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Capacity-building and advisory services

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Capacity-building in ECTD (from the annual report)

TA & CB aim to support ECE member States to:

- **implement ECE trade-related standards and best practice recommendations,**
- **remove regulatory and procedural barriers to trade,**
- **support cross-cutting topics of digitalization, circular economy, etc.**

Accomplishments in 2023-2024

On standards:

- **agricultural quality standards (WP7): meetings on sustainable food systems, seed potatoes, sustainable meat and livestock**
- **standards harmonization (WP6), project prepared for gender mainstreaming throughout the quality infrastructure for trade,**

Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade (RPBT) studies:

- **on UZ being finalized, implementation of the recommendations; on fish products in Armenia, vegetable oil in Kazakhstan, dried apricots in Kyrgyzstan,**
- **Funding for RPBT study in Turkmenistan secured from the Islamic Development Bank and RPTC**
- **15,000 USD from Azerbaijan to start an RPBT study**

Circular economy

- **a 4-year UNDA project (2021-2024) to build capacities of member States “Accelerating the Transition to a Circular Economy in the UNECE Region”. First in-person Circular STEP Regional Policy Dialogue organized in Serbia (18–19 October 2023)**

Trade facilitation and e-business:

- **package of standards for digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange implementation UNDA14 – pilot projects :**
 - **Pilot testing of an electronic CIM/SMGS railway consignment note in the Trans-Caspian trade and transport corridor using UN/CEFACT standards; developing a prototype of the e-CIM/SMGS and testing it between Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Türkiye and Ukraine (with TRACECA),**
 - **Development of a technical specification for an electronic SMGS consignment note (with OSJD),**
 - **Practical rollouts of the electronic FIATA multimodal bill of lading (eFBL) (with FIATA),**
- **XB project “Enhancing transparency and traceability of sustainable value chains in the garment and footwear industry” – in 2019-2024 it developed Policy Recommendations, Implementation Guidelines, Information Exchange Standards, and a call to action, adopted by ECE member States in 2021**
- **XB project “Strengthening the capacity of Central Asian countries to implement trade facilitation measures and better integrate into the international rules-based trading system”**



SPECA: ECE helped develop the Roadmap for digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange using UN/CEFACT standards and UN legal instruments, adopted by the SPECA Presidents, Baku, 24 Nov. 2023

Governments will create an enabling environment to realize the vision (for the UN/CEFACT standards):

2024

- Governments and business will take part in digitalizing B2B supply chain data exchange based on UN/CEFACT standards

2025

- Operators will participate in pilot projects using the UN/CEFACT standards: port community systems and others

2026

- Economic operators use electronic data exchange on documents accompanying goods using UN/CEFACT standards;
- Customs authorities and economic operators may use eCMR with the use of the UN/CEFACT standards;
- Economic operators participate in pilot projects for operational supply chain data exchange.

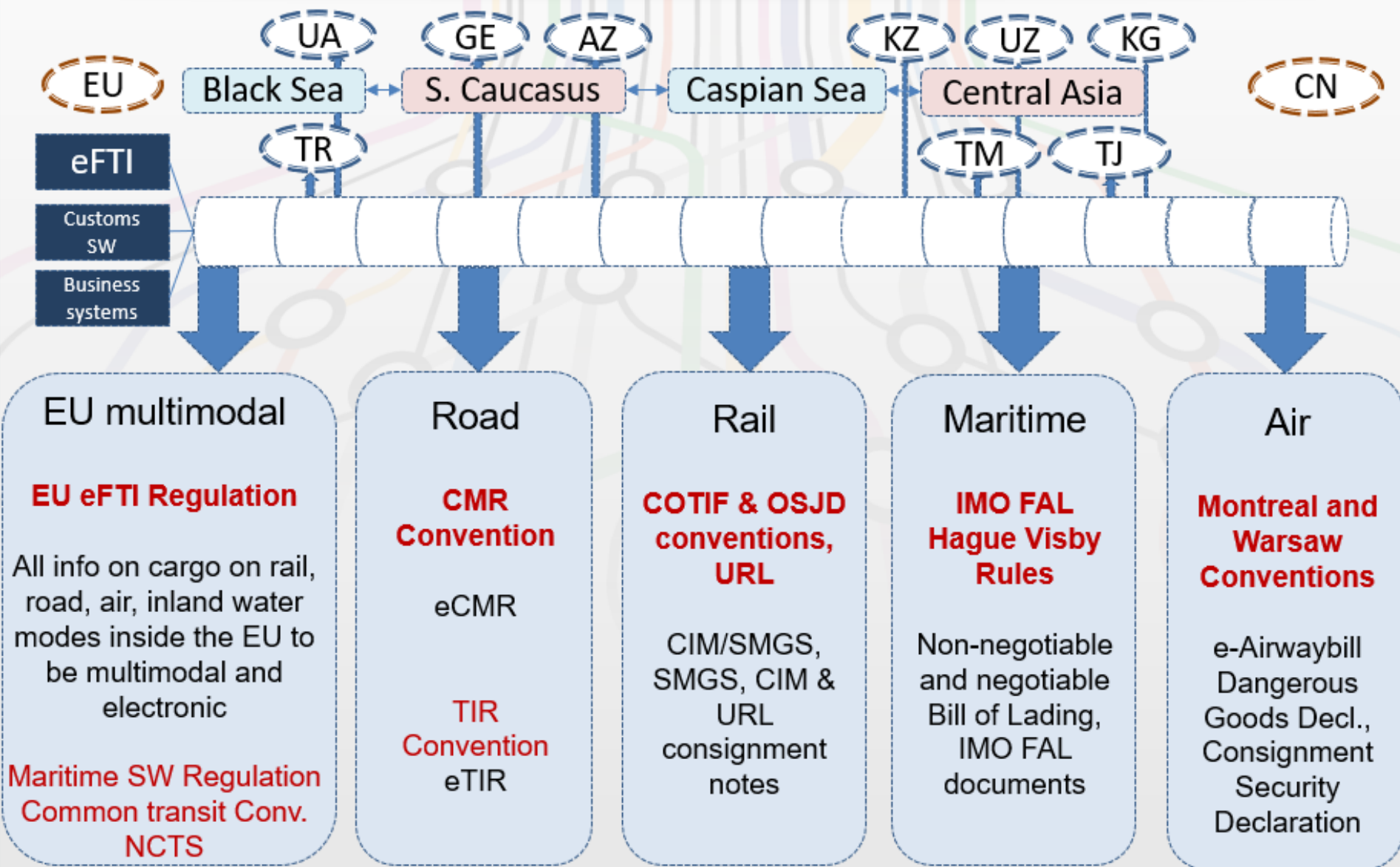
2027

- Economic operators and authorities to use rail data exchange based on the Unified Railway Law and UN/CEFACT
- Economic operators may use digital air cargo documents with application of the UN/CEFACT standards;
- Economic operators in all countries may use the operational supply chain data exchange.

2028

- New action plan to be agreed
- The SPECA Governments will convene meetings of experts to elaborate on the implementation details.
- The implementation of this Roadmap will have a strong capacity-building component,
- SPECA Governments recognize the value added of implementing the Roadmap - work with UNECE to mobilize funds.

Information chain in a digital corridor



Alignment of data in the modal dangerous goods declarations to the UN/CEFACT MMT RDM.

UNECE Package of Standard for digitalization of information flows along supply chains

<p>1. Standards developed for the digitalization of information across global supply chains:</p>	<p>2b. Standardized data exchanges to support cross-modal cargo transfers – package of standards for digitalization of multimodal data exchange</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eCMR • Cross Industry Invoice • Cross Industry Delivery • Cross Industry Catalogue • Cross Industry Quotation • Cross Industry Remittance Advice • Cross Industry Scheduling • Cross Industry Ordering Process • Material Safety Data Sheet Details (MSDS) • Contract Financial Execution Management • Market Research Information • eCERT (sanitary-phytosanitary certificates and basis for other certificates): aligned to the Buy-Ship-Pay Reference Data Model • Numerous agricultural certificates, accounting, and other documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inland water transport contract document (IWT “Bill of Lading”; CMNI consignment note; etc.) • Maritime waybill • CIM/SMGS and SMGS consignment notes • Unified Railway Law (URL) consignment note • CIM/SMGS Wagon List (+Commercial Act, etc.)
<p>2a. Standards for logistics data and document exchange published in October 2020</p>	<p>2c. Air cargo and dangerous goods documents:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional booking • Firm booking • Booking confirmation • Shipping instructions • Waybill • Status report • Status request • Packing list • Verified Gross Mass (VERMAS) document • International Forwarding and Transfer documents • Smart container information • eCMR (International road consignment note) • RASFF (Rapid Alert for Security of Food and Feeds) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airwaybill • Dangerous goods declaration • Consignment security declaration <p>Electronic version of the FIATA multimodal Bill of Lading launched in 2022; work ongoing on three other FIATA documents</p>

Thank you!