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Cornerstones of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia**

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** conditionally upon the commissioning by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development*

Structure of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

Project Objective

The implementation of trade facilitation measures in Central Asia has improved

Outputs

Risk management systems for border clearance are improved

Simplified transit procedures are introduced

The involvement of the private sector in policy making for trade facilitation has improved

Innovative measures of trade facilitation have been piloted

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Outputs of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

OUTPUT I

Risk management systems for border clearance are improved

- ❖ In 3 of the 4 Central Asian countries, the border authorities (including customs, veterinary, environmental, health and border control authorities) use **harmonised methods of risk analysis** on the basis of exchanged risk data.
- ❖ The number of **physical inspections** by customs authorities has **decreased** by an average of 20% in 3 countries.

SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 7a

OUTPUT II

Simplified transit procedures are introduced

- ❖ The **Electronic Pre-Declaration (EPD)** of the Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR) Convention is applied in 3 of the 4 Central Asian countries.
- ❖ **E-TIR corridors** are established in 2 of the 4 countries.

SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 13

Outputs of the new project *Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*

OUTPUT III

The involvement of the private sector in policy making for trade facilitation has improved

- ❖ 15 additional recommendations of the **private sector** are presented in working groups of the **national structures for trade facilitation** in 3 countries (e.g. introduction of TIR corridors, proposals for optimising procedures at pilot border crossings points or pilot customs clearance offices).

SPECA Strategy Indicator(s): 1, 3, 4, 9

OUTPUT IV

Innovative measures of trade facilitation have been piloted

- ❖ For **pilot trade facilitation measures** at 2 selected border crossing points and/or customs offices, a cooperation agreement on the mandate and objectives of the pilot actions has been concluded between the responsible national authorities and the private sector involved.
- ❖ 2 analyses on the effects of trade facilitation (e.g. policy impact assessments, potentials and risks) and/or relevant/innovative trends in regional/global trade (e.g. e-commerce, Belt and Road Initiative) are available for **regional exchange**.

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