XIIth International Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation

TRADE FACILITATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT AND TRADE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

(online seminar, Odessa, Ukraine, 7 July 2022)

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Concept:

1. The seminar will build on the eleven years of persistent work for trade facilitation in Odessa, Ukraine, and the region, notably in such areas as simplifying procedures, Single Window, port community systems, implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, and innovative projects on digital transport corridors, and data and document exchange in electronic format.

2. The current complicated situation requires even more innovative solutions, using international standards and best practice, which will be highlighted at the seminar. Trade must go on, so that society continues functioning. Moreover, the crisis has created serious risks for sustainable development in and around Ukraine, destruction of nature, valuable assets, living and working conditions for millions of people, as well as risks for food security, economic activities, and lifestyle of many more millions of people in places ranging from the Middle East and Indonesia to Western Europe. People in those countries rely on imports of grain, vegetable oils, raw materials, and many other products from Ukraine. Cross-border trade will need to function, even if along altered routes.

3. Speakers will share information on the progress made the last years in the application of the new package of standards and reference data models of the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), which aim at the digital transformation of data and document exchanges in multimodal transport. They will talk about the current efforts to respond to the challenges of changing routes from sea to land, by digitalizing the collection and exchange of information for transportation of goods along new, land routes to the West of Ukraine.

4. We are working with such organizations as the European Commission Directorates-General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) and Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), the European Association for Forwarding, Transport, Logistics and Customs Services (CLECAT), the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA), the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM) and others, and they will be invited to this seminar.

5. As in previous years, the seminar will lead to the formulation of conclusions and recommendations on the next steps in this initiative, in this challenging time.
# AGENDA

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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Odessa   | Opening of the XIIth International Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation  
Mr. Taras Kachka, Deputy Minister of Economy, Trade Representative of Ukraine  
Mr. Oleg Platonov, Head of the Delegation of Ukraine to UN/CEFACT, First Vice-President of the Ukrainian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), President of the "UKRVNESHTRANS" Association  
Mr. Ivan Petrov, President, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)  
Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Brussels |  
(CET) |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Odessa   | Session I: New challenges for international trade, how can the UN standards help  
*Moderator: Mr. Oleksandr Fedorov, CEO, PPL 33-35, Chair of UNECE Working Party 30*  
The needs of business in the new situation  
Mr. Oleg Platonov, Head of the Delegation of Ukraine to UN/CEFACT  
Trade facilitation and electronic business in Ukraine  
Mr. Oleksandr Zhemoyda, Director of Department for Multilateral and Bilateral Agreements, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine  
How can standards help  
Ms. Sue Probert, Chair, UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)  
Implementing the electronic multimodal FIATA Bill of Lading  
Mr. Ivan Petrov, President, or Ms. Lucelia Tinembart, Digital Projects Officer, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)  
Package of standards for the digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange  
Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE  
Digitalization of data exchange along corridors passing through Azerbaijan  
Mr. Igbal Babayev, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan |
| 9:30 – 11:00  | CET      |  
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| 12:00 – 12:15 | Odessa   | Coffee break |
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| 12:15 – 15:00 | Odessa   | Session II: Progress in implementation and possible solutions  
*Moderator: Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Advisor, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE*  
Possible pilot digital corridor between Ukraine and the EU (Romania and Poland)  
Mr. Dmytro Iakymenkov, UNECE Consultant  
Possible solutions for multimodal data exchange in emergency situations, what needs to be done  
Mr. Rudy Hemeleers, 51Biz Luxembourg, partner in the FEDERATED consortium and the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum of the European Union  
The European Union perspective: the electronic Freight Transport Information (eFTI) Regulation  
Ms. Lia Potec, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate General for Transport (DG MOVE)  
The European Union perspective: collection of information for regulatory controls  
Mr. Zahouani Saadaoui, Head, Electronic Customs Sector, European Commission, Directorate General for Customs Union and Taxation (DG TAXUD)  
Business Connections – Network of trusted partners  
Anna Di Salvo, International Road Transport Union (IRU)  
Port Community Systems in support of solutions  
Mr. Richard Morton, Secretary General, International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA)  
Electronic data exchange in rail transport  
Ms. Zubaida Aspayeva, Member of the OSJD Committee, Chairperson of OSJD Commission on Freight  
Mr. Gaidar Abdikerimov, Secretary General, Middle Corridor, Trans-Caspian International Transport Route  
Electronic data exchange in air cargo |
| **Mr. Cortney Robinson**, Air Transportation Officer, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) | The importance of the UNECE standards for digitalization of trade and transport information flows |
| **Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk**, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE |

**Discussion**

| **15:00 – 15:30** | **Concluding session / recommendations** |
| **Odessa** | Summary of the discussion and recommendations on the next steps |
| **14:00 – 14:30** | **CET** |

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