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Facilitating the establishment of effective networks of logistics centres and Motorways of the Sea – one year behind

> Almost one year has passed since the LOGMOS project was launched

Since the commencement of the project in April 2011, the LOGMOS team has established a dynamic dialogue with beneficiaries and stakeholders, and made every effort to encourage regional cooperation within TRACECA logistics and MoS processes.

One year is a comparatively short period to encompass a variety of multidisciplinary activities in thirteen countries. Nevertheless, looking behind the LOGMOS team strived for project activities to be successful and contributed to bringing various interested parties together to discuss the existing problems and jointly find efficient solutions to them.

The LOGMOS team has worked closely with beneficiary countries, organised various workshops, round tables, and bilateral meetings. The team has set itself a goal of helping beneficiaries in strategic regional thinking to create a network of logistics centers and implement the MoS concept as a fundamental pre-condition for smooth and reliable transportation, and ultimately, trade and economic development.

During the period from January until April 2012 the project team followed the selected approach. The LOGMOS team carried out several missions to beneficiary countries in order to foster the implementation of action plans for pilot projects, and organised a regional TRACECA LOGMOS workshop.

The workshop took place on 29th February 2012 in Brussels and brought together beneficiaries and stakeholders.

The LOGMOS team informed the participants on the outcomes of the activities carried out since the project start, updated the participants on the status of the existing pilot projects and working groups, Action Plans and follow-up activities of the previous MoS and Logistics Projects, and present the schedule of upcoming events.



Among the invited speakers at the workshop were representatives of the Antwerp Port Authority, Port of Illychevsk, Bulgarian River Shipping Company, National Company Maritime Danube Ports Administration, UTICAD, Navibulgar, BF Group and PLASKE. They made presentations on good practices of logistics sector management including policy issues, organisation of intermodal cargo transportation, aspects of development of the logistics infrastructure (landlord port model, logistics centres implementations, management and marketing concepts), modern logistics technologies to improve the rail ferry transport on the Black and the Caspian Sea.

The LOGMOS team has completed the Danube Case Study with the outlook for exploiting TRACECA Inland Waterways. This study constitutes the second part of the TRACECA Inland Waterways report and highlights Danube's role in the transport system of the four TRACECA riparian countries, since it represents a major part of its inland waterway network.

The Dnepr and Danube basins are also closely inter-linked with vessels plying voyages between the two rivers. Provided adequate logistics infrastructure is developed and navigation conditions are improved, the Danube may play a role in logistics chains connected to the Mediterranean Sea as well.

In view of establishing of an uninterrupted corridor service from the Chinese border to the European one, the LOGMOS supports complex initiatives of Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey aimed at creation of continuous logistics services and reliable infrastructure links to facilitate attraction of the potential cargo flow from Western China. A series of dedicated

meetings were scheduled for April in this respect. The initiative is coordinated with the Permanent Secretariat.

The case study on legal aspects of trade facilitation in TRACECA is underway. The first results are due to be published in April 2012.

The project team is currently preparing a study tour for beneficiaries to Turkey. The study tour will familiarize the participants with the state-of-the-art technologies and of maritime transport and logistics processes aimed at increasing the competitiveness of the TRACECA corridor.

The participants will be introduced to the logistics technologies applied by the Tekirdağ Port, Borusan Logistics, UN RoRo Pendik Port, Kuehne + Nagel Logistics, "Silk Wind Project" (Kazakhstan), UTIKAD, or Ulusoy Çeşme Port.

The ultimate goal of the event is to give an example of the efficient implementation of the best practices and transfer of know-how in the field of transport and logistics with regard to the improvement of logistics processes in the region.

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LOGMOS TRACECA Regional Workshop took place in February 2012

Danube case study completed

Legal analysis is underway

Events in pipeline:

Regional meeting on improvement of TRACECA containerization – April 2012, Baku

A study tour to Turkey scheduled for June 2012



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