DEVCO) on the next steps of our TF projects in Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement with DG TAXUD and WCO on joint activities in the EEC countries, Ukraine, and S.Caucasus; • good start for the WCO Working Group on implementing the WTO TF Agreement, to which UNECE and UNCEFACT have much to offer, as confirmed by WCO Directors and staff; • concept for a Maritime SW outlined with Ukrainian partners and discussed for support by EC; • Ukrainian national TF strategy draft improved. 	RPTC USD 934.21		European Commission, Ukraine, Georgia.
4	292881	BSEC Working Group meetings on Customs, Trade and Development, and Agriculture, Istanbul, 25-29 March 2014	Provide training for the members of the BSEC working groups on Customs, Trade and Development, and Agriculture as well as the BSEC secretariat on TF, the WTO TF Agreement (TFA) and available tools for TF implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 members of BSEC working groups trained on TF, the TFA, available UNECE and UNCEFACT standards, tools and instruments for TF implementation. • Cooperation launched on a draft TF strategy – first items discussed during the mission, using a first draft suggested by Turkey. UNECE invited to be a major contributor. 	RPTC USD 2001.76		The Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

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5	293984	13th meeting of the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on trade facilitation. Advisory services to Ministry of Economy and to GUAM, Kiev, 13-16 April 2014	Further develop the draft national TF strategy of Ukraine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New draft of the national TF strategy adopted by IWG, involving Customs, Ministry of Economy and Trade, and other agencies in the work. UNECE and UNCEFACT best practice recommendations and guides to be used as the basis of this strategic approach. 	RPTC USD 1607.65		Interagency Working Group on TF in Ukraine.
6	294747 (for two travels)	Organize 3 rd UNECE-Eurasian Economic Commission Conference on TF and SW, Almaty, 23-26 April 2014 This event is reported under the E217/E159 XB project.	(1) Organize 3 rd ECE-EEC Conference on TF & SW; draft its recommendations; (2) foster political support for TF and SW in Members of the Customs Union; (3) develop the SW & TF strategic plan of EEC; (4) review progress on implementing standards for data exchange in the Integrated Information System of the Customs Union with Messrs Khotko, Skiba, Galantamatis: prepare capacity-building: master-Class on SW and a technical seminar in 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd UNECE-EEC Conference organized to the high satisfaction of participants (public and private sectors); • decisions taken on next steps (notably on the joint technical study on the implementation of international standards for trade data exchange (notably, UNCEFACT standards) and a concluding seminar in Nov. 2014 to discuss implementation of its recommendations); • policy recommendations adopted, for presentation to the EEC Council (Deputy Prime Ministers) • document <i>Main Directions of Development of Single Window Facilities in the System of Foreign Trade Regulation</i> based on the results of the E159 project endorsed. See: http://www.eurasiancommission.org/docs/Download.aspx?IsDlg=0&print=1&ID=5316 	XB E-159 and RPTC USD 3760.04 (for 2 travels)	This event is reported under the E217/E159 XB project.	EEC

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7		National Workshop on Trade Facilitation in Ukraine. Consultations with the ministries of economy and infrastructure of Ukraine Kiev, 27-30 April 2014.	Present the results of the work accomplished by UNECE in TF in Ukraine; build synergies for the further development of the national TF strategy, projects and capacity-building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon invitation from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Customs, and other ministries, UNECE and other agencies started working together on the national TF strategy; establishing a national TF body; Ukrainian support for work on TF in the BSEC area; • UNECE invited to organize training on TF, TFIG and the WTO TFA; UNCEFACT / UNECE TF recommendations recognized as basic tools for TF implementation 		0	Government of Ukraine; The Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting.
8	295937	Regional UNDP-BOMCA (Border Management in Central Asia), USAID Round Table on the Single Window in Central Asia Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 5-8 May 2014	Deliver training on TF, SW and regional information exchange among SW; develop further projects with the Korean aid agency KOIKA, UNDP, USAID. UNECE Regional Adviser was invited as he had been instrumental in launching the Uzbekistan SW on exports – commended in the World Bank's Doing Business report: see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP, UNECE, Uzbek Customs, other Government agencies and KOICA set up the basis for a second phase of Uzbekistan's SW (for exports). • Kazakhstan suggested further stock-taking event on SW in Central Asia 10 years after the UNECE organized the first seminar on TF and SW in Central Asia (in Almaty), focused on UNECE Recommendation 33 and the other UNCEFACT SW recommendations. UNDP, USAID and other development partners supported this approach. 	At no cost to UN. Cost covered by UNDP BOMCA	0	UNDP, Government of Uzbekistan

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			http://www.doingbusiness.org/reforms/overview/economy/uzbekistan				
9	296389	The 4th UNECE Seminar on TF and the Single Window – Local Solution Odessa, Ukraine, 26-28 May 2014.	Organize the 4th UNECE Seminar on Trade Facilitation and Single Window – Local Solution, and show continuity of support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought together all stakeholders a year after the Port Community System (PCS) became operational to step up its development. The PCS operator had been called PPL 33-35 in direct recognition of its development on the basis of UNCEFACT Recommendations 33, 34, and 35 on the SW. • Reviewed the concept of a maritime/ transport sector SW project, using Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and EC's legal documents. <p>On progress see www.singlewindow.org</p>	RPTC USD 1600.84		Government of Ukraine, Interagency Working Group on Trade facilitation
10	299597	Advisory mission on TF and SW in Armenia Yerevan, 4-7 June 2014.	Provide advisory services to the Government of Armenia in formulating a vision on TF and SW development to support transparent exchange of data, and build an enabling environment for SW in Armenia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level decision-makers in Armenian Government and UNDP understood better the SW concept, the phased approach to planning its implementation, and the need for a strategic approach to TF. • UNECE (the Regional Adviser) prepared a report outlining the main directions for planning and implementing a SW in Armenia, which was then used in a project plan prepared for the Government and EU. • Practically, all countries in 	At no cost to UN. Cost covered by UNDP, Armenia	0	UNDP, Government of Armenia

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				which the Regional Adviser works have maintained or changed by one place their ratings in the World Bank's Trading across Border rating, apart from Armenia, whose rating improved by 14 places (from 124 to 110)			
11	299606 (for 2 travels)	Advisory mission and consultations with EC and WCO, Brussels, 17-18 June 2014	a) Provide advisory services at the launching meeting of an EU SW Project Group (SWPG) on ECE activities on the SW in the transition economies, and the ECE TF recommendations. (b) Further involve DG TAXUD to support for UNECE TF and SW activities in the transition economies; (c) Discuss with WCO (Donald Tan) joint activities (SW seminar in Uzbekistan and joint edition of the FT Glossary).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG TAXUD highly appreciated UNCEFACT's TF recommendations and standards, and UNECE's best practice experience and contributions, and invited UNECE to become a member of the EU SW Project Group; • DG TAXUD confirmed commitment to support joint activities in transition economies, where UNECE leads in fostering the use of universal standards for TF and information exchange, notably the UNECE and UNCEFACT standards and recommendations; • joint activities in Central Asia and EEC agreed with WCO; • The study on use of international standards, notably UNCEFACT and WCO standards, in the Integrated Information System for mutual and foreign trade in the Customs Union (IISVVT) by 	RPTC USD 2096.69 (for 2 travels)		European Commission

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				Michael Dill developed further – to establish SW mechanisms in the Customs Union countries, aligned with major trading partners (EU). Special interest expressed in the UNCEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM).			
12		Advisory mission and consultation with RCC and SEE, Bucharest, 18-20 June 2014	Provide advisory services at the annual RCC meeting and represent UNECE as the UNECE focal point for SEE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE's contributions through its trade facilitation norms, standards and tools, to cooperation and development in SEE aligned with RCC's 2020 programme. 			Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) for Southeast Europe (SEE)
13	300761	Technical cooperation seminar on SW and TF in Albania, Tirana, Albania, 7-9 July 2014	Provide latest information on SW recommendations and standards in UNECE, UNCTAD, and the EU; develop the outline of a SW action plan in parallel with the upgrade of the ASYCUDA World system in Albania.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE and UNCTAD, working together towards realizing an agreed OneUN objective, drafted with the participants in the seminar a list of activities to be implemented in a short term pilot phase and a longer-term full-scale SW project, aligned with the EU developments in SW. The UNECE, UNCEFACT and WCO standards and recommendations placed at the centre. 	XB, SECI - E-123 USD 1513.24	USD 404.08 For the logistics of organizing the seminar	Government of Albania, UNCTAD, UNDP, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
14	301464	UNECE-OSCE training on the UNECE Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG), OSCE Border Management Staff College,	Organize a 3-day training on the UNECE Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide as an information tool gathering all international norms,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 middle-level managers from Ministries of Economy and Trade, Customs, other Government agencies and the business community in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan trained on the key TF 	At no cost for the UN. Costs covered by OSCE, Dushanbe.	0	OSCE Border Management College in Dushanbe, Government of Tajikistan

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		Dushanbe 20-24 July 2014	standards, and recommendations and other instruments for trade facilitation (including the UNCEFACT standards and instruments); identify follow-up activities. Explore interest in further cooperation on trade facilitation (TF) and the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)	by UNECE at the OSCE Border Management Staff College, Dushanbe). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants trained on assessment of needs and the implementation of the WTO TFA. 			
15	302882	Training on the Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG). 15 th meeting of the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Trade Facilitation Kiev, 26-30 August 2014	Organize and carry out training on the UN Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG) for Ukrainian agencies dealing with TF. Provide advisory services to the IWG on TF and Logistics on implementing TF measures and projects supported by the group in the new situation in Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 participants from regulatory agencies and the business community in Ukraine trained to use TFIG in their work on TF, notably how to use the international norms, standards and recommendations collected there. • Recommendations for action on TF drafted and sent to the new authorities of Ukraine. • Request to UNECE to help assess Ukraine's readiness to implement the WTO TF Agreement and train top managers of the economic ministries on TF and the TFIG. 	RPTC USD 1831.68	External consultant provided from the Czech (EDIFACT) project	Government of Ukraine, Interagency Working Group on Trade facilitation

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IWG drafted a letter to the Prime Minister asking him to endorse the Group as a national TF body. 			
16	303451	Organize training on SW, and provide advisory services, Moscow, 3-9 September 2014	Organize one-day training on SW planning and TF. Advise the 1 st meeting of the EEC Working Group on the SW on finalizing their strategic plan, linking it to national projects, and implementing international TF standards and best practice recommendations and tools. Involve the business community in the UNECE-supported work on TF and SW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNECE brought together EU, ASEAN and national SW project managers to exchange experience on trade information exchange – best practice experience used in drafting a strategic plan for SW implementation. Participants trained on the importance of using international standards and recommendations (including those of UNECE and UNCEFACT) in planning for the SW. EEC established a Working Group, chaired by its Commissioner on Customs, to finalize and execute a strategic plan (approved by the EEC Presidents) on SW implementation: the result of ECE's capacity-building in 2013-2014 under projects E159 and E217. EU, ASEAN and national SW models and the study on international standards for TF and SW presented at the UNECE seminars to be used in the EEC countries. 	XB – Russian voluntary contribution project E-217 USD 3336.50	This event is reported under the E217 XB project.	EEC, European Commission, WCO

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17	303439	Joint UNECE-BSEC (Black Sea Economic Cooperation) Seminar and advisory services during the BSEC Working Group meetings on Customs and Trade Istanbul, 24-28 September 2014.	Organize a joint UNECE-BSEC seminar on Trade Facilitation and Port Community Systems/Single Window; Promote the idea of a regional trade facilitation strategy for the BSEC countries; Promote the implementation of Port Community Systems in the BSEC region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 participants from regulatory agencies in the BSEC Members trained on drafting a TF strategy and implementing Port Community Systems , using international standards • Launched work on a draft TF Strategy, based on proposals and materials of UNECE and a concept paper on TF proposed by Turkey. 	RPTC USD 1667.14	DSAs for participants provided through UNDP USD 2317.00	The Black Sea , Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
18	303473	Advisory services at the EU high-level seminar on the Future of Electronic Customs with Special Focus on Single Window Implementation, Venice, 13-15 October 2014	Advise the high level seminar on ECE's experience in building interagency cooperation for SW implementation and on UNECE's recommendations, standards and tools. Agree further joint activities with DG TAXUD, EU Member States and WCO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE contribution to building interagency cooperation in SW implementation for the EU well accepted; massive interest in UNCEFACT Recommendations 33, 34, and 35. • New joint activities agreed for transition economies neighbouring EU. 	At no cost to UN Cost covered by the European Commission's Customs 2020 programme.		European Commission Taxation and Customs Union Directorate-General (DG TAXUD)
19		Regional seminar on the Single Window, organized by PortNet – the Moroccan Single Window operator Port of Casablanca, Morocco, 2-4 Nov. 2014	Provide advisory services on TF and SW at the regional seminar (journée d'information). Establish synergies between a very successful model of maritime SW in Morocco and the transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE's contribution on standards well accepted, notably by the port authorities, government agencies and PortNet. • Morocco and Kenya to participate in UNCEFACT work on Rec. 36. 	At no cost to UN. Cost covered by PortNet Morocco	0	PortNet Morocco

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			economies at the other end of the EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with transition economies (Ukraine) on Port Community Systems agreed. 			
20	308421	UNECE-EEC-FCS Conference “Modernization of Customs Union Legislation (international and regional experience) and Technical Aspects of Single Window Implementation” Moscow, 19-21 November 2014	Organize 2-day Conference on the technical aspects of TF and SW implementation in the countries of the Customs Union. Present a UNECE and UNCEFACT approach to standardization and trade information exchange for SW. Review with EEC the implementation of the strategic plan on SW, and plan a broader review for 2015. Provide overall advice on TF and SW planning and implementation strategies. Agree on the structure of two publications with materials from the organizational and policy seminars and conferences organized from April 2013 to September 2014, and from the technical conference in Nov. 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last planned event for 2014 under E217 project successfully co-organized by ECE, EEC, the Russian Federal Customs Service (FCS) and Customs Academy (RCA). • Two UNCEFACT vice chairs and Michael Dill (ECE consultant on developing Data Model for SW) worked with the hosts on developing solutions for the IT system for trade in the EEU, aligned with international standards. • UNECE and Michael Dill provided methodological advice. On this basis, the EEC countries and the business community endorsed the implementation of UNECE and UNCEFACT standards and recommendations as a priority. • Final review of the accomplishments of the E217 project. Follow up for 2015 agreed. • UNECE and EEC prepared the structure and distributed the tasks for finalizing two publications with the products of the project. • UNCEFACT and EEC agreed 	XB Russian voluntary contribution project E-217 USD 2480.49	This event (including expenditures) is reported under the E217 XB project.	

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				on the way EEC experts should contribute to the standards development work of CEFACT.			
21	310592	UNECE, UN FAO and World Bank joint workshop "Benchmarking of Land Administration Systems and Implementation of Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) in the UNECE Region", Baku, Azerbaijan, 24-29 November 2014	Support the organization of a UNECE, UN FAO and World Bank joint workshop in support of the UNECE Working Party on Land management and its secretary: Amy Figueiredo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE, UN FAO and World Bank joint workshop successfully organized with concrete input from the countries to the work of UNECE – discussed and agreed at a meeting of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Management. 	RPTC: 2 DSAs USD 632.00 At no cost: ticket		
22	313044	UNDP/USAID Round Table on the Single Window, Tashkent, 2-5 December 2014.	Provide support and expertise to the Government of Uzbekistan (notably Customs), KOICA and UNDP in the implementation of the second phase of the Single Window project in Uzbekistan. Discuss a SW Master Plan for Uzbekistan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of governmental agencies in Uzbekistan, UNDP, KOICA, USAID, IFC and others understood and appreciated better the need for planning the implementation of SW as a major TF tool. • Agreement for further cooperation and use of the UNECE / UNCEFACT tools and instruments. 	At no cost. Costs covered by UNDP, Uzbekistan	0	UNDP, Government of Uzbekistan
23	312190	Training on TFIG and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for high-level policy	Organize training for high-level policy-makers on the Trade Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 vice ministers and several heads of departments of regulatory agencies trained • High-level political commitment 	RPTC USD 2049.27	0	UNCTAD, Government of Ukraine, Interagency

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		makers; 16 th meeting of the IWG; training for the national consultants who would carry out a survey of the readiness of Ukraine to implement the measures in the WTO TF Agreement; carry out one interview together with the consultants with a key regulatory agency, Kiev, 8-13 Dec. 2014.	Implementation Guide (TFIG) and readiness assessment WTO TF Agreement. Train the consultants on how to carry out interviews assessing the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TF Agreement. Carry out a model interview with a high-level official from a key regulatory agency. Provide policy advice to the 16 th meeting of the IWG.	to carry out the assessment of Ukraine's readiness to implement the WTO TFA achieved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Ukraine's readiness to implement the WTO TF Agreement launched. • First interview with the head of Customs carried out. • Consultants trained on how to do the interviews for the readiness studies. • Interagency cooperation on Ukraine's SW reinforced. 			Working Group on trade facilitation

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24	317061	Meeting of the IWG launching the national TF body in Ukraine. Managing the survey on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TF Agreement. Kiev, Ukraine, 24 -28 February 2015.	Field trip: assist the TF body in Ukraine (IWG) work as the platform for carrying out the assessment of the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TF Agreement, supported by UNECE. Prepare the schedule of interviews; draft letters to all relevant agencies; solicit endorsement from vice ministers and other policy-makers. Prepare the ground for validation process of the study. Review plans for further work on the Odessa Port Community System.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant progress made with the readiness assessment study. • The IWG on TF and Logistics formally acts as a national TF body providing the institutional basis for the study • Deputy Ministers of economy, transport, and other agencies issued instructions to their staff to respond to the interviews. • Preparations for a peer review of the Odessa Port Community System prepared. • National TF strategy and a possible study on procedural and regulatory barriers to trade discussed. 	RPTC USD 1759.36	0	Government of Ukraine, Interagency Working Group on Trade facilitation, UNCTAD
25	318361	Advisory services on Central Asian regional cooperation Gerzensee, Bern, Switzerland, 2-3 March 2015	Upon suggestion by the Chairman of the SPECA PWG on Trade, explore possible synergies between the SPECA PWG on Trade, the Emerging Markets Forum and the OECD, with a focus on regional cooperation in trade in Central Asia. Use insights from partners to develop TF and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation agreed with the Emerging Markets Forum, OECD, and WTO, to foster regional trade cooperation and integration (build synergies for the SPECA PWG on Trade); and cooperate on studies (UNECE and Central Asia 2050 Study); • Cooperate drafting TF strategy for the SPECA countries, NTB studies, etc. 	RPTC USD 411.39		

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			development strategy for the SPECA countries.				
26	317064	Advisory services on drafting a BSEC TF strategy (following up on the results of the joint UNECE-BSEC seminar in Sept. 2014) during the meetings of the BSEC WGs on Customs, Trade, and Transport, Istanbul, Turkey, BSEC HQ, 3-6 Mar. 2015.	Contribute to the further development of the draft regional trade facilitation strategy for the BSEC countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decisions of the meeting endorsed the draft regional TF agenda and invited all countries to make, in cooperation with national and international experts, contributions to finalizing the draft strategy by 1 June 2015. The UNECE RA actually prepared this draft by 1 June 2015. 	RPTC USD 1724.05	0	The Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
27	321273	Assessment of the findings of the survey on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA); meeting of the IWG on Trade Facilitation and Logistics. Prepare the 5 th UNECE Odessa seminar on the Single Window and trade facilitation (June 2015). Kiev, Customs HQ and other locations, 27 April – 1 May 2015.	Carry out a high-level seminar to review the details of the survey on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TFA: present the issues (UNECE, WTO, and UNCTAD); present the results of the study; discuss them with the stakeholder agencies. Draft recommendations and agree them with the stakeholders, using the IWG as a platform (a national TF body of Ukraine). Prepare next steps for the national TF strategy. Organize the first practical event in implementation of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First draft of the study on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TF Agreement completed and discussed in detail at the seminar with relevant stakeholders. Key issues and problems in the understanding of TF measures clarified with the stakeholders Key policy recommendations drafted, discussed and distributed. As the platform for the seminar was provided by the Interagency Working Group on Trade, the survey and the seminar became a major step in consolidating the national TF body in Ukraine, in compliance with art.23 paragraph 2 of the WTO TFA and UN/CEFACT Recommendation No. 4. 	RPTC USD 1592.55	RPTC USD 6259.50 (for the consultants who drafted the study) RPTC USD 1127.74 Travel for Mr Poul Hansen, UNCTAD, resource person and co-organizer of the	Government of Ukraine, Interagency Working Group on Trade facilitation, UNCTAD

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			UNECE-UNCTAD-ITC MoU on joint support for the implementation of the WTO TFA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority areas for work identified, identifying items for action plans for regulatory agencies. • Recommendation that the results of the survey provide the basis for the development of a national strategic plan for TF. • Preparations started for a final validation seminar later in 2015. • Several development partners (EU, World Bank, Sweden, UNCTAD, ITC, and USAID, as well as the UNECE management shared plans to assist Ukraine, once it defines gaps and priorities in implementing the WTO TFA. 		study	
28	322746	Annual EDI Symposium of the Czech national trade facilitation body FITPRO; HQ of the Czech economic Chamber, Prague, Czech Republic, 14 -15 May 2015.	Provide advisory services at the annual symposium of FITPRO - the Czech national TF body – on new developments of standards in UNECE and CEFACT, review cooperation and plan further joint activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FITPRO took note of the new products of UNECE and CEFACT, including the revision of Rec. 4; new Rec. 36; the status of Rec. 6; assistance for self-assessments and implementation of the WTO TFA, TFIG; etc. FITPRO requested renewed collaboration between itself, UNECE and the Ministry of Industry and Trade. 	EAA XB, E-904 USD 1251.67		Czech Government, FITPRO

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29	324040	5th UNECE Seminar on TF and SW in Odessa "From Local Solution to a National Strategy". Follow up on the finalization of the study on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TF Agreement. Development of a national TF Strategy. Meetings with Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Odessa, Ukraine, 31 May – 2 June 2015.	Organize a UNECE TF seminar with three elements: (1) Peer review by experts from Morocco, Singapore, Moldova and the EU of the functioning of the Port Community System (PSC) PPL33-35, preceded by a visit to the Port of Odessa. (2) Progress in the study on Ukraine's readiness to implement the WTO TF Agreement and the national TF strategy. (3) Organize a session on Public Private Partnerships in Ports. Present the current work of UNECE on trade and trade facilitation in Ukraine at the 2015 Odessa Transport Forum. By involving the head of the PortNet project in Morocco (which brought Morocco from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete recommendations from the peer review for further improvement of the functioning of the Port Community System • Review of the results of the first draft of the study on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TF Agreement, and how to develop and implement a national TF strategic plan. Plans to move to the next stage of implementing a SW (the PCS in Odessa being a "local SW solution") a national maritime SW, using the experience of the success story in Odessa to which UNECE contributed significantly. • Recommended course of action for cooperation between the UNECE PPP team and the relevant partners in Ukraine, including Ukraine's participation in UNECE's work on standards in PPPs in Ports. In this sense, a Business Advisory Board consultation with the Ukrainian authorities planned. 	RPTC USD 1338.12	Co-traveller Katia Adamo	Government of Ukraine, Interagency Working Group on Trade facilitation, UNCTAD
	325515	Third joint UNECE-EEC Seminar "Methodological Approaches and Practical Results of	Organize and carry out a follow-up seminar planned under the UNECE-EEC cooperation plan at the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up event to the E217 project successfully organized by the EEC and ECE, with a focus on taking stock of Business Process Analysis 	RPTC USD 2058.51 (for 2 travels)		EEC

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		Modelling and Analysis of State Procedures and Business Processes in Single Window Mechanisms for Trade Facilitation", Moscow, EEC HQ, 14-15 June 2015	EEC HQ in Moscow. Present the overall methodology for Business Process Analysis (BPA) for SW. Take stock of presentations of the countries' experience and level of SW implementation; draft recommendations for a methodology of assessing progress, notably in the implementation of the EEC SW reference model. Agree with the EEC possibilities for joint action to further the results of our joint project.	<p>experience in the countries, and preparing a joint methodology for BPA. The use of UNCEFACT and UNNExT standards, recommendations and guides became essential in this BPA methodology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General assessment of the experience of the 5 EEC Member States in implementing SW carried out, in compliance with the EEC long term plan until 2020 and the detailed plan for 2015. • Outline of a methodology for Business Process Analysis drafted, using UNCEFACT and UNNExT standards, recommendations and guides. • Major step ahead in implementing the General Directions to build SW mechanisms in the EEU, and of the detailed plan of actions for 2015. 	Part if the ticket at no cost for the UN (GIZ to travel to Issykkul)		
		seminar on implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in Central Asia, Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan, 16-17 June 2015	Deliver training on the readiness assessment and implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, together with UNCTAD, GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on implementation of TF (WTO TF Agreement) well organized in perfect cooperation between GIZ, UNECE, and UNCTAD • Middle-level managers from Ministries of Economy and 			GIZ

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			and other partners for 4 Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.	<p>Trade, Customs, other Government agencies and the business community in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan demonstrated interest and capacity to use the results of the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance for the self-assessment of needs and first steps in explaining the challenges of implementation of the WTO TF Agreement provided. 			
		Mission in support of joint UNECE/UNCTAD Single Window Project in Albania	Discuss with Albania customs the organization of the project Improved capacity of governmental trade control agencies in Albania to implement SW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants from all relevant regulatory agencies informed at a seminar about the latest developments in the EU SW Environment and the development of the WCO V3 data model. • Importance of data models for the simplification of cross border trade explained and UNECE expertise and support to develop an Albanian Data Model offered to Customs. • Excellent cooperation with UNCTAD in a OneUN project, where UNCTAD provides expertise in ASYCUDA (suggested implementation of the ASYCER electronic license system in Albania) and UNECE works on data harmonization 	RPTC Tentative USD 1451.26		UNCTAD

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				and electronic document mappings required for this system would be developed through the UNECE data model component of the project.			
		Ninth Meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Trade: High-Level Seminar on Regional Trade Cooperation in Central Asia, Geneva, 3 July 2015	Brainstorming on the demanded future work of the SPECA PWG on Trade with the participation of high-level policy makers from the SPECA countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Vice Ministers, heads of departments, diplomats and representatives of a number of international organizations and development partners debated on the desired situation and contributions of the SPECA working group on trade. • A list of desired activities outlined in the recommendations by the countries. • Clear will to support regional cooperation in trade in the SPECA countries stated. 		To be calculated	The SPECA Member States, UNCTAD, ITC, UNIDO, UNRCCA, GIZ, USAID, Emergina Markets Forum, etc.