



Additional Protocol 5 to the CEFTA

State of play

Outline

- I. General overview
- II. On-going projects

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- **General overview**

Negotiations on the AP5

- ❑ Started in the beginning of **2015** in accordance with CEFTA Ministerial Conclusions as of 21 November 2014, with a view to harmonise and simplify procedures
- ❑ Concluded in **2016**
- ❑ The AP 5 was adopted by the CEFTA Joint Committee in May **2017**
- ❑ Entered into force in April **2018**

Objectives

- ❑ **Simplify** inspections related to all clearance procedures and reduce formalities
- ❑ **Exchange data** between authorities – customs and other
- ❑ **Mutually recognise** the national Authorised Economic Operators' Programmes in each CEFTA Party (if aligned with the EU *acquis*)
- ❑ **Strengthen cooperation** between border and other control agencies with respect to the:
 - Alignment of working days and hours
 - Alignment of procedures and formalities
 - Development and sharing of common facilities
 - Joint controls
 - Establishment of one stop border post control

Commitments

- Risk management
- Transparency
- Common Border Procedures
- Provisions related to Exchange of Data
- Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times
- Border and Other Agency Cooperation
- Mutual recognition
- Authorised Economic Operator



MAP REA

➤ MULTI-ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR A REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA IN THE WESTERN BALKANS SIX (MAP REA)

- *developed in 2017 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.

Trade Pillar of MAP REA

I.1.

**Facilitation of free trade
in goods**

I.2.

**Harmonisation of CEFTA
Markets with the EU**

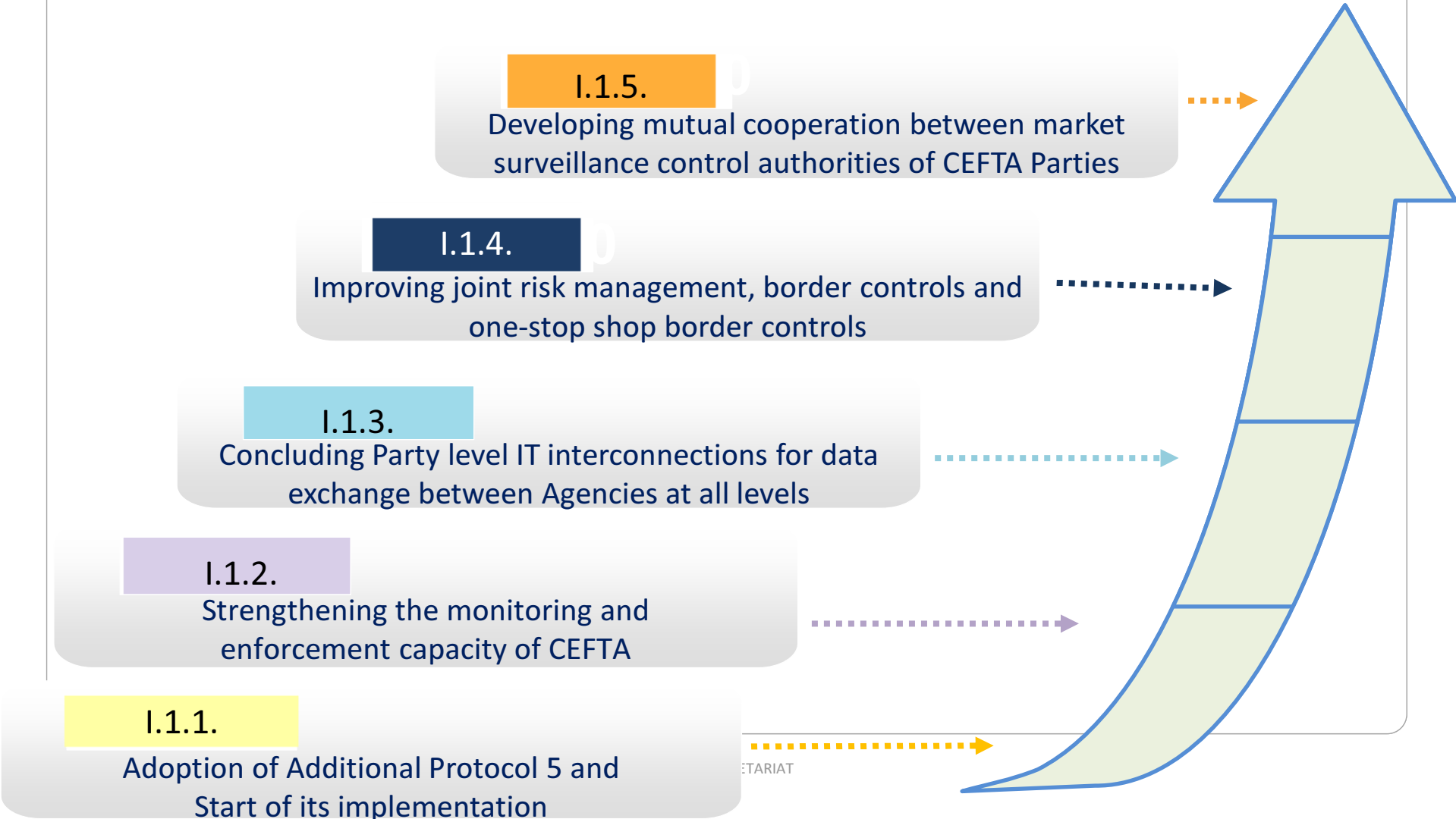
I.3.

**Creating NTMs and TDM
free Region**

I.4.

**Facilitation of free trade
in services**

Facilitation of Free Trade in Goods

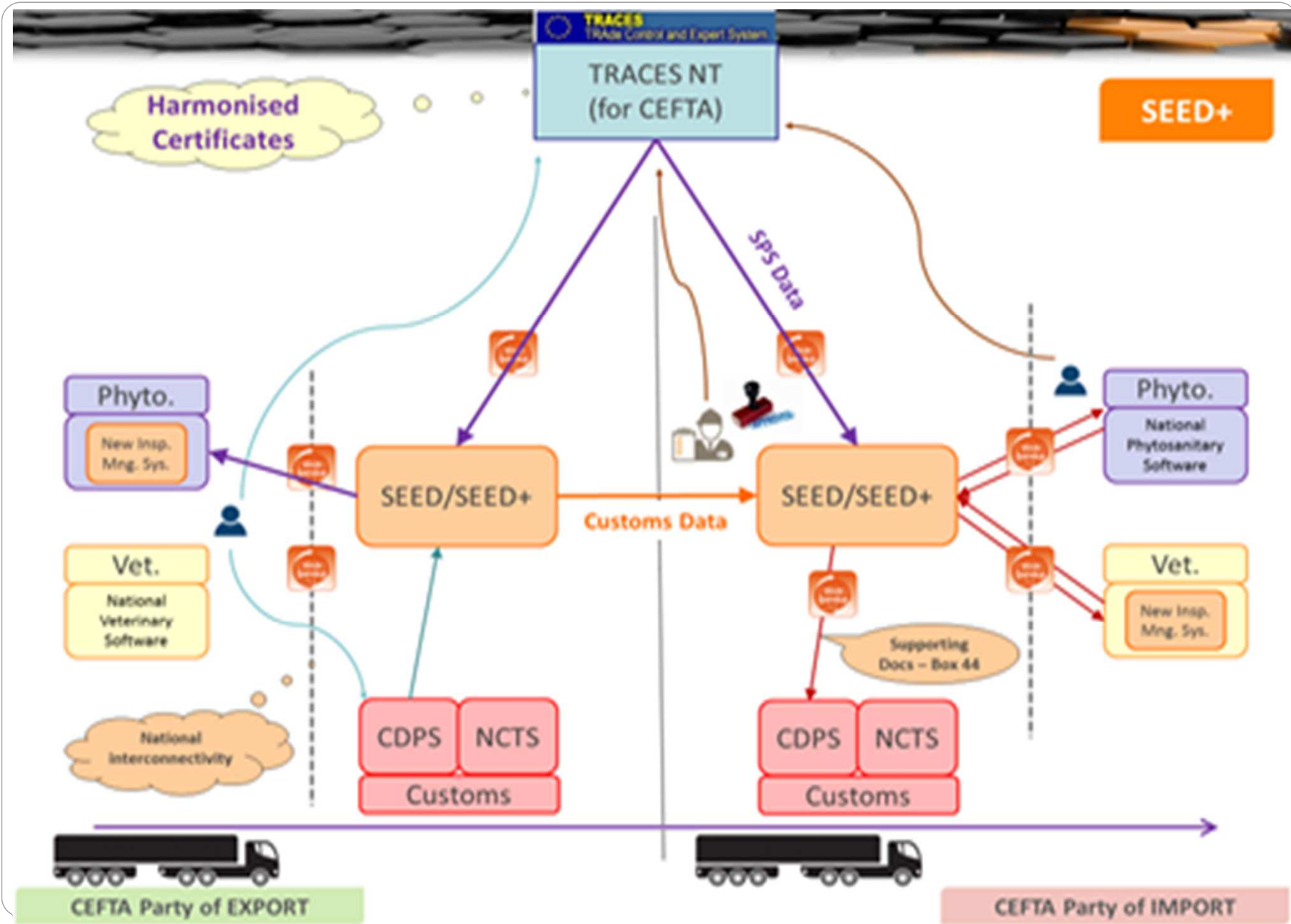


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- **On-going projects**

SEED +

- Aiming to enable electronic exchange of trade documents
 - Based on the achievements of the SEED Projects
 - Prepared under IPA 2018 and valued at 5.3 MEUR
 - CEFTA Secretariat and *Agenzia Dogane e Monopoli (ADM)* are implementing
 - Implementation period 4 Years
 - Project manager as of August 2019
- **Beneficiaries:**
- *Final Beneficiaries are Western Balkans six Parties Administrations*
 - *Beneficiary of the Action is the CEFTA Secretariat*





AEOs

- Decision and Guidelines on MR of AEOs Programmes agreed, still to be adopted
- *3 regional Pilot validation mission of AEOs programmes have been performed, 4th underway*



GUIDELINES

Mutual Recognition

- **Draft Decision on Facilitating Trade for Fruits and Vegetables**
 - **simplifying inspections** related to all clearance procedures for trade in fruits and vegetables between the CEFTA Parties and a reduction of border formalities to the maximum possible extent - in particular, by use of **risk-based** inspection methods and through the **mutual recognition** of certificates issued by each CEFTA Party;
 - establishing a **data and notification system** between the competent authorities of the CEFTA Parties involved in goods clearance to the extent that each CEFTA Party's legislation allows
 - establishing a **Register of Professional Operators** trading in Fruits and Vegetables in each CEFTA Party;
 - **mutually recognising** the professional operators registered in the Register of Professional Operators trading in Fruits and Vegetables of another CEFTA Party;
 - establishing a common **CEFTA List of Fruits and Vegetables** for which Phytosanitary Certificates are mandatory.
- **Cooperation of Market Surveillance Authorities – I Exploratory meeting held in Tirana on 2 – 3 October 2019**

Risk management



- CEFTA Common Risk Management Framework (CRMF) was presented on 16th SCCROO, held in Sarajevo in April.
- Proposal for the Draft CEFTA Risk Management Strategy and Action plan and road presented on the workshop held on 8-9 October
- It is expected that the Draft CEFTA Risk Management Strategy will be presented and agreed on the 18th SC on Customs and RO. Adoption by the JC expected for early December, during CEFTA Week.



Thank you !

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