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**UNECE's advisory services in
trade facilitation, trade and
economic cooperation**

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Advisory services and capacity-building

UNECE Regional Adviser - support transition economies in the implementation of trade facilitation standards, best practice recommendations and other tools (notably UNECE / CEFAC tools); assist trade policy development and regional cooperation; and other programmes of the ECT Division.

- WTO TFA readiness assessment for Azerbaijan in 2017
- Ukraine – support for the Single Window (functioning since Feb. 2018), IWG on TF, PCS in Odessa (include info flows on agri exports).
- Support to EU Task Force on legal aspects of Single Window
- BSEC Trade Facilitation Strategy and seminar on SW interoperability
- Eurasian Economic Union – seminar on data sharing, Moscow, Dec.17

Paradox: UNECE and CEFAC in 2000 at centre of international trade facilitation. After Bali WTO Conference and TFA entry into force 22 Feb. 2017 – many other IOs active. Now that wave may have passed: UNECE may come closer to the centre again.

- Finalized a project on seed potato labs in Russia
- General support to SPECA, including: SPECA WG on Trade (regional TF strategy; principles for sustainable trade; water-trade-environment nexus for SD)

Advisory services and capacity-building

Two projects on capacity-building on 4 items of TFA, where ECE has comparative advantage (TFA art. 10.1, 10.3, 10.4, 23.2) + BPA and monitoring mechanism (with ESCAP) developed by RA, launched in 2018:

- a. UNDA focus on 4 pivotal countries (Georgia, fYR Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine);**
- b. Russian funding: for SPECA countries (AF, AZ, KZ, KG, TJ, TM, UZ)**

Possible projects in support for data harmonization and national data model development in transition economies that need it (e.g. AZ or UA), aligned with EU Support for SW interoperability – e.g. in the BSEC

Project to support the establishment of (3) seed potato laboratories, in compliance with UNECE standards

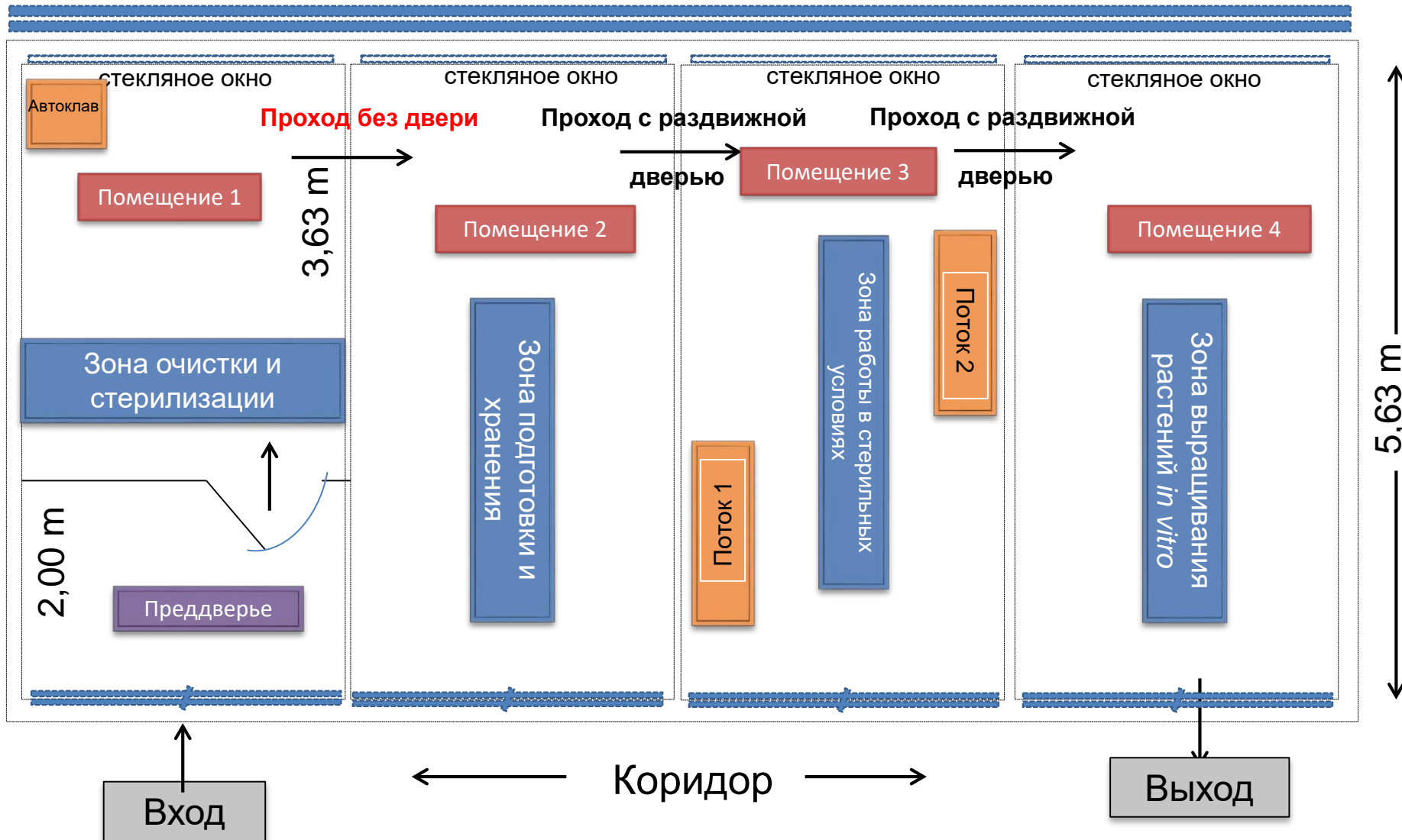
Shushari seed potato laboratory (St Petersburg)

- 1. Fact finding mission; agreement with host laboratory on their needs**
- 2. Plan and list of equipment to be procured.**
- 3. Procurement (UNOG)**
- 4. Last visit, checking equipment, training for staff, opening of the laboratory**

План реконструкции

Лаборатория *in vitro* Шушары / Санкт-Петербург

Расположение зонтов вытяжки горячего воздуха



Project on seed potato labs in Russia finalized

Training of laboratory staff



Opening the laboratory



Policy advisory work and capacity-building

The Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 and the SDGs now at the centre of UN's work

Two sub-regional events on the SDGs and trade:

- a. 10 July 2017 for Central Asia (SPECA)**
- b. 11-12 Oct. 2017 Podgorica for the Western Balkans: Trade and Transport-related SDGs**

14 principles for sustainable trade: two background documents for the two sub-regions.

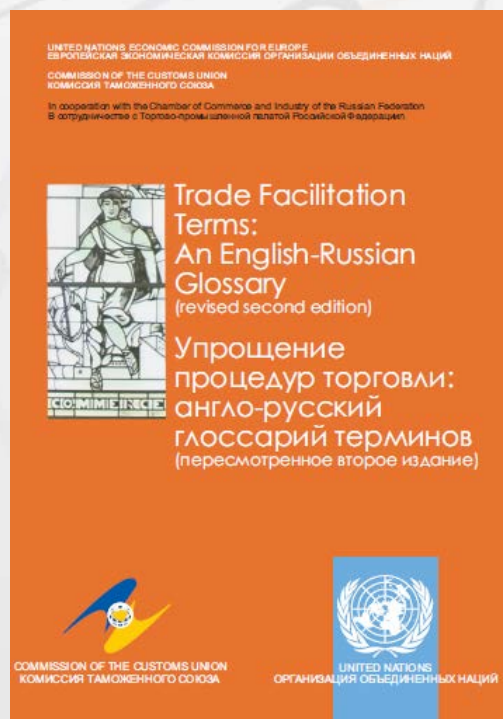
Trade – not duly represented in the SDGs

Trade Facilitation – cutting waste (1-pager on TF and SDGs)

Glossary of trade facilitation terms

- An English-Russian dictionary of trade facilitation terms
- Second edition 2012
- Now: third edition + make it multilingual
- Currently, review the English texts (TFA terms added)
- Translation into Chinese negotiated
- Translation into Arabic, French and Spanish to be agreed
- Discussion with UNOG publications for an electronic multilingual dictionary

Assistance
needed



Thank you!