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The LOGMOS Project is working on the Master Plan seconded by pilot projects.

Objectives of the Master Plan

The LOGMOS Project is preparing a master plan, which will define the framework of domains to be addressed on the TRACECA space aimed at establishment of the seamless logistics chains and efficient multimodal transportation on the corridor. The master plan is supported by a number of pilot projects serving this goal. The projects have been selected by means of the MCA from the proposals submitted by the beneficiary countries or jointly identified by the project with the stakeholders.

The master plan will include a set of recommendations on policies, objectives, system needs, or priorities to guide decision-makers of TRACECA in a short, medium and long term run in line with IGC strategy. The master plan will be coordinated with the stakeholders both from public and private sectors.

Country Profiles

LOGMOS team has applied the updated database to be used for the evaluation of the traffic potential of LOGMOS projects on the TRACECA corridor across the Black and the Caspian see. All results extracted from this database were compiled in country profiles for 2010. Country profiles are being prepared for all countries.

The structure of the new LOGMOS database was adapted to the structure of TRACECA model zoning to make it possible to analyse TRACECA trade and transport patterns. This analysis is compliant with the existing TRACECA toolbox.

Pilot Projects

The LOGMOS team supported a pre-screening for potential pilot projects. The pre-screening was based on the multi criteria analysis of proposed projects. Feasibility studies were elaborated for the selected projects.

For each pilot project two documents are prepared: a Project Fact Sheet (or Fiche) and a Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) Matrix.

The Fact Sheets are essentially descriptive, with an explanation of the expected benefits and the issues that are to be addressed. Their structure is flexible in response to the characteristics of each project and its present stage of development.

The MCA Matrices are by their nature inflexible, since they are the basis for comparing different projects with respect to their relevance and their potential benefits, convert qualitative judgments into scores that can be directly compared, even if the projects involved are very different in nature.

The MCA is based on two general groups of criteria, which are: (i) Project of Mutual Interest, i.e. of interest to TRACECA countries and to the EU (macro-analysis); (ii) Project of TRACECA Interest (micro-analysis).

MCA matrices and project fact sheets Function of Ukraine as a Transit Country and Block Train 'Silk Wind' have been finalized and published in the LOGMOS Project Report.

The study for Ukraine is meant assess the economic cost to the country of its failure to realize its full potential share of transit cargo flows, and make an estimate of the potential economic benefits from policies to promote transit cargo traffic via Ukraine.

The proposed block train operation should improve the existing railway connection between the PRC, TRACECA Region and



further Europe through the Caucasus and Poti and Batumi across the Black Sea, and Turkey, Mediterranean and Southern Europe through Northern Turkey, Istanbul and Marmara sea ports.

Transport and Trade Facilitation

The Project organised a regional seminar and practical training on trade and transport facilitation in TRACECA held in the Republic of Moldova on 6–7 November 2012 back-to-back to the PS IGC meeting.

The seminar dedicated to the aspects of trade and transport facilitation provided participants with an opportunity to share experience and best practice in fostering trade through improved logistics, customs and border-crossing procedures.

Pilot Project Working Group meetings were organised in the framework of the seminar to discuss the pilot initiatives and updates of their current status.

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TTF Workshop in Moldova was held in November 2012

Master Plan is under preparation

Pre-screening of Pilot Projects was carried out

Events in pipeline:

Logistics & Maritime Training Seminar will be organized in April 2013 in Tbilisi

Study Tour to EU countries is planned for June 2013



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