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Facilitating trade through improved logistics, customs and border crossing procedures

The LOGMOS Project organized a regional seminar and practical training on trade and transport facilitation (TTF) in Moldova in November 2012.

TTF Seminar in Moldova

On 6-7th November 2012 the LOGMOS project organized a TTF workshop and training in Chisinau, Moldova. The event brought together project beneficiaries representing public and private sector, specialists of customs authorities of TRACECA countries, delegates of EC, EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine, UNECE, OSCE, World Bank projects for logistics strategy development in Moldova and EU TRACECA project teams.

The participants shared experience and best practice in fostering trade through improved logistics, customs and border-crossing procedures.

A separate session was dedicated to the Silk Wind Pilot Project, where the countries reported on the progress and activities carried out since the meeting in Aktau, Kazakhstan in July 2012. The Working Group discussed the status of the draft memorandum and agreement, action plan towards a unified transit and transportation document CIM/SMGS, roadmap towards EDI between customs services and railway operators, roadmap towards a competitive and predictable single tariff for the route connecting Asian, TRACECA and European Markets.

The event received a positive feedback, and contributed to the development of the Silk Wind initiative.

Silk Wind Status

After approval of the Silk Wind project by the Government of Kazakhstan in February 2012, three task force meetings took place with the support of the LOGMOS project as dedicated multi-country cooperation platforms. As a first step a high-level meeting between Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan,

and Turkey resulted in signing of a Memorandum of Understanding at the ministerial level and the signing of an intergovernmental agreement about the Silk Wind project is envisaged for the IGC TRACECA Meeting in 2013.

Signing of the MoU proves a strong will of the parties to increase transit traffic on the railway lines and sea routes connecting Europe and Asia through organization of cross-cutting service across the territories of member-countries and providing a full range of logistic services related to transit goods transportations in the direction of neighboring countries, optimization and development of international transport corridors.

Capacity building in logistics and maritime shipping

The LOGMOS team is holding a logistics and maritime shipping training on 10-12 April 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

This will be a three-day-training for transport, logistics, and shipping industry and public sector young professionals. During the first two days dedicated logistics and maritime shipping modules will be taught. At the final day of the training a common workshop devoted to transport economics, case studies for PPP-schemes applied for logistics projects in TRACECA will be organised. Training modules are prepared by leading European academic and research institutions for logistics and maritime economics.

The LOGMOS team encourages participation of public and private sector representatives active in transport, logistics, maritime and port sectors.

LOGMOS Master Plan – Where we stand

Master Plan for logistics and motorways of the sea implementation in TRACECA is the major milestone of the LOGMOS project. Our team continued working on the development of the LOGMOS master plan and relevant case studies. A detailed



master plan concept was elaborated and is being discussed with beneficiaries.

The master plan methodology rests upon three layers identified in consultations with stakeholders from the public and private sectors. These are the following: (i) institutional and regulatory framework; (ii) existing transport and logistics infrastructure and networks; (iii) a dynamic approach of the global TRACECA market and operations in MoS and logistics dimensions. The project team is working on the thematic reports for each mode of transport (rail, road and maritime links - MoS) as well as the multi-modal capabilities, which will serve as a basis for the LOGMOS master plan.

Study Tour

The next study tour to Europe is planned for 10-14 June 2013. The study tour is intended to familiarize the participants with the state-of-the-art technologies and procedures in the field of maritime transport, inland waterways and logistics processes.

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Silk Wind – Draft MoU was discussed

LOGMOS Master Plan Concept was developed

Events in pipeline:

Study Tour to EU countries is planned for June 2013

Logistics and Maritime Training will be held in April 2013



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