EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA
TRADE FACILITATION SUPPORT PROGRAM
Update on Western Balkans for Transport Community Meeting

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Trade Facilitation Support Program - Overview

Project Partners
- Customs Administrations, SPS Administrations, MoEs in Europe and Central Asia
- Western Balkans is focus region
- CEFTA Secretariat

Objective
- Increased Alignment with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (and in Balkans with CEFTA AP5)

Timeframe
- 5 yrs (2016-2021)
- $ 4 m

Donor partners
Trade Facilitation Support Project - Components

1. PPD, Transparency, Border Agency Collaboration
   - Strengthening of public private sector dialog through establishment and operations of National Trade Facilitation Committees
   - Improving Transparency through Publication, Availability of Trade Related Information
   - Enhancing efficiency of control and clearance process through border agency coordination and collaboration

2. Improving Efficiency of Cargo Clearance
   - Streamlining, standardizing, harmonizing trade related formalities and document requirements
   - Capacity Building on how to develop/refine risk management systems in Customs and Food and Phytosanitary Agencies to reduce the level of cargo inspections
   - Assist with the development of Authorized Operator schemes providing preferred treatment of compliant operators
Trade Facilitation Support Project - Main areas of Technical Assistance

- **AL**
  - 6.1./7 Fees and Charges
  - 7.4/5 Risk Management (FV Agency)
  - 7.6./22.1 TRS
  - 23.2 NTFC; Update of TFA alignment assessment

- **KS**
  - 6.1./7 Fees and Charges
  - 7.4/5 Risk Management (FV Agency)
  - 7.6./22.1 TRS
  - 7.7./25-26 TF Measures for AEO
  - 23.2 NTFC; Update of TFA alignment assessment

- **MNE**
  - 6.1./7 Fees and Charges
  - 7.4./5 Risk Management
  - 7.6./22.1 TRS
  - 7.7./25-26 TF Measures for AEO
  - 8.2./24 Border Agency Cooperation - Joint Controls
  - 23.2 NTFC / TF Strategy; Update of TFA alignment assessment

- **BIH**
  - 6.1./7 Fees and Charges
  - 7.4/5 Risk Management (FV Agency)
  - 7.6./22.1 TRS
  - 8.2./24 Border Agency Cooperation (Joint Controls)
  - 23.2 NTFC; Update of TFA alignment assessment

- **SRB**
  - 6.1./7 Fees and Charges
  - 7.4/5 Risk Management
  - 7.6./22.1 TRS
  - 8.2./24 Border Agency Cooperation - Joint Controls
  - 23.2 NTFC; Update of TFA alignment assessment

**Regional Learning Events**
- Performance Measurement
- Authorized Operators
- NTFC establishment and operations
- SPS coordination
Trade & Transport Facilitation, Investment Policy, Supply Chain Development Programs in the Western Balkans

Investment Lending

WBs Trade and Transport Facilitation Project
- NSW
- Enhanced border infrastructure
- Intelligent traffic system
- TA to support services liberalization

WBs NSW Blueprint
Develop the Roadmap for the NSW:
- Governance
- Legislative framework
- Revenue model
- Technical and functional architecture
- Service Level Agreements
- BPR,
- Risk Management Strategy,
- Management and Communications

WBs Regional investment Policy and Promotion Project
- Establishment of regional investment reform agenda
- Investment policy reforms
- Targeted investment promotion activities

ECA TFSP
- Time release studies
- National trade facilitation strategies
- Simplified Procedures / AEO
- Joint Controls
- Risk management
- Transparency Measures

Technical Assistance

WBs Supplier Development Program (in preparation)
- Match-making platform for light manufacturing suppliers and FDIs
- Supply Chain Development
- Removal of Regulatory Bottlenecks

Investment Lending
- Goods
- Services

Technical Assistance
- Goods
- NTMs

Investments