



# 1<sup>st</sup> Transport Facilitation Technical Committee

Trade Facilitation and REA MAP  
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# Introduction

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- **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

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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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- 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*

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## Facilitation of trade in services

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- 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*

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- **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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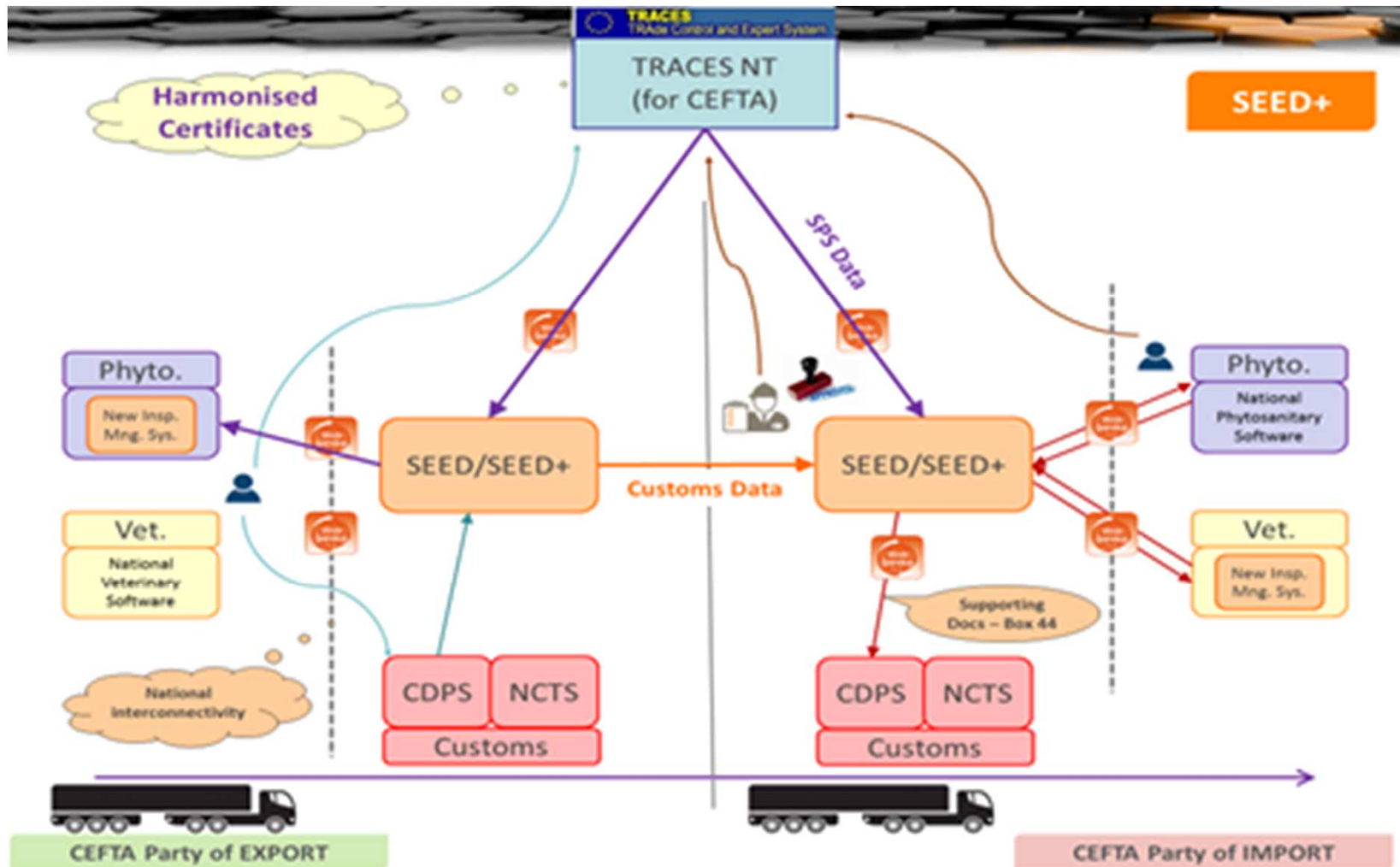
## Facilitation of trade in goods

### ➤ 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*





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- 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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- 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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- 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.*

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## Facilitation of trade in goods – post Poznan

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- *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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