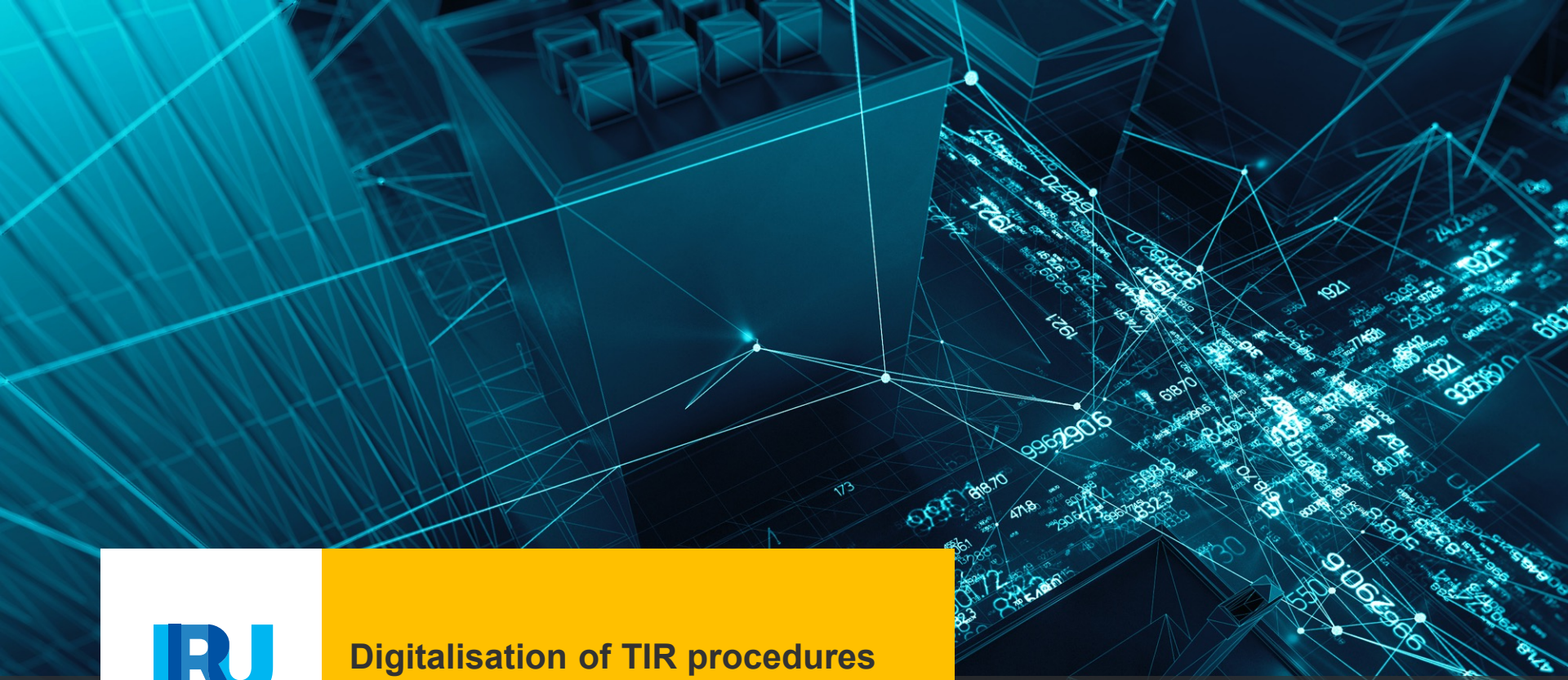

Digitalisation of TIR procedures

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eTIR and digitalistaion in transport to combat COVID-19 impact

- Seamless, contactless border crossing operations
- Electronic exchange of data
- Protects drivers
- No disruption of supply chains
- Border crossing facilitated
- No cargo handling en route

Digitalisation history

1987: B2B between IRU and Associations

IRU digitilising B2B aspects of TIR

- TIR carnets management
- Data exchange with TIR associations

1995: SafeTIR (C2B)

- Recommendation for customs to send TIR terminations data
- 2006: Annex 10 of TIR Convention on SafeTIR

2002: TIR-EPD: B2C/C2B

- TIR advance information exchanges between TIR hauliers and customs

2015: Joint projects UNECE-IRU endeavoring to digitalise TIR

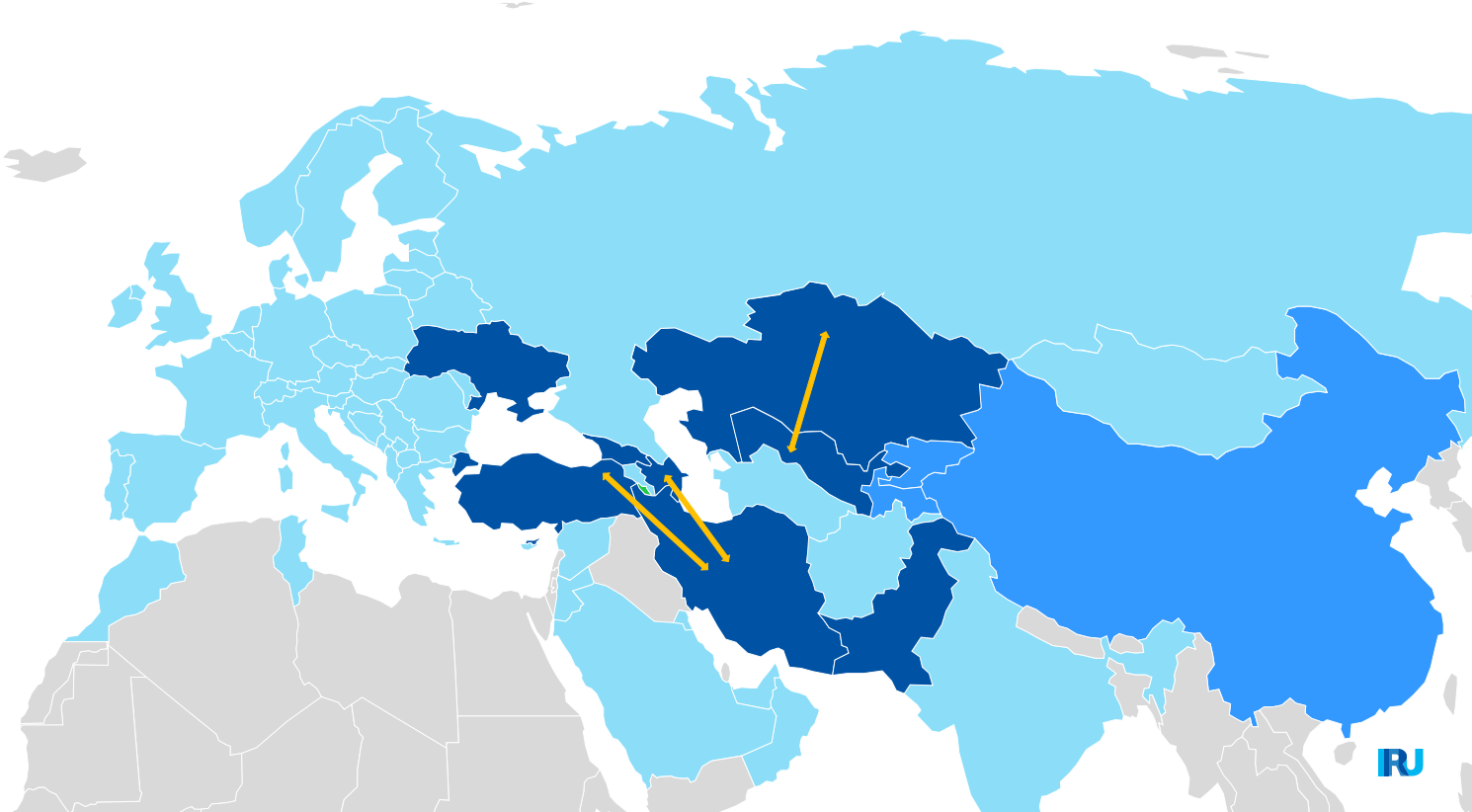
- 2015: eTIR pilot transports between Turkey and Iran
- 2019: eTIR pilot transports between Iran and Azerbaijan

2021: Annex 11 - eTIR

- Adoption of Annex 11 of the TIR Convention – legal basis for eTIR
- Annex 11 entry into force in May 2021

IRU/UNECE MoU on joint effort to comutarise TIR

1. Several eTIR pilots took place in recent years.
2. The most recent eTIR pilot between Uzbektistan – Kazakhstan.



Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan

Project details

Status

- BCP point defined for eTIR pilots: Yallama – Konisbayeva
- Inland customs offices in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan defined for eTIR pilots
- List of TIR transport operators to participate in pilots ready
- TIR hauliers' training (in progress)

3 step approach agreed with invloved customs administrations

1. TIR Carnets and message exchange monitoring (currently)
2. e TIR pilot transports accompanied by print@home
3. e TIR pilot transports – fully digital

Happy Pass – currently under tests, based on already existing TIR IT instruments in Uzbekistan/Kazakhstan (TIR-EPD, RTS)

Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan

Next steps

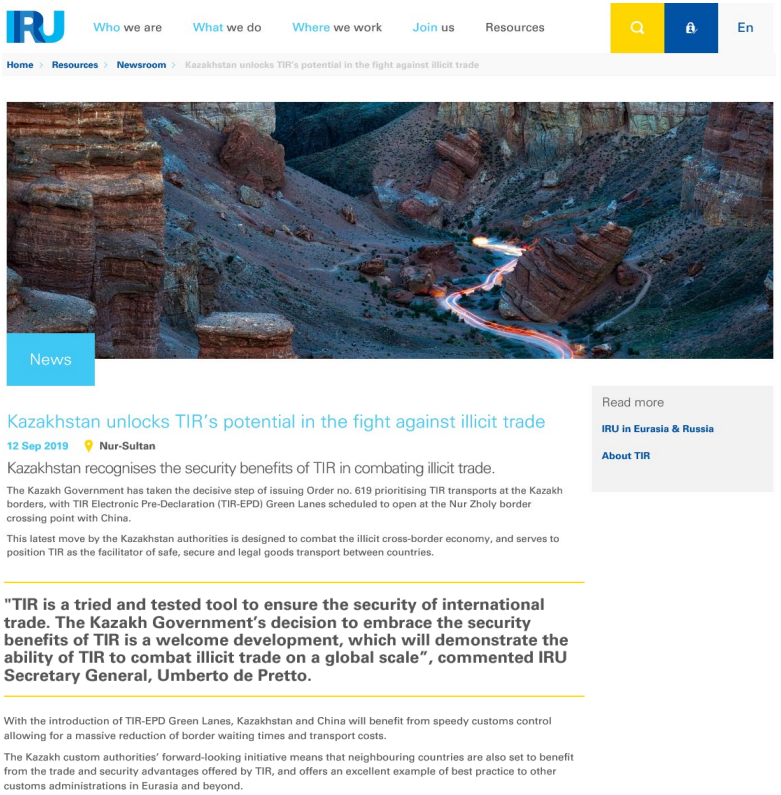
Use eTIR pilot shipments

- to ensure smooth electronic message exchange
- to prepare detailed customs procedures based on learnings from e TIR pilots
- to train customs officers and transport operators

Implement full e TIR message exchange including connectivity to eTIR International system according to Annex 11

Kazakhstan unlocks TIR potential in the fight against illicit trade – **TIR-EPD Green Lanes**

- Kazakhstan recognises the security benefits of TIR in combatting illicit trade
- The Government took a decisive step by issuing Order N°619 prioritising TIR transports with TIR Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD).
- Saudi Arabia is another country who recognised the security benefits of TIR where TIR shipments are given the utmost priority at the Saudi Borders.



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Kazakhstan unlocks TIR's potential in the fight against illicit trade

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Kazakhstan recognises the security benefits of TIR in combating illicit trade.

The Kazakh Government has taken the decisive step of issuing Order no. 619 prioritising TIR transports at the Kazakh borders, with TIR Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD) Green Lanes scheduled to open at the Nur Zholy border crossing point with China.

This latest move by the Kazakhstan authorities is designed to combat the illicit cross-border economy, and serves to position TIR as the facilitator of safe, secure and legal goods transport between countries.

"TIR is a tried and tested tool to ensure the security of international trade. The Kazakh Government's decision to embrace the security benefits of TIR is a welcome development, which will demonstrate the ability of TIR to combat illicit trade on a global scale", commented IRU Secretary General, Umberto de Pretto.

With the introduction of TIR-EPD Green Lanes, Kazakhstan and China will benefit from speedy customs control allowing for a massive reduction of border waiting times and transport costs.

The Kazakh custom authorities' forward-looking initiative means that neighbouring countries are also set to benefit from the trade and security advantages offered by TIR, and offers an excellent example of best practice to other customs administrations in Eurasia and beyond.

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