



1st Transport Facilitation Technical Committee

**Trade Facilitation and REA MAP
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Introduction

- **MULTI-ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR A REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA IN THE WESTERN BALKANS SIX (MAP REA)**
 - *developed upon the request of the Western Balkans Six Prime Ministers to prepare a “proposal for a joint approach to furthering economic cooperation in the Western Balkans,...”*
 - *The MAP puts forward a structured agenda for regional economic integration : trade integration, introducing a dynamic regional investment space, facilitating regional mobility, and creating a digital integration agenda*

MAP stems from the commitments undertaken within the CEFTA and SEE2020 and is based on CEFTA and EU rules and principles as reflected in SAAs.

EVOLUTION OF PRIORITIES IN CEFTA

CEFTA 2008 - 2013

All commitments and deadlines met

- Full liberalisation of trade in goods (both in industrial and non-industrial goods)
- Diagonal cumulation (CEFTA Cumulation)
- Opening of PP Market (non-discrimination in CEFTA PP Markets)
- State Aid notification (State Aid reports)
- IPR review (CEFTA Annexe 7)
- Non-discrimination in Investment
- Transparency tools: CEFTA Transparency - Market Access Database, SPS Database, CEFTA Trade Portal , TBT Platform

CEFTA 2013 – 2019

Implementation of Agreement focused on

- Liberalization of trade in services (Additional Protocol 6)
- Trade Facilitation (Additional Protocol 5) (entered into force on April 18th 2018)
- Reform of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism (Additional Protocol 7)
- Transparency (ongoing priority)
- Investment (ongoing priority)
- Diagonal cumulation (linkage to PEM, SAP + cumulation)
- Decision to introduce full cumulation and drawback on July 1st 2019
- E – commerce, IPR as the new trade areas
- Implementation of SEE 2020 and REA MAP

Overall state of play MAP REA

Facilitation of trade in goods

- Launching of negotiations on **Additional Protocol 7** on trade dispute settlement mechanism:
 - *In the framework of the CEFTA Contact Points, until the nomination of negotiations teams*

- The Public-Private Sector dialog is ongoing:
 - *regular meetings with the private sector directly,*
 - *within CEFTA Parties NTFC*
 - *with WB CIF and sectoral associations at the regional level*

Overall state of play MAP REA

Facilitation of trade in services

➤ The final text of the **Additional Protocol 6** agreed:

- *Contact point for services designated and nominated,*
- *The platform for the Services legislation to be developed,*
- *Statistical portal of data on trade in goods and services, FATS and FDI (fully populated) <https://statistics.cefta.int/home>,*
- *The platform for the services legislation to developed under the basis STRI indicators*
- *the Inception Report on e-commerce presented and adopted in January*

Overall state of play MAP REA

Facilitation of trade in goods

- **Additional Protocol 5** adopted and started with its implementation
 - *3 regional Pilot validation mission of AEOs programmes have been performed*
 - *CEFTA JC Decision and Guidelines on MR of AEOS Programmes agreed*
- CEFTA Parties have selected the vegetables as the sector for the implementation of the MRA (cucumber, apples, tomato's and egg plants)
 - *The Pilot program started in April 2019*
 - *Decision on the implementing provisions of the MRA of Border Documents (to be adopted)*

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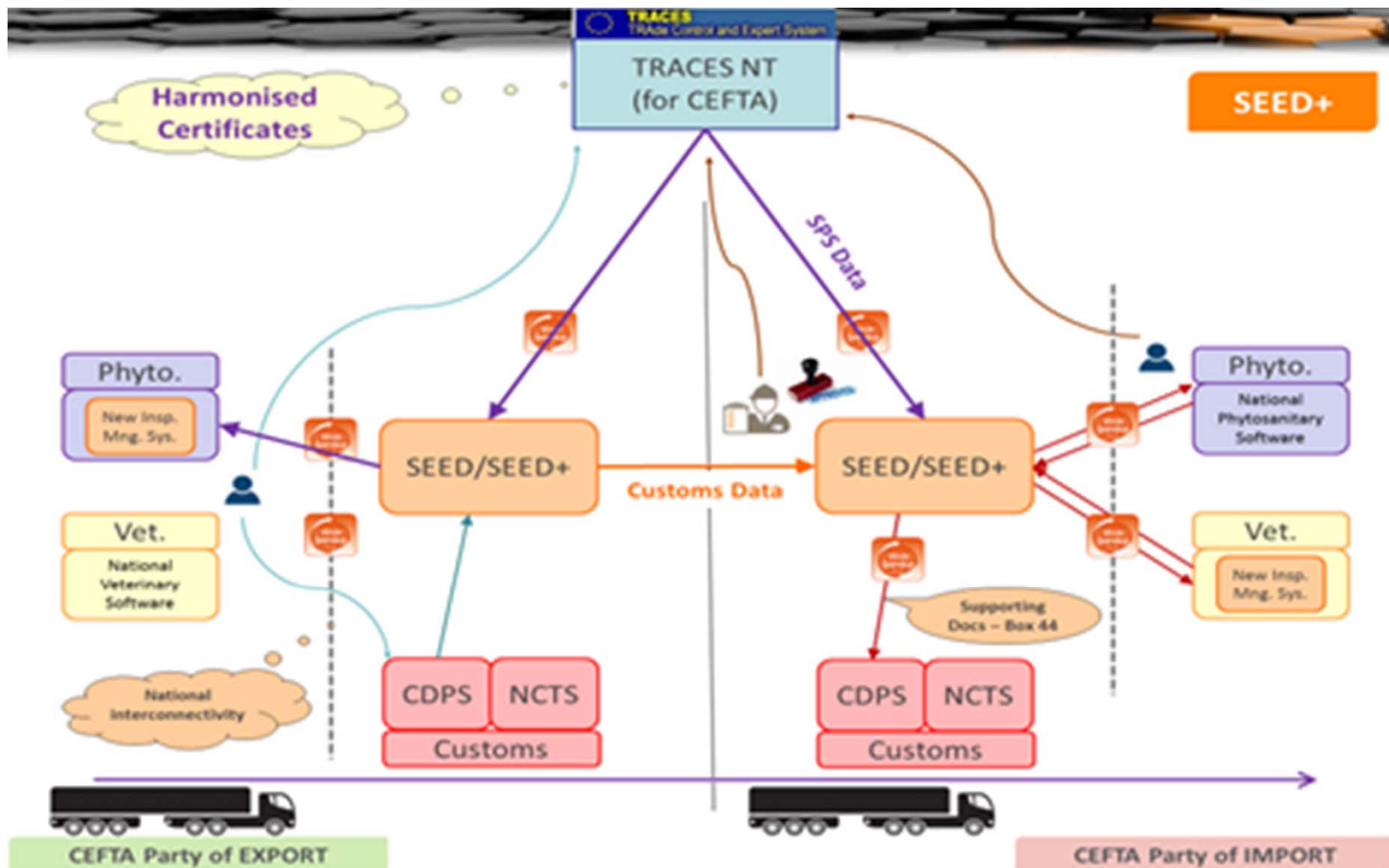
Facilitation of trade in goods

➤ SEED + Project

- *Based on the achievements of the SEED Projects,*
- *Prepared under IPA 2018 and valued at 5.3 MEUR,*
- *Submitted by CEFTA Secretariat and Agenzia Dogane e Monopoli (ADM)*
- *Implementation period 4 Years*

➤ Beneficiaries:

- *Final Beneficiaries are Western Balkans six Parties Administrations,*
- *Beneficiary of the Action is the CEFTA Secretariat*



Overall state of play MAP REA

Facilitation of trade in goods

- 1st July 2019 to start full cumulation and duty drawback in the regional trade,
- Guidelines on unified implementation of full cumulation and duty drawback among CEFTA Parties agreed,
- MoU between WB6 CIF, GIZ and CEFTA signed
- Assessment prepared by the World Bank on the approximation of MFN Tariffs to EU CET presented (conclusions to be adopted by JC)
- Statistical Portal up and running, populated and the timelines for the data collection agreed
- Public Procurement report prepared

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Facilitation of trade in goods

- The CEFTA Market Access Barriers Database (MABD) is up and running, and regularly updated
- *Upon adoption of the Additional Protocol 6 to be extended for trade in services*
- *The outline of the NTM Report adopted*

<https://cefta.int/trade-info-centre/transparency-pack/>

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Facilitation of trade in goods

- A time frame for a joint risk management defined
- *Pilot program starting June 2019,*
- *CEFTA Risk Profile Format created (25 Risk profiles, 14 Risk profiles validated),*
- *The Joint Risk Strategy will be presented at the CEFTA Week in December 2019.*

Overall state of play MAP REA

Facilitation of trade in goods – post Poznan

- *Implementation of the AP5 and Development of the Action plan and Monitoring tool*
- *Joint border controls, one-stop shop controls, sharing border control equipment – field for cooperation*
- *Market surveillance*
- *Regulatory cooperation (licences for economic operators)*
- *Geo-blocking and IPR*
- *E-commerce*



Thank you !

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