



Advisory Services in Support of Trade Development and Facilitation in the Transition Economies

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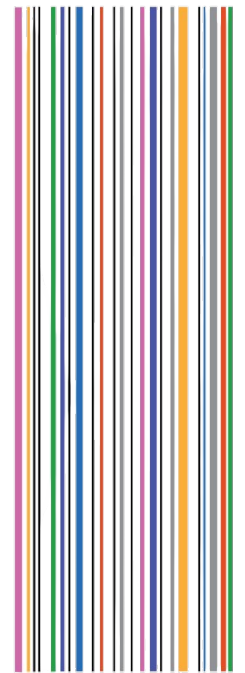
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Focus on

- RA finalized the ECE Trade segment in the *UNTTTC COVID-19* project and started new UN Development Account (UNDA T14) project: pilot implementation of the package of standards for multimodal data & document exchange. Pilot examples:
 - Digitalize land corridor Odessa – Constanta (as UA ports are blocked),
 - Study on data pipeline for the Black Sea Grain Corridor using UN/CEFACT standards and Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model (MMT RDM) *(possible support to UN/CEFACT)*,
 - Pilot project with the TRACECA corridor organization, the organizations on railway cooperation OSJD and CIT, etc., on digitalization of the railway consignment note CIM/SMGS along the trans-Caspian corridor,
 - Cooperation with OSJD on a technical specification for the SMGS consignment note, using UN/CEFACT standards and MMT RDM,
 - Cooperation with CIT, related to harmonization of the EU Electronic Freight Transport Information Regulation (eFTI), RailData, and UN/CEFACT datasets,
 - Roadmap for digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange in the Trans-Caspian Corridor *(possible support to UN/CEFACT)*
 - Collaboration with FIATA, ICAO, etc.

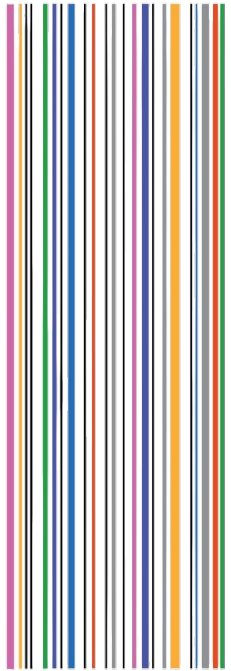


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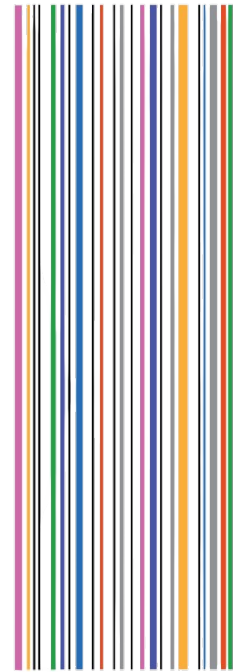


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- Capacity-building:
 - The International High-level Conference on Digital Transformation of Information Exchange in Supply Chains using United Nations Standards, Baku, 31 Oct. 2022. UN/CEFACT Chair & three experts and the Regional Adviser offered CB on the use of the UN/CEFACT standards. Request for a Roadmap on the digitalization of data and document exchange along the trans-Caspian Corridor using the UN/CEFACT standards.
 - 13th ECE Odessa TF Seminar, online, 22 Dec.2022, provided training to stakeholders in Ukraine and neighbouring countries on the EU eFTI Regulation and the related UN/CEFACT semantic standards and MMT RDM.
 - 14th ECE Odessa TF Seminar, 22-23 May 2023, prepared a methodology for digitalization of data and document exchange in the trans-Caspian corridor and a draft roadmap for digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange in the region.
 - Workshop on TF, SW, and Data Sharing for the W. Balkans planned for 18-19 Dec.2023.
- Strengthened collaboration with the European Commission, the Eurasian Economic Commission, ICAO, OSJD, TRACECA, CIT, UIC, and others.

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- 17th session of the SPECA Working Group on Trade advanced in five areas: cooperation in the WTO; roll out the SPECA Trade Facilitation Strategy, the SPECA Principles of Sustainable Trade, Non-Tariff Barriers, and digitalization of multimodal corridors. The 18th session (20.11.2023, Baku) will advance them further.
- Request to ECE to draft a roadmap for the digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange in the trans-Caspian corridor using the UN standards by Azerbaijan's Minister of Digital Development and Transport 31 Oct.2023 and Joint SPECA Ministerial Statement 17 Apr.2023.
- Draft high-level roadmap for the digitalization of data and document exchange along the trans-Caspian corridor, using the UN standards and legal norms, developed jointly by the Economic Cooperation and Trade and Sustainable Transport Divisions of ECE, expected to be endorsed at the SPECA high-level events in Baku 20-24 Nov.2023.

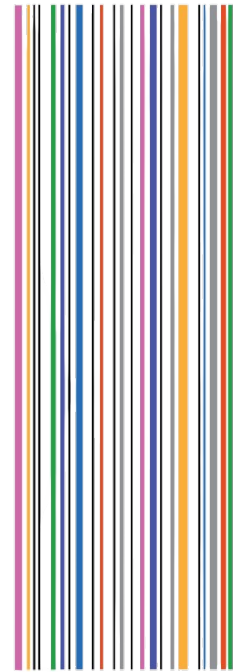
Assisting transition economies with the WTO, WTO TFA and sustainable trade

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- Support for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, etc.
- Side event to the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference in Geneva, 14th June 2022, and 17th session of the SPECA Working Group on Trade 1 Sept.2022: supporting cooperation of SPECA States in the WTO process
- Supports for the preparation of a national trade facilitation roadmap in Uzbekistan, building on five years of support to WTO accession and implementing the TFA
- Support for sustainable trade and implementation of the SPECA Principles of Sustainable Trade. First successful training for the implementation of the Principles: 21 Nov. 2022, in Astana, Kazakhstan. One of the documents: report on business process analysis on exports of products related to sustainable trade in the SPECA countries Plans to do these seminars in the other SPECA participating States.

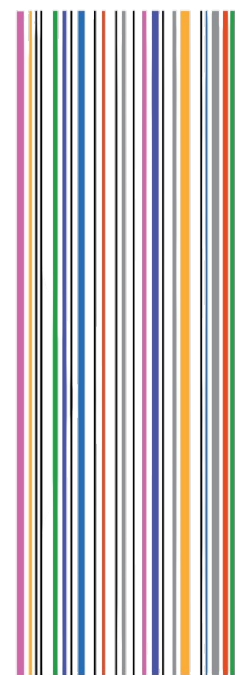


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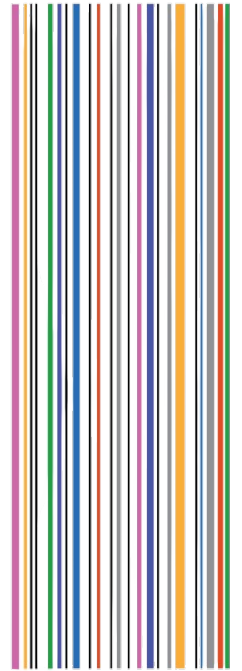
Liaison with UN Resident Coordinators

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- Regional Adviser has responsibilities to liaise with UN Resident Coordinators in North Macedonia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.
- Much support for Turkmenistan: requested assessment of the readiness of Turkmenistan to implement the WTO TFA; study on the regulatory and procedural barriers to trade
- North Macedonia: continued support for the oldest Single Window in Europe (EXIM), created with technical cooperation support from UNECE in 2009.



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