

## IN FOCUS

### Regional Cooperation – a Focal Point in LOGMOS Pilot Projects

> Since start of the LOGMOS project in late April 2011, the regional approach has been chosen as a factor of success to channel the EU support of the TRACECA Countries in development of modern logistics and motorways of the sea initiatives.

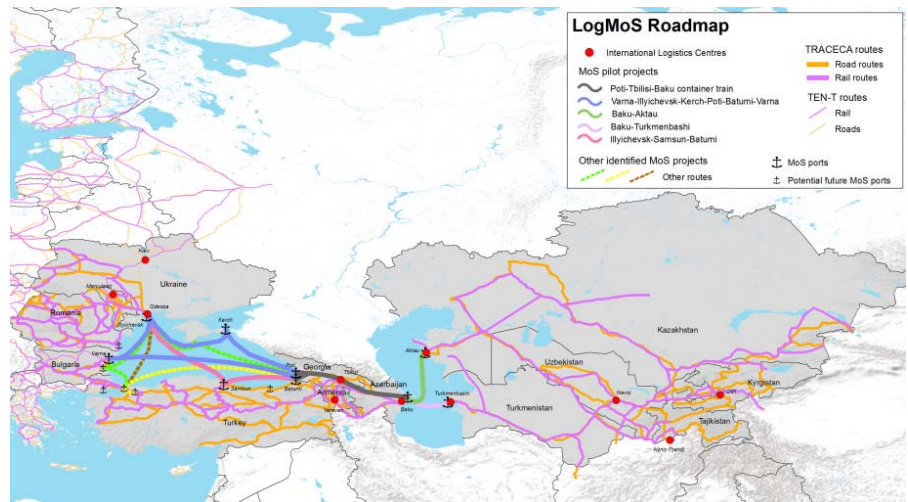
The three years envisaged for the implementation of the LOGMOS projects will be devoted to the implementation support of the pilot initiatives in the TRACECA countries identified by the beneficiary countries in the past two years with the support of the EU technical assistance projects focused on logistics and Motorways of the Sea.

The LOGMOS team has prepared 16 action plans for selected pilot projects to set the concrete steps devoted to development of efficient links and supply chain corridors between TRACECA countries and towards the EU member-states.

For each of the pilot project a stakeholder task force works on implementation of the action plan measures. The LOGMOS technical assistance team facilitates these activities by technical advice, promotion of interactive dialogue, exploring feasibility of initiatives and by organization of the stakeholder meetings.

The first meeting for the action plans in the Black Sea Countries was organized on 4-5 July 2011. The meeting adopted an Action Plan as a basis for development of the Motorways of the Sea Pilot Initiatives in that region.

The next regional meeting for the Caucasus and Central Asia regional will take place in Tbilisi on 3-5 October



2011. The action plans devoted to the establishment of container trains, logistics centres and improved maritime services on the Caspian Sea will be discussed. The representatives of the public and private sector will join their efforts in elaboration of the concrete steps aimed towards improvement in TRACECA logistics process.

A new domain for TRACECA that is being investigated under this contract is the impact on inland waterway on improvement of container transportation and logistics. The aim is to explore the potential of the available capacity on TRACECA waterways in order to shift to or to generate new traffic flows on inland waterways. This mode has a potential to improve transport chain performance in the regional trade.

Inland shipping being not fully utilized in TRACECA is also a cleaner mode of transport that helps reduce the level of pollutant emissions. A fact finding mission has been carried out by the project team. The first results will be published in October 2011.

Together with this the project team has started updating country profiles on logistics and motorways of the sea issues to serve as a basis for the

regional LOGMOS Master Plans. The information will be made available online at the project webpage.

The team started working on preparation of investment project proposals for Georgia and Armenia to be presented at the TRACECA Investment Forum in 2012.

### In this issue:

Regional Seminars Kiev and in Tbilisi set the agenda for pilot projects' action plans in the Black Sea, Caucasus, Caspian Regional and Central Asia

An analysis of the TRACECA inland waterways will be published in October 2011

The work on TRACECA LOGMOS Master Plan has started to exploit the potential of hinterland connections in improving regional trade

The LOGMOS team assists in preparation of the projects for the second TRACECA Investment Forum

