

The Regional Project 'Trade Facilitation in Central Asia' (TFCA), implemented by GIZ

Regional meeting of the National Trade Facilitation Committees in Central Asia
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Обзор проекта

 Name	<i>Trade Facilitation in Central Asia (TFCA)</i>
 Commissioned by	<i>The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</i>
 Budget	6,500,000 Euro
 Duration	01/2024 - 12/2026
 Target group	Private sector actors involved in trade in the Central Asian region
 Region	Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
 Key partners	<i>Political partners:</i> national ministries in five Central Asian countries responsible for trade policy <i>Implementation partners:</i> executive authorities of five partner countries responsible for customs, transport and logistics, as well as phytosanitary and veterinary border control authorities



Project achievements in 2020-2023

- **4** countries of the project are among the top 8 reformers out of 48 economies in Europe and Central Asia as per the 'OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: Monitoring facilitation reforms up to 2023
- **10** regional meetings of the regional platform of National Trade Facilitation Committees
- **4** Central Asian countries have officially signed a Statement on cooperation in the field of trade facilitation
- **5** Central Asian countries, are interconnected through the digital TIR corridors, effectively reducing transport time and costs for traders
- **More than 2100** representatives of public and private sectors from Central Asia built their capacity in trade facilitation



Project achievements in 2020-2023

- Business process analysis conducted at **17** border crossing points and terminals in 4 countries, leading to recommendations for improvement of trade procedures
- **4** digital solutions and innovative measures were implemented at pilot border checkpoints resulted to:
 - **5** border control agencies are connected through 'Sanarip Tamga' information system, facilitating the exchange of preliminary information and data for risk management systems in Kyrgyzstan
 - **30%** of additional revenues witnessed by Kyrgyz border authorities during 2-months-testing period for the new Data Exchange Portal between BCPs Dostuk/Dustlik (KG/UZ)
 - **2-fold** decrease in border crossing time due to the implementation of the 'E-Transit' automated information system at Uzbekistan BCPs
 - **30%** reduction of queues for export due to the implementation of the 'E-Navbat' electronic queue booking system in Uzbekistan



A new stage of the regional project 'Trade Facilitation in Central Asia', implemented by GIZ

The project aim

Central Asian countries
have regional approaches and knowledge,
especially in the field of digitalization, to facilitate
cross-border trade along regional trade routes

Directions

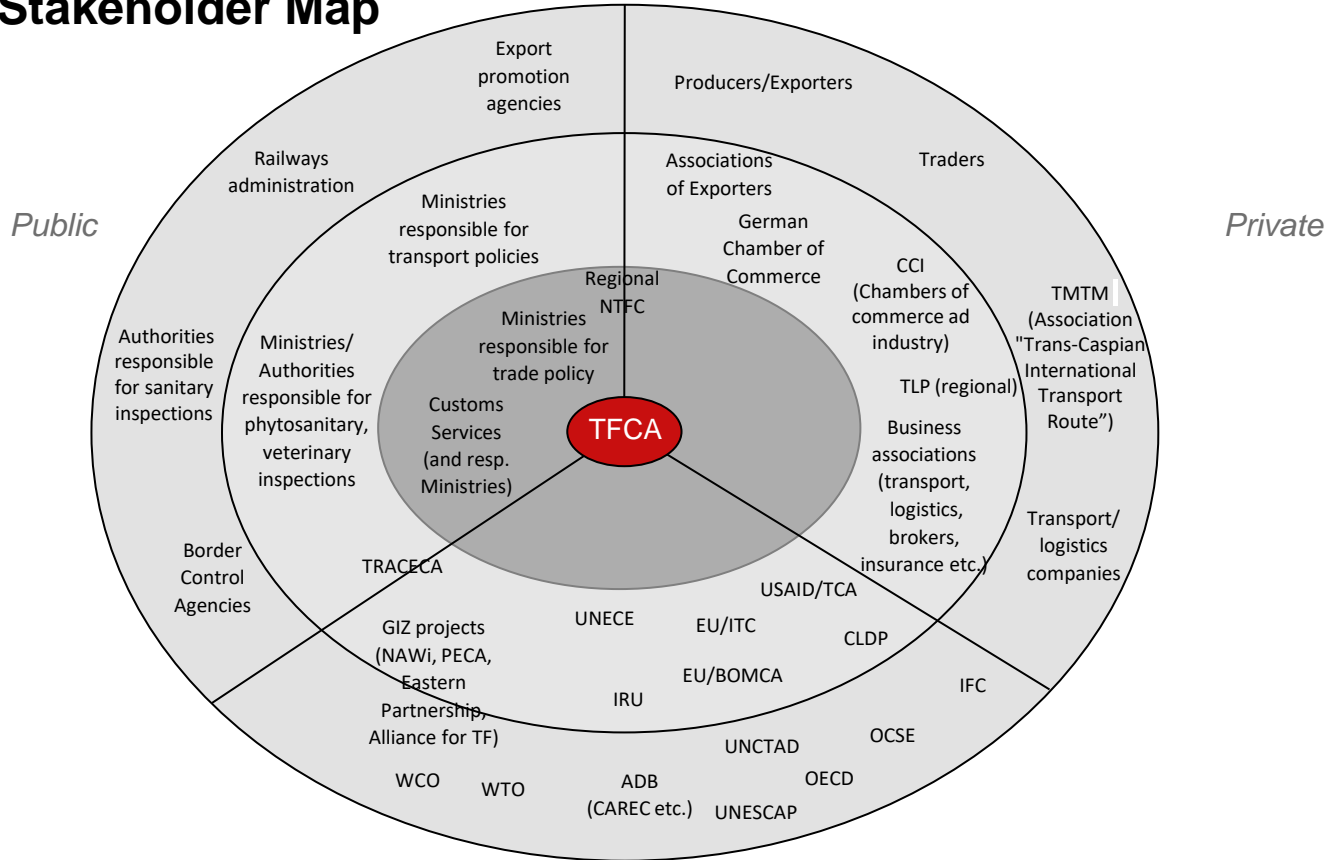
Development of digital
competencies to enhance
regional standards for trade
facilitation

Implementation of the best
practices in trade
facilitation, including digital
solutions

Development of regional trade
facilitation solutions at the
Regional Network of National
Trade Facilitation Committees
in Central Asia

Enhancing the competencies of
transport and logistics companies
in Central Asia to improve the
services provided along regional
trade routes

Regional Stakeholder Map



Development of digital competencies to enhance regional standards for trade facilitation

Activities	Timing	Responsible/involved agencies
Identificaion of content and target group for training in the field of digitalization of data and document exchange aligned with the UN standards and reference data models	2nd quarter 2024	Involved agencies Project implemented by GIZ/TFCA
Support in organizing the seminar “Trade facilitation and digital transformation of multimodal data and document exchange along the Trans-Caspian Corridor”	June 11-12, 2024, Aktau, Kazakhstan	Involved agencies, business associations, UNECE
Creation of a regional expert working group to study and implement international standards in the field of digitalisation and data exchange	2-3 quarter 2024	Involved agencies
Preparatory work for concluding a contract for the provision of training for representatives of regional expert working groups	3rd quarter 2024	Project implemented by GIZ/TFCA
Organization of the first meeting for representatives regional expert working group	3-4 quarter 2024	Involved agencies

Implementation of best practices in trade facilitation, including digital solutions

Activities	Timing	Responsible/involved agencies
Identification of priority trade facilitation measures in Central Asian countries	2nd quarter 2024	Project partners
Determination of key performance indicators (KPIs) in the field digital trade facilitation among project partners	2nd quarter 2024	Project partners
Identifying measures to support and promote opportunities for women in trade	3rd quarter 2024	Project implemented by GIZ/TFCA
Support implementation of priority trade facilitation measures, including digitalization, capacity building and public-private dialogue development	2 - 4 quarter 2024	Agencies Involved

Development of regional trade facilitation solutions at the Regional Network of National Trade Facilitation Committees in Central Asia

Activities	Timing	Responsible/involved agencies
Organization of the 11th regional meeting of National Trade Facilitation Committees for (NTFCs) of Central Asian countries	May 14-15, 2024, Almaty	NTFCs
Development of an action plan within the framework of regional cooperation of NTFCs	May 2024 Almaty, Kazakhstan	NTFCs
Support creation and activities of the regional working groups in priority areas of cooperation (eg: eTIR , ePhyto, data model etc.)	2 – 4 quarter 2024	Involved agencies and business associations
Organization of the 12th regional meeting of National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs) of Central Asian countries	4th quarter 2024	NTFCs

Enhancing the competencies of transport and logistics companies in Central Asia to improve the services provided along regional trade routes

Activities	Timing	Responsible/involved agencies
Carrying out analysis of private sector training needs and identification target groups	2nd quarter 2024	With the participation of CILT
Presentation of the results of the analysis at one of the Central Asian regional meetings on trade issues	3rd quarter 2024	Business associations
Preparatory work for concluding a contract for the provision of training for representatives of the private sector based on the result of analysis	4th quarter 2024	Project implemented by GIZ/TFCA
Study opportunities on establishing relationships with European transport and logistics companies	2-3 quarter 2024	Business associations
Organization two events for establishing of networking within planned regional events	2024	Business - associations , forums organizers

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