

# LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION ROADMAP OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 2021-2025

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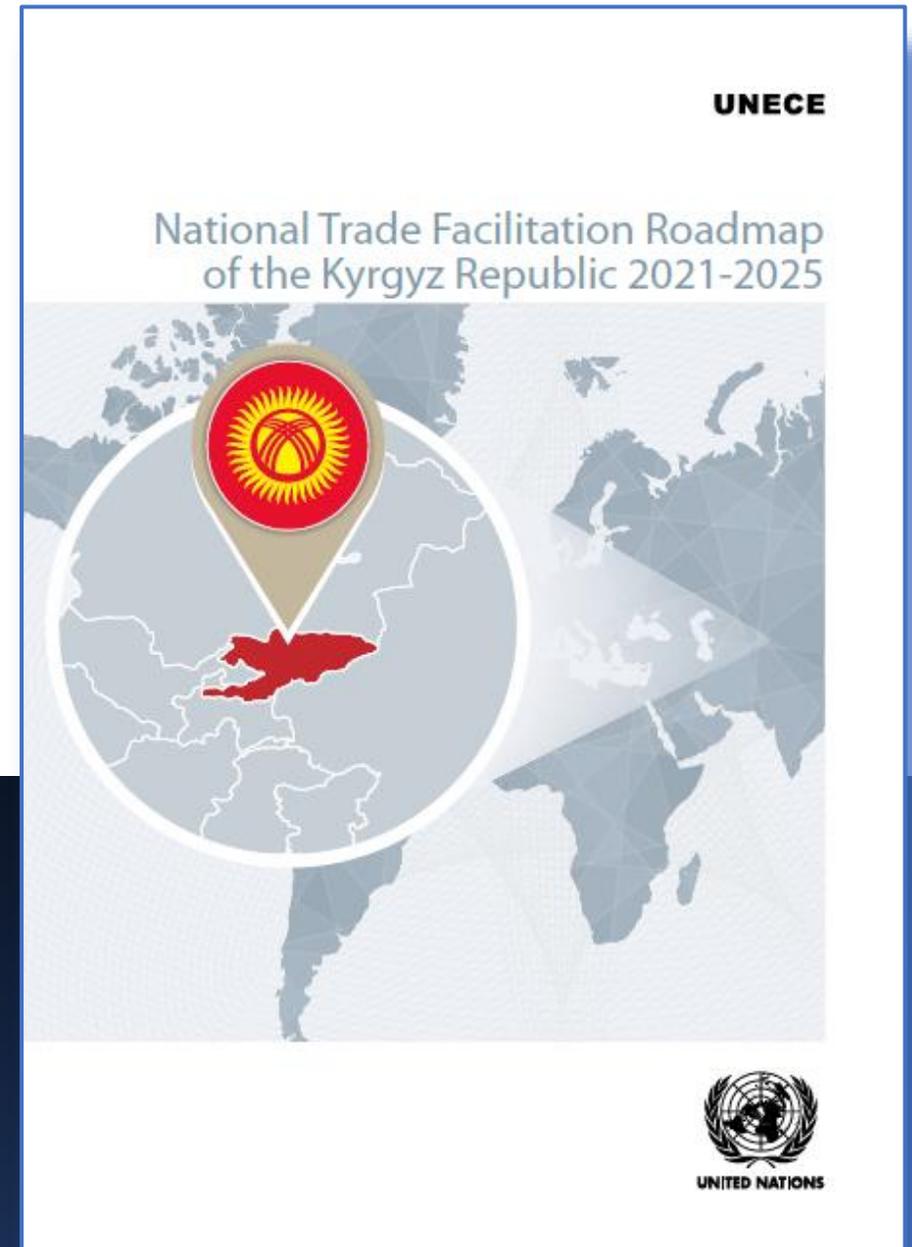
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# The Roadmap – what is it and why?

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- This Roadmap outlines the trade facilitation measures needed to help advance the country's economy, to respond to the negative impact of COVID-19 on the economy and trade, and to embark on a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the activities included in this Roadmap will assist in the implementation of the WTO TFA and improve the country's trade, economic relations and indicators in international ratings.



# The Roadmap - Content

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- Assessment of the current situation and impediments
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  - Time and cost to export and import
  - Implementation status of the WTO TFA
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  - Implementation schedule
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# The Roadmap - Vision

By 2025, the Kyrgyz Republic targets to



## Digitalize trade facilitation services

transform its trade facilitation services to digitally-enabled services to achieve 60% implementation of the digital trade facilitation measures in the United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation



## Eliminate paper documents for essential trade

fully eliminate paper-based documents for export and import of essential goods

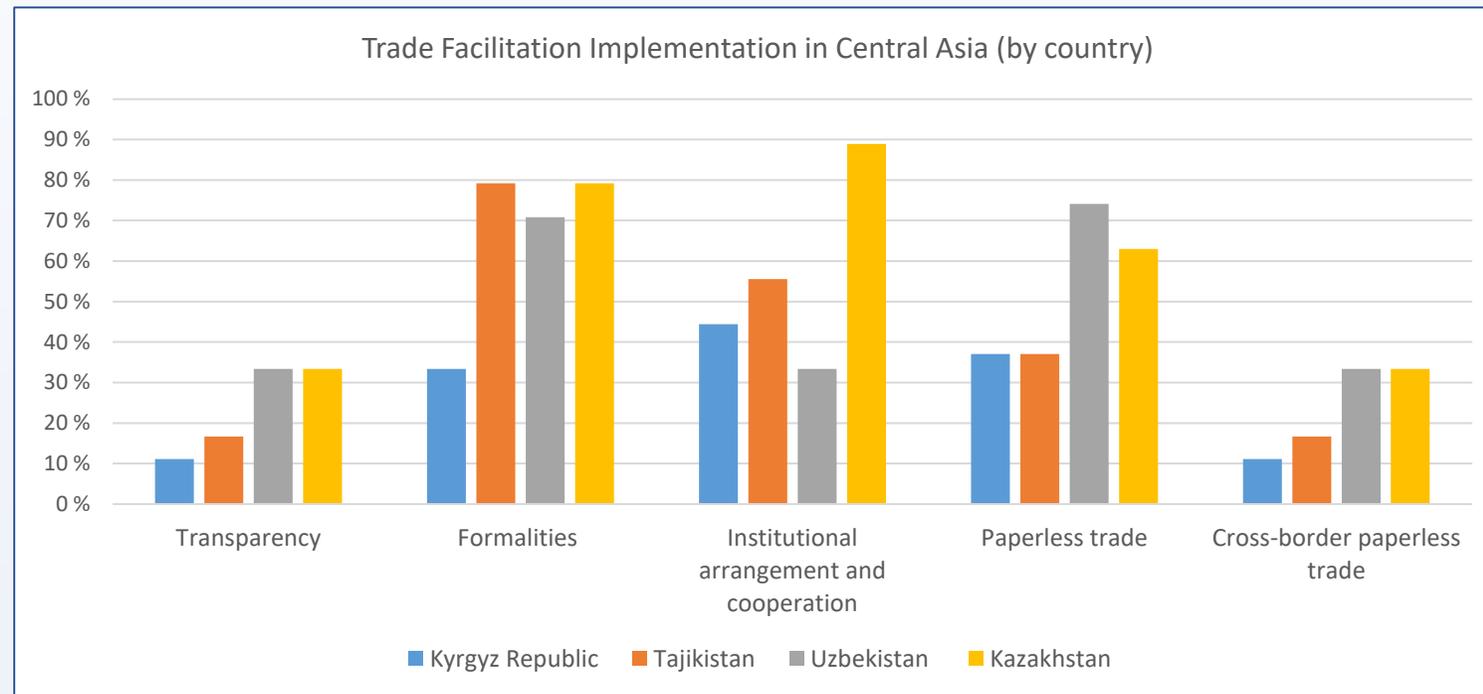


## Improve ranking

be in the top 60 countries in the Trading Across Borders section of the Doing Business ranking

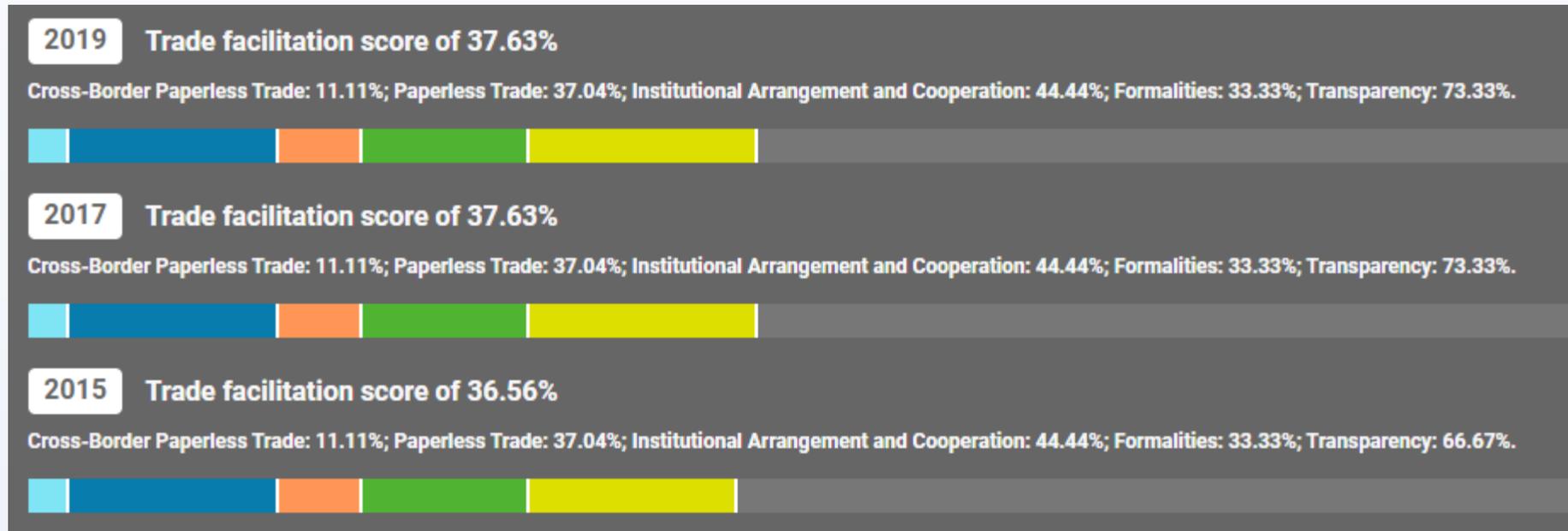
# The Roadmap - Assessment of the current situation and impediments

**Trade facilitation implementation in Central Asia in the United Nations Global Survey for Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in 2019**



Source: UNECE. Based on the Trade Facilitation Agreement Database. Available at [www.untfsurvey.org](http://www.untfsurvey.org)

# The Roadmap – Evolution of trade facilitation performance of the Kyrgyz Republic



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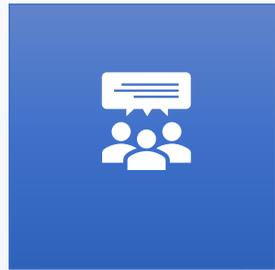
# The Roadmap – Time and cost to export

|                    |   |                   |                      |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Dried fruit</b> | Obtain a phytosanitary certificate (Part 1/2)                         | 300 KGS           | 5 hours – 2 days     |
|                    | Obtain a registered declaration of conformity                         | 6301 KGS          | 6 – 7 days           |
|                    | Obtain a voluntary certificate of conformity                          | Optional          |                      |
|                    | Obtain a certificate of origin  | 1800 KGS          | 15 minutes – 3 hours |
|                    | Register with REX for self-certification of origin for the EU market  | Free              |                      |
|                    | Organization of cargo transportation (road transport)                 | 9550 KGS          | 2 – 14 days          |
|                    | Obtain a phytosanitary certificate (Part 2/2)                         |                   |                      |
|                    | Obtain an insurance policy  |                   |                      |
|                    | Customs clearance, crossing the border, covering transportation costs | 13013 KGS         | 4 hours – 5 days     |
|                    | <b>Total</b>  | <b>33 964 KGS</b> | <b>9 – 27 days</b>   |
| <b>Textile</b>     | Obtain certificate of conformity                                      | 16924 KGS         | 7 – 40 days          |
|                    | Arrange transportation  | 101540 KGS        | 5 – 7 days           |
|                    | Pass border crossing point (BCP) at the Kyrgyz- Kazakh border         | 1692 KGS          | 1 day                |
|                    | Pass BCP at the Kazakh-Russian border                                 |                   | 6 days               |
|                    | Sign a handover protocol  |                   | 1 day                |
|                    | Order payment   | 170 KGS           | 3 days               |
|                    | <b>Total</b>  | <b>120326 KGS</b> | <b>23 – 58 days</b>  |

Source: UNECE. Based on the preliminary data of the Kyrgyz trade information portal as of 1 November 2020 and UNECE Business Process Analysis (BPA) undertaken in 2021.

# The Roadmap - Response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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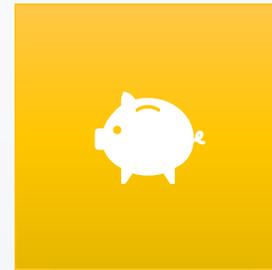
Establishment  
of institutions



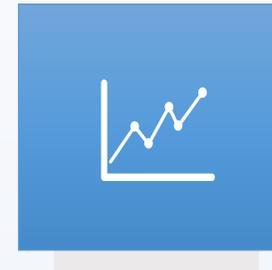
Support to  
healthcare



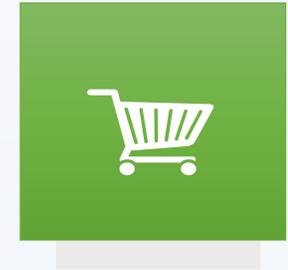
Customs  
regulation



Financing



Taxation



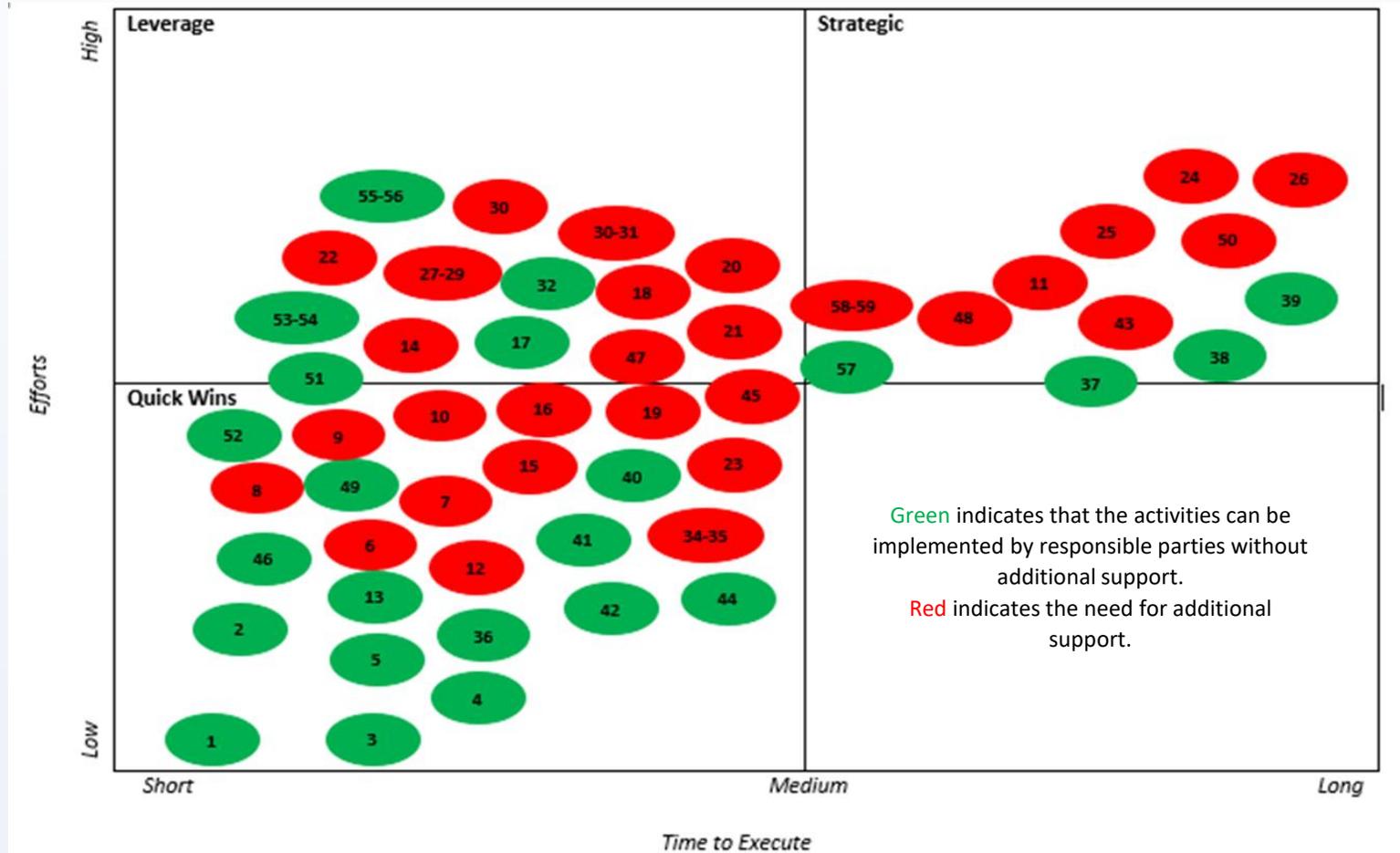
Procurement

# The Roadmap - Goals and sub-goals

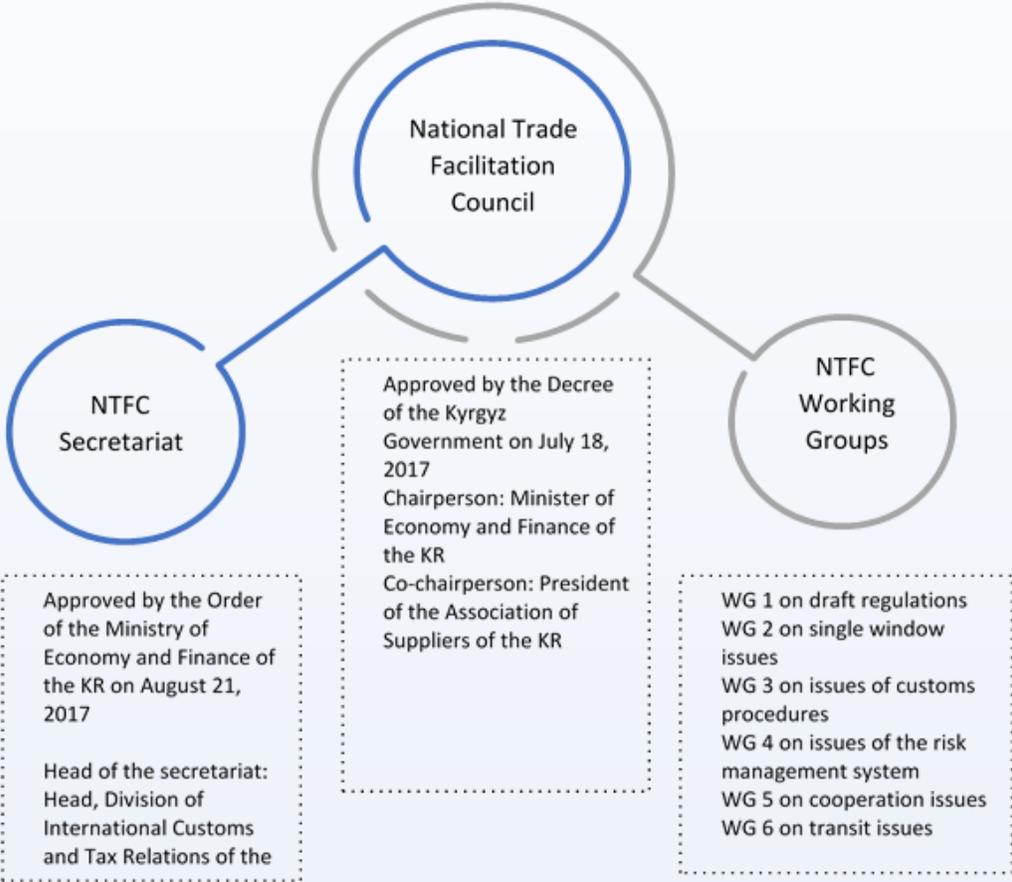
| Goals  | Sub-goals   |
|--|---|
| <p>Improve the legal, regulatory, and strategic framework for trade facilitation for EAEU and non-EAEU countries</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accede to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures of 18 May 1973 (Revised Kyoto Convention)</li> <li>• Accede to the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>• Improve the regulations, structure and functioning of the NTFC</li> </ul> |
| <p>Enhance digitalization of administrative procedures for export and import</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve transparency</li> <li>• Improve formalities</li> <li>• Improve institutional arrangements and cooperation</li> <li>• Expand paperless trade</li> <li>• Introduce cross-border paperless trade</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Develop sustainable trade facilitation measures, ensuring continuity in the import and export of essential goods during states of emergency, pandemics or periods of crisis</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade facilitation measures for SMEs, agriculture, and women entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Ensure efficient movement of essential goods across borders</li> <li>• Reduce the number of documents required for the export and import of essential goods</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Build the capacity of Kyrgyz stakeholders engaged in trade facilitation and improve access to knowledge for the beneficiaries of trade facilitation</p>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a centre of trade facilitation competence</li> <li>• Develop an online training course on trade facilitation</li> </ul>  |

# The Roadmap - prioritization of activities

Quick wins, medium and strategic plans

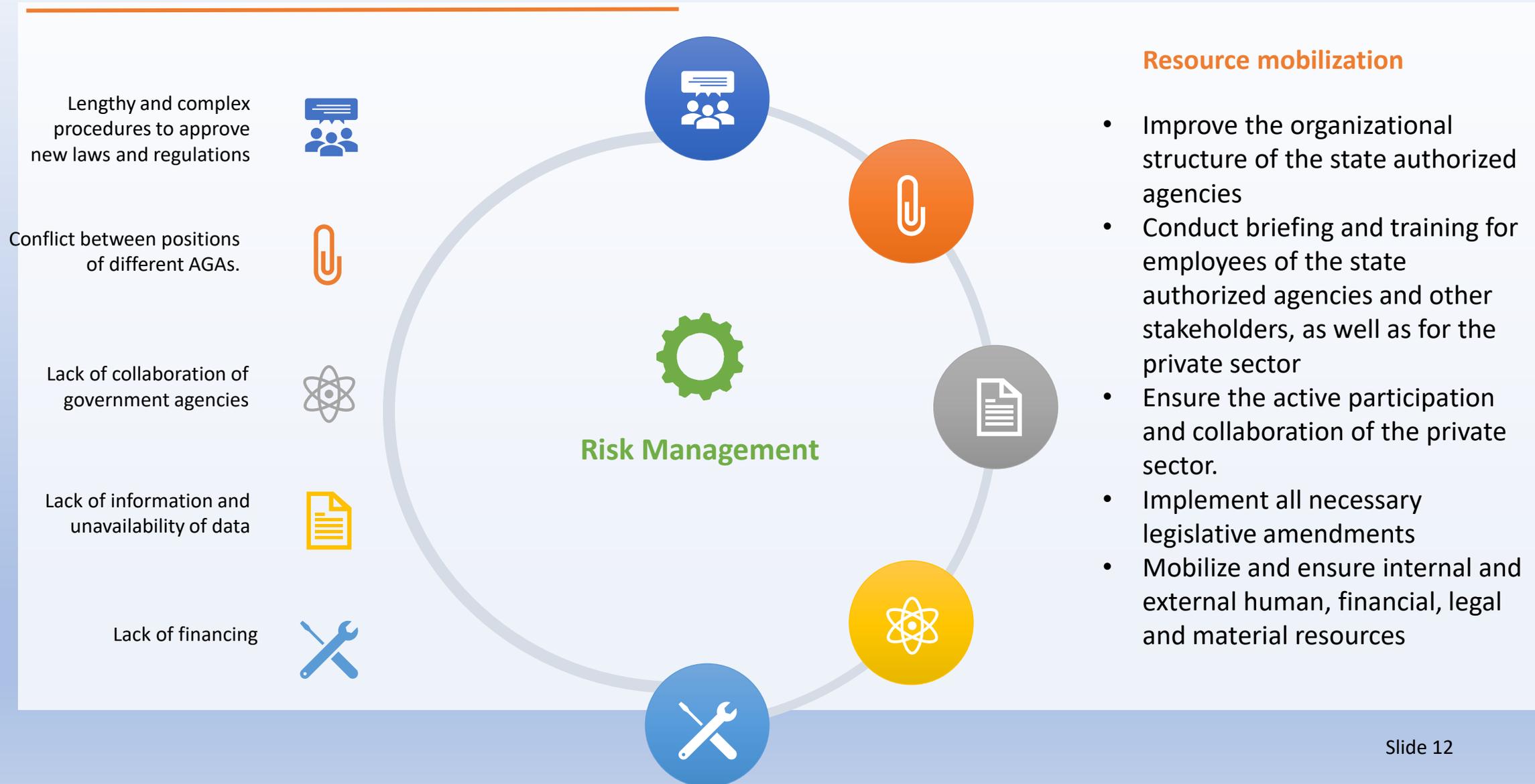


# The Roadmap – Governance structure



Source: UNECE. Based on information received from the Ministry of Economy and Finance

# The Roadmap - Key risks



# The Roadmap – Annexes

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Annex 1. Action plan to implement the WTO TFA measures

Annex 2. BPAs for export of textile and import of pharmaceutical products

Annex 3. Regulations on the National Trade Facilitation Council of the Kyrgyz Republic

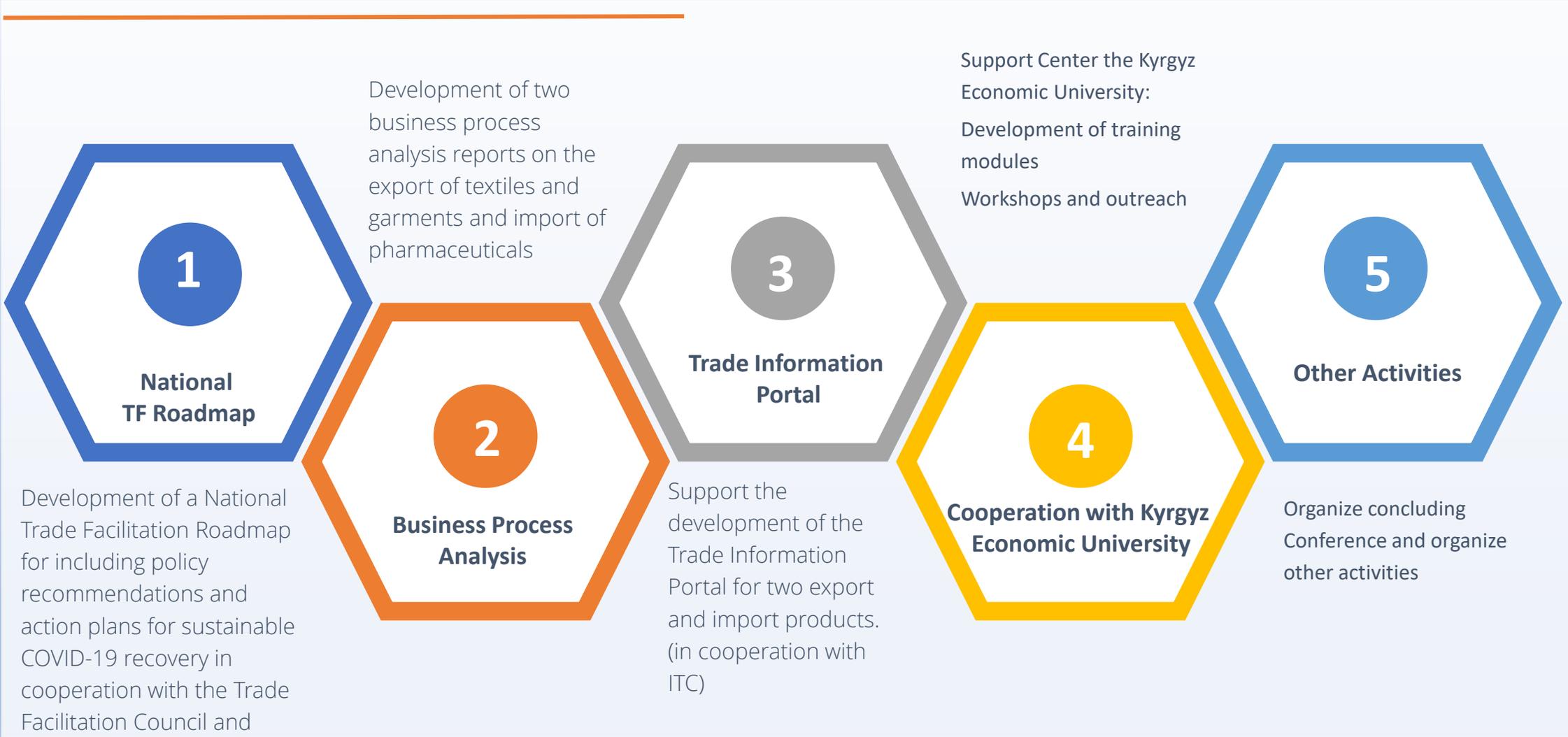
Annex 4. Order of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic on the NTFC secretariat

Annex 5. Composition of the NTFC working groups on Trade Facilitation in the Kyrgyz Republic



The Roadmap publication will be available at:  
<https://unece.org/publications/oes/welcome>

# Overview of cooperation with the Kyrgyz Republic in trade facilitation, 2020-2022



# Business Process Analysis (BPA)

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UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

**Business Process Analysis (BPA):  
Export of textile products  
from the Kyrgyz Republic  
to the Russian Federation**



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

**Business Process Analysis (BPA):  
Import of pharmaceutical products  
from the Russian Federation  
to the Kyrgyz Republic**



# Grant Memorandum of Understanding with the Kyrgyz Economic University



## Purpose

To support the Kyrgyz Economic University to strengthen the capacity of the Kyrgyz stakeholders in trade facilitation.

## Target

Policymakers and experts of the National Trade Facilitation Council, regulatory agencies and other relevant stakeholders

- Prepare modules on trade facilitation

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- Organize three training seminars on trade facilitation

- Organize one roundtable

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04

- Develop communication and outreach material

# Development of the National Trade Facilitation Council Webpages (in development)

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website for the National Trade Facilitation Council of the Kyrgyz Republic (NKUPT). The browser's address bar shows the URL `mineconom.gov.kg/ru/direct/242`. The website has a dark blue header with navigation links: ГЛАВНАЯ, О МИНИСТЕРСТВЕ, НПА, ИССЛЕДОВАНИЯ, ОБЪЯВЛЕНИЯ, ОС, АНТИКОРРУПЦИОННАЯ ДЕЯТЕЛЬНОСТЬ, ВАКАНСИИ, КОНТАКТЫ, ЦУР. The main content area is titled "Совет по упрощению процедур торговли в Кыргызской Республике (НКУПТ)". On the left, there is a vertical menu with categories like "Антимонопольная политика", "Государственные услуги", "ЕАЭС", "Зеленая экономика", "Инвестиции и ГЧП", "Макроэкономика", "Межправительственные комиссии", "Межрегиональное главное управление", "Общественный Совет", "Политика государственной собственности", "Предпринимательство", "Предупреждение коррупции", "Развитие персонала", "Развитие регионов", "Совет по упрощению процедур торговли в Кыргызской Республике (НКУПТ)", "Стратегическое планирование", and "Стратегия помощи". The main content area features a section titled "СОГЛАШЕНИЕ ОБ УПРОЩЕНИИ ПРОЦЕДУР ТОРГОВЛИ обзор" with a detailed text block. Below this, there is a "Новости по теме" section with three news items: "14 Май 2021" (meeting with the Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance), "30 Март 2021" (coordination meeting for the GIZ project), and "02 Март 2021" (border control ban). On the right side, there is a vertical list of links: "Нормативно-правовая база", "Дорожная карта по упрощению процедур торговли на 2021-2025 годы", "Соглашение ВТО по упрощению процедур торговли", "План реализации Соглашения ВТО по упрощению процедур торговли", "Нормативно-правовая база деятельности Совета по упрощению процедур торговли", "Структура Совета по упрощению процедур торговли", "Секретариат Совета по упрощению процедур торговли", "Протоколы заседаний Совета по упрощению процедур торговли", "Партнеры и наращивание потенциала", and "Информация Рабочей группы №6 О проделанной работе за 10 месяцев 2018 года". At the bottom right, there is a blue button labeled "Онлайн обращение". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open PDF files and the system tray with the date 14.06.2021 and time 12:49.

# Thank You

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