

# **Results of the UNDA project 1213AA UNECE sub-project**

Seminar for the Promotion of Electronic Exchange of Customs Information and the Adoption of Standard Electronic Messages

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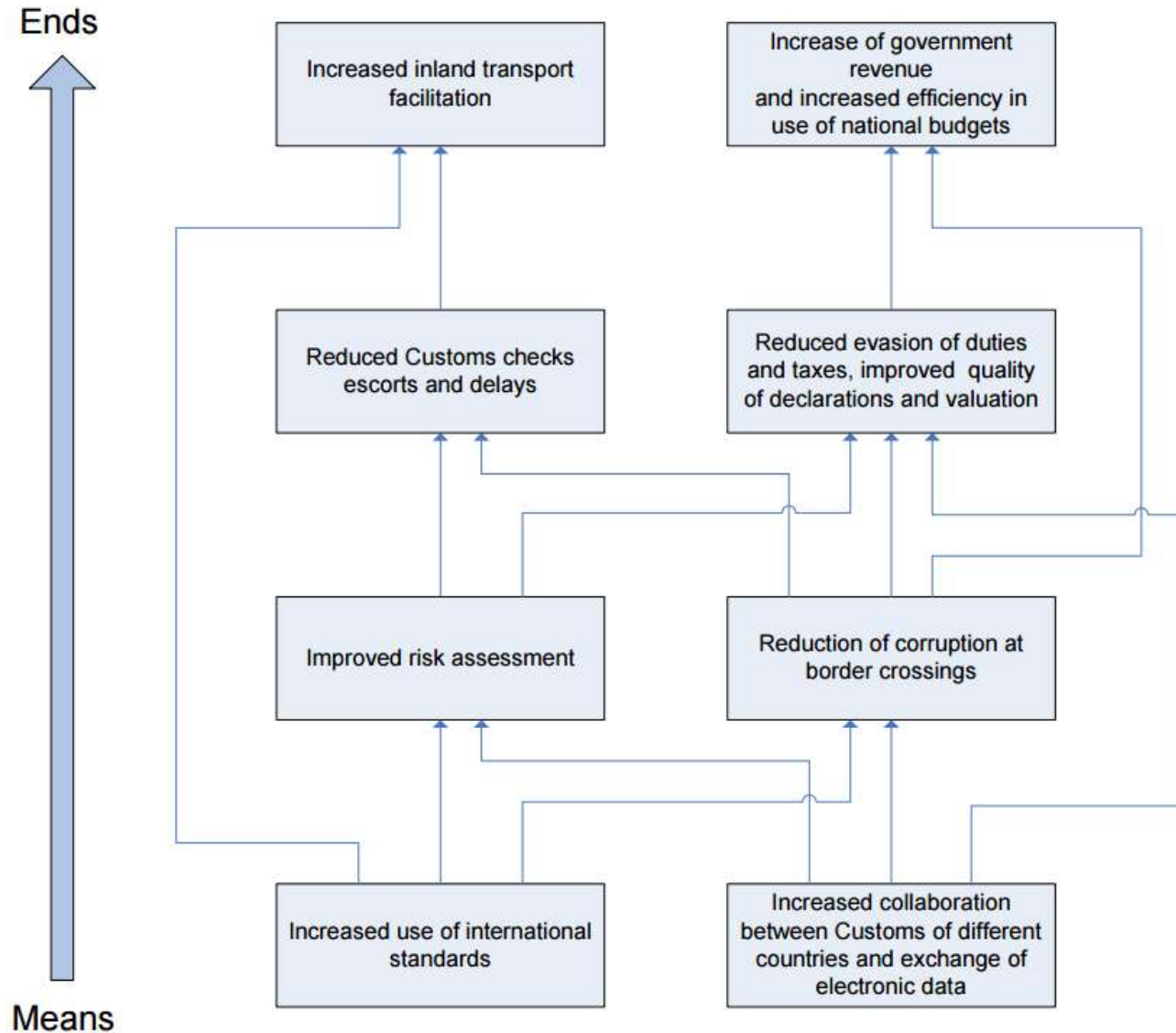
# UNDA 1213AA project

## Expected accomplishments

1. Increased capacity to **exchange secure electronic C2C transit information** by the pilot countries with their neighbouring countries and trade partners.
2. Increased capacity to **utilize international standard electronic messages** in the field of transit procedures by the pilot countries and their neighbouring countries, in particular B2C information.

# UNDA 1213AA project

## Objectives



# UNDA 1213AA project

## Activities and status

Activities	Status
Gap analyses	Completed in all regions
1st inter-regional Expert Group meeting	8 December 2014: pilot countries selected and objectives defined
Development and deployment of a secure C2C versatile electronic exchange platform	Completed <b><i>Will be presented today</i></b>
Provision of technical assistance to undertake actual C2C exchange of transit data or devise action plans.	<b><i>Will be presented today by all RC</i></b>
Technical workshops to build capacity in the field of C2C exchange	ECLAC - San José – 16-17 June 2015 UNECE - Tbilisi – 22-23 June 2015 ECLAC - Issyk Kul – 7-8 Sept. 2015 ECA / ESCWA – Casablanca – 2-4 Dec. 2015
2nd inter-regional Expert Group meeting and Seminar: to evaluate and promote the results of the project and, more generally, the benefits of C2C exchange of transit information and the adoption of standards	Geneva, 20-22 June 2016

# UNECE sub-project

- Gap Analysis of Current Legal and Technical Framework for Electronic C2C Exchange of Transit Information between Georgia and Neighboring Countries
- Customs-to-Customs Data Exchange Workshop - Tbilisi - June 22-23, 2015
- Georgia-Turkey eTIR pilot project
  - 2 Technical meetings (March and November 2015)
  - Terms of Reference (ToR)
  - Project virtual space (Confluence)
  - Technical assistance to Georgia Customs

# Gap analysis - Georgia

## Conclusions

- Based on analysis of the existing legal environment, Georgian customs is judged to be **ready and able (legally and technically) to participate in the pilot implementation** of C2C real-time electronic exchange of transit data.
- However, Georgian customs will **require some additional support** to ensure the systematization of technical and operational approaches.
- There are no expectations for significant technical and legal obstacles coming from neighbouring countries (Turkey and Azerbaijan), but information security standards, adopted by neighbours, could potentially require additional attention from Georgian customs.

# Customs-to-Customs Data Exchange Workshop

Tbilisi - June 22-23, 2015

- Attendance: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan**
- Speakers : **Armenia, Azerbaijan, European Commission, GEC, Georgia, IRU, Turkey, Ukraine, UNCTAD, UNECE and Uzbekistan .**
- Conclusions and recommendations
  - ✓ C2C for risk assessment
  - ✓ eTIR
  - ✓ WCO DM
  - ✓ ...
- Overall meeting evaluation: **4.5**



## Conclusions and Recommendations

The participants thanked UNECE and the Georgia Revenue Service for the organization of the Customs-to-Customs Data Exchange Workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia on 22-23 June 2015.

### In conclusion

Participants agreed that Customs-to-Customs (C2C) electronic exchange of information will greatly support risk assessment, the control operations and, ultimately, facilitate legitimate trade, improve and secure border crossing as well as reducing related costs. However, they pointed out that internationally standardized Business-to-Customs (B2C) electronic messages for export are only facilitate the exchange of information to the business community, but also the exchange of data among customs administrations.

Participants stressed the importance of completing the TIR procedure (eTIR). They underlined the importance of carrying out pilot projects, not only to demonstrate the feasibility of the concepts derived over the years, but also to transfer the technical design of the solution that will ultimately be implemented. They also emphasized that, in parallel to the pilot projects, all relevant should be done to prepare the legal framework of eTIR, possibly, in the form of a protocol, which will facilitate the processes required for the TIR procedure in trade operations.

Moreover, participants recognized the importance of the World Customs Organization (WCO) role could, not only in facilitating the adoption of information from the private sector to governments, but also to facilitate the exchange of data between customs administrations. They recalled the importance of C2C data exchange as a fundamental part of the SAFE Framework of Standards as well as the (WCO) Supported Customs (SCS) concept.

Furthermore, participants welcomed the information on the Success of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) SAFE DTA program that allows the management of transit operations, based on TIR or its alternatives, as well as eTIR and C2C data exchange.

Finally, participants greatly welcomed the exchange of best practices and the opportunities provided to learn, to meet direct, how data exchange issues related to trade and their work in other countries.

Participants underlined the importance of conducting similar events on topics such as risk management and other measures in the customs area.

All participants completed an evaluation form. The results of the evaluation are provided in Annex.

# Georgia Turkey eTIR pilot project

Parties

Organization



Customs Administrations

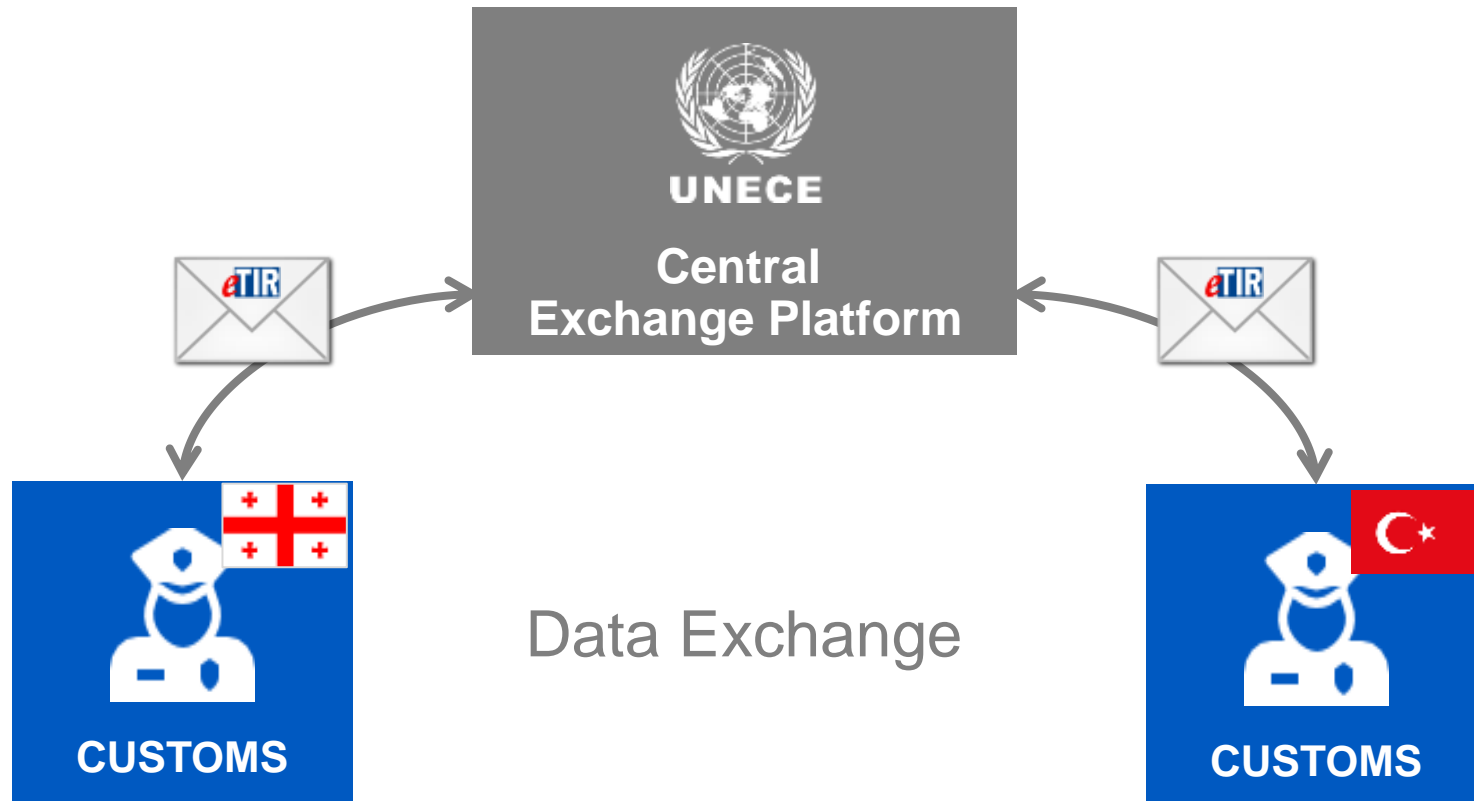


Consultants





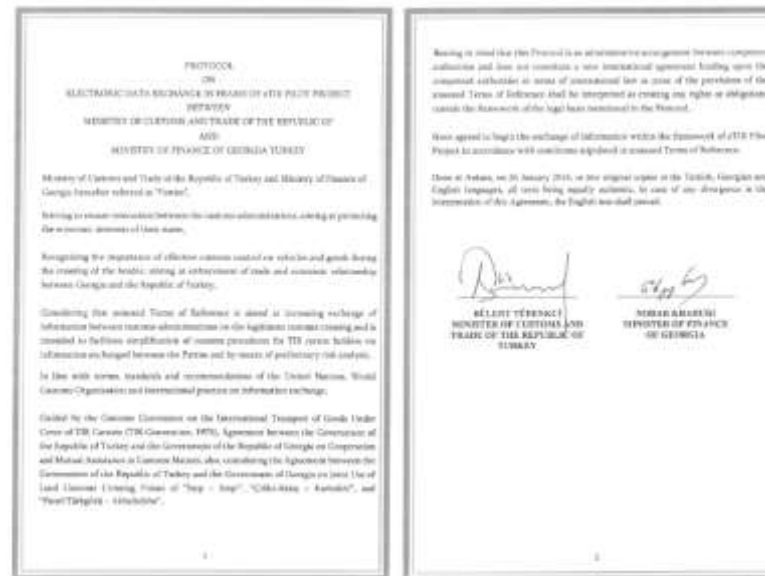
# Objective



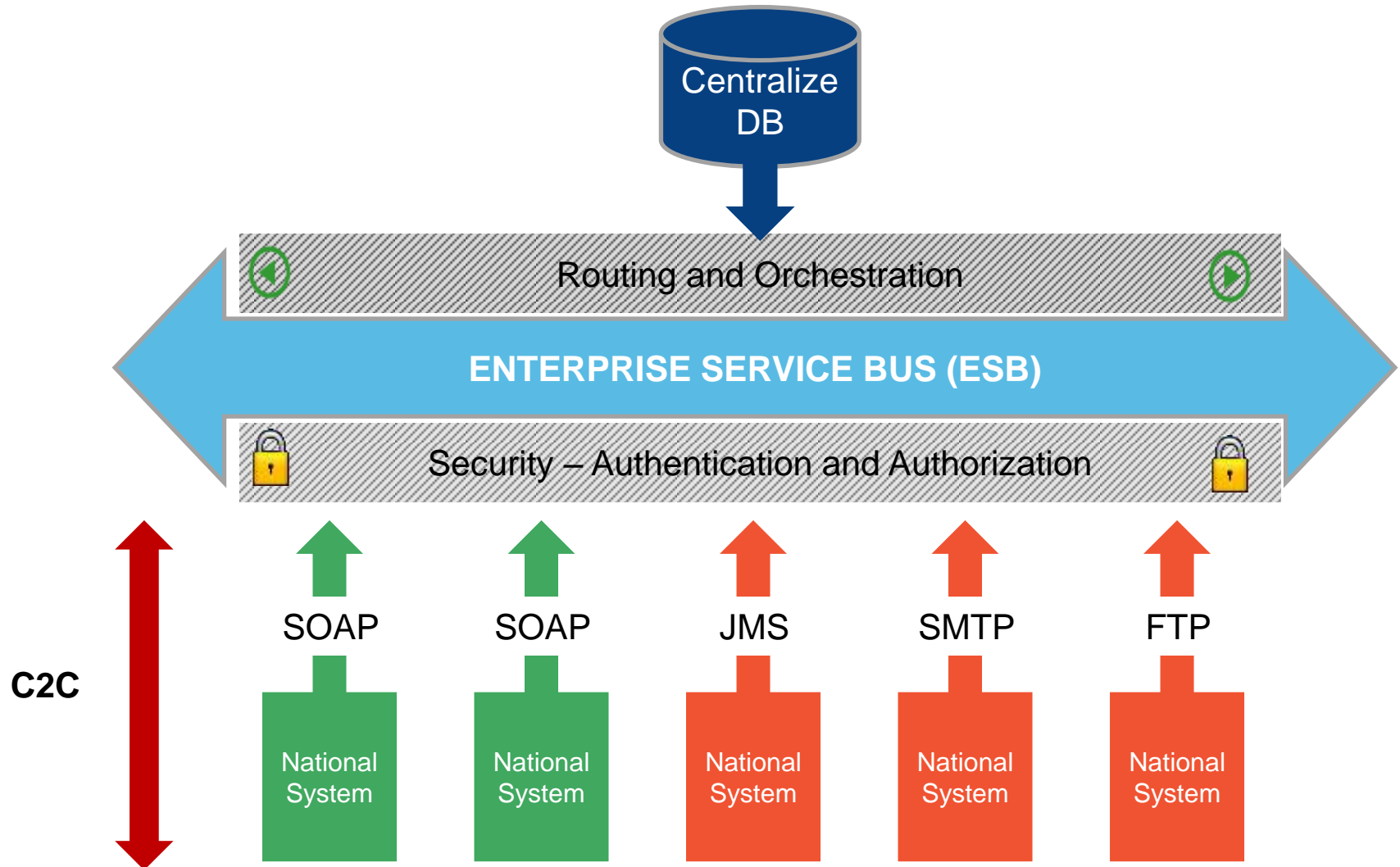
# The legal basis

**Protocol on electronic data exchange in the framework of a joint eTIR Pilot Project, signed by Mr. Nodar Khaduri, Minister of Finance of Georgia, and Mr. Bülent Tüfenkci, Minister of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey.**

**Annex: ToR**

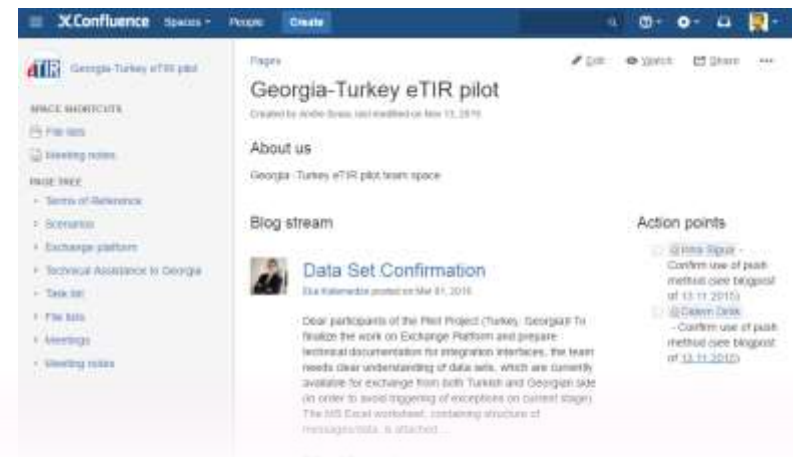


# Architecture



# Project virtual space

- **Team Collaboration space**
  - Restricted to the project team members (secured)
  - Central repository of documentation
  - Collaboration on document preparation
  - Issue tracking
  - Tasks management
  - Communication (avoids emails)
  - ...
- **Hosted at UNOG**



# Technical assistance



# Advantages for Georgia and Turkey

**First step towards the technical integration of the eTIR international system** before it is fully developed and implemented:

- Early adoption and use of **eTIR messages** based on the eTIR Reference Model (and tested by means of the exchange platform)
- **C2C communication channel** established via the exchange platform (improved cooperation between participating countries)
- An important step toward the integration of eTIR with **risk assessment procedures**.

# Thank you

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