UNECE activities on sustainable transport and connectivity in SPECA region

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59 conventions, 151 UN Member States

Goal: a universally harmonized inland transport system
### SPECA Countries’ participation in UN transport-related conventions

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Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL)
• **26th session** of the SPECA Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity - the platform that fosters cooperation and enhances regional dialogue while being a knowledge and good practices sharing point for inland transport;

• This year meeting will be held on 25/11/2021 with focus on **regional connectivity** (infrastructure development, removing of bottlenecks), **international transport** (border crossing facilitation and corridor management), **road safety** and **Programme of work 2022-23**;

• SPECA Workshop on digitalization of transport services (eTIR and eCMR) is planed back-to-back with WG STTC;

• Countries should further support this group and especially the development of the **SPECA Transport Connectivity Strategy**.
COVID-19 response and beyond

• Observatory on border crossing status due to COVID-19;
• Recommendations of the Multidisciplinary Advisory Group on Transport Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis;
• “Open the borders” campaign and special measures for the TIR Convention;
• Joint statement on uninterrupted supply chain;
• Special measures for transport of dangerous goods;
• Regional Dialogue Strengthening transport connectivity in the SPECA region and beyond in the era of COVID-19;
• Experience sharing events under WP.5 and WP.24;
• Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics project;
• Publication on building pandemic-resilient transport systems;
• Comparative analysis of COVID-19-related challenges and emerging trend on inland transport in different regions.
COVID-19 response and beyond

- **ITC session**, Geneva, 22-25 February 2022
- **75th anniversary**
- **Ministerial panels**: connectivity, road safety and sustainable mobility
- **Roundtable**: “On the road to sustained and full recovery: Post-Covid-19 initiative for inland transport and the role of ITC”
The eTIR international system aims to ensure the secure exchange of data between national Customs systems related to the international transit of goods, vehicles or containers according to the provisions of the TIR Convention and to allow Customs to manage the data on guarantees, issued by guarantee chains to holders authorized to use the TIR system (Customs to Customs).
Status report as of today

- CPs finalizing implementation: 6
- CPs started interconnection: 5
- CPs expressed interest: 6
- CPs & ASYCUDA interconnection: 9
- CPs & EU PoC: 31
- Rest of TIR CPs: 18+1

Please visit: www.etir.org
CMR Convention
- 58 Contracting Parties,
  - Including:
    • All SPECA countries

eCMR Contracting Parties
- 29 Contracting Parties,
  - Including:
    • Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
      from SPECA region
Users of eCMR

- Taking receipt of goods by the carrier;
- Conclusion and content of the contract of carriage;
- Good external condition of goods and number of packages;

Copy
- First copy (sender’s copy)
- Second copy (consignee’s copy)
- Third copy (carrier’s copy)
- Fourth copy (carrier’s file copy)

Disposal
- Retained by sender
- Accompanies the goods
- Retained by carrier

Color
- Red
- Blue
- Green
- Black

eCMR facts
- Info about the condition and quantity of the goods;
- Measures to be taken by the carrier;
- Transportation route;
- Safety gain through clear identification of all carriers (sub-contractors);
- Proof of export of the goods;
- Confirmation of arrival;
- Checking at the borders;

- CMR is a customs document: proof of actual export and domestic delivery (“Customs Entry Certificate”);
- Documentary letter of credit;
- Documentary collection (credit security, cash in return of the documents etc);
- Proof of delivery (Halting the practice of illegal VAT refunds);
- Further action after taking receipt of the goods;
- Certain information regarding the goods;
Thank you!