OSCE-UNECE Transport Co-operation: Recent Developments

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OSCE's mission statement:

To work for **stability**, **prosperity** and **democracy** in 56 States through political dialogue about shared values and through practical work that makes a lasting difference.







56 participating States...





OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension

Tools: CoEEA, Field Presences

Annual **Economic and Environmental Forum**

2006 - **Transport** development and security

2007 - Land degradation and water management

2008 - Maritime and inland waterways co-operation

2009 - Migration

2010 - **Transport** facilitation and security

2011 – Sustainable energy and **transport** (upcoming Forum meeting:

<u>14-16 September 2011</u>, Prague)







OSCE Mandate in the area of transport

Ministerial Council Decision on Future Transport Dialogue in the OSCE (2006)

- ➤ Building partnerships between countries and relevant organizations
- ➤ Assisting Landlocked Developing Countries to address their unique transit transportation challenges
- ➤ Supporting relevant international legal instruments
- > Promote **good governance** and **public private partnerships**
- > Dissemination and implementation of best practices and standards
- ➤ Supporting ongoing coordination mechanisms such as the EATL, TEM/TER



Examples of OSCE-UNECE Co-operation

Regional & national capacity-building/awareness raising activities on the UNECE Harmonization Convention: Moscow, Belgrade (2006), Almaty, Tbilisi, Kyiv (2007), Astana, Balkanabat, Ashgabat, Tashkent (2009)

Supporting EATL, TEM & TER Meetings: Tashkent, Vienna, Turkmenbashy (2010), Almaty (2011)

OSCE-UNECE Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings: A trade and transport facilitation perspective (autumn 2011)

Planned Transport Security Roundtable (December 2011, Vienna)



GOAL:

To support OSCE/UNECE countries in their efforts to make their border crossing practices more efficient, taking into account trade and transport facilitation as well as security aspects

To become a reference document for national policy makers and senior customs, border guard and transport officials when drafting and implementing their border and transit transport facilitation policies





ROAD AHEAD:

High-level launch, awareness raising and promotional activities in late 2011/early 2012

Regional in-depth trainings delivered jointly with the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe

Upon request, regional or national tailor-made seminars can be organized on specific aspects of the publication

Further on, training manuals could be envisaged



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- Chapter 2: Domestic Co-ordination to International Cooperation
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In conclusion

- Political dialogue and regional co-operation are areas where the OSCE can add value and play a catalytic role
- The OSCE is well placed to raise awareness, disseminate experiences and build capacities on issues that require trans-national co-operation
- The OSCE stands ready to continue its co-operation with partners
- Transport co-operation remains a priority



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Thank you for your attention!

• Questions, suggestions, feed-back?

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