COLLABORATION WITH EU4DIGITAL, PHASE 2

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2017-2018 Azerbaijan experts have been leading the eCustoms Working Group and contributed a lot in the development of the corresponding project actions of the EU4Digital: eTrade Network.

2018-2019 Azerbaijan Ministry of Transport, Communication and High-Technologies organized the international Baku eTrade Forum (BEF) which was considered to be the major event for paperless trade technologies, systems and solutions.

2020 Azerbaijan representatives proposed the project initiative for the creation of the regional eLogistics platform GUAM-NET which was endorsed by the Ministerial event of GUAM countries – Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova. Later on this initiative was included and prioritized in the action plan of the EU4Digital: eTrade Network for 2022-2025.
2020-2021 Azerbaijan experts were actively involved in the implementation of eTrade/eCommerce pilots in the course of the EU4Digital Facility project and got the Chair position of the eCommerce Working Group.

2021-2022 the Institute of Control Systems (ICS) of Ministry of Science and Education organized the regular international PLMO conference which is focused on the areas of supply chains and transport corridors digitalization.

2023 Republic of Azerbaijan was selected for state of play assessment and design of the roadmap towards eFTI deployment in the course of phase 2 of EU4Digital programme.
1.1 Implementation of the unified Transport and Logistics Strategy aimed at the development of transit traffic, taking into account the potential role of Azerbaijan in international transport corridors

1.2. Creation of a regulatory and legal framework that meets modern requirements to improve transit, transport and logistics work

1.3. Extending the use of digital technologies to improve transit traffic and logistics
Results to be obtained by 2025

• Creation of a system that ensures the integration of participants in international transport & logistics on a single digital platform;

• Accession & implementation of the provisions of the electronic CMR and eSMGS protocols;

• Provision of cargo escort and tracking services throughout the route.

To reach the above objectives the following developments and project initiatives have already been undertaken:
For objective 1.1 (Implementation of the unified Transport and Logistics Strategy aimed at the development of transit traffic, taking into account the potential role of Azerbaijan in international transport corridors)

- The development of the policy document for digitalization of transport and logistics sector (TLS) was proposed by experts of the EU4Digital:eTrade/eLogistics Network to Azerbaijan Ministry of Digital Development and Transport (MDDT).

- The joint expert team from the Working Group on eLogistics and Digital Transport Corridors (DTC) has developed the preliminary concept for the DTC segment between Caspian and Black Sea (involving Azerbaijan and Georgia) aligned with the similar concept of DTC between Baltic and Black sea developed in the course of the EU4Digital Facility project, phase I.
For objective 1.2. (Creation of a regulatory and legal framework that meets modern requirements to improve transit, transport and logistics work)

- The national Coordinating Council for Transit Freight Transportation was established and is currently operated by MDDT to ensure the effective usage and development of Azerbaijan potential in the field of transit transportation.

This council is in charge of definition of uniform principles and conditions for mutual activity of transport enterprises, carriers, forwarders and operators in the field of transit cargo transportation and the development of the corresponding regulatory and legal framework.
For objective 1.3. (Extending the use of digital technologies to improve transit traffic and logistics)

Development of the road map for creation of the national eLogistics system (NELS) and its eFTI kind of platform was proposed by experts of the eLogistics and DTC Working Group to Azerbaijan MDDT and the corresponding twin project was developed by our Institute of Control System with Uzbekistan partners.
Azerbaijan is ready and qualified for the successful and practical participation in the EU4Digital, phase 2 projects related to Digital Transport Corridors (eFTI) activity.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

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