



UNECE regional transport activities with focus on SPECA countries



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The context

- Location: an important cost factor
- Landlocked locations disadvantaged
- Efficient international transport needed
- Necessary conditions:
 - International cooperation
 - Adequate physical infrastructure
 - Complementary institutions
 - Cost-reducing competition

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- Safe, secure and sustainable international transport needed in landlocked developing countries
- How? Transport and trade facilitation
- UNECE administered international agreements and conventions can help
- If well implemented

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- New legal instruments include
 - Annex 8 to Harmonization Convention
 - Annex 9 to Harmonization Convention
- Assistance with the implementation
 - TIR convention
 - Vienna conventions

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- Euro-Asian Transport Links: Phase II
 - Already 26 participating countries
 - Incl. SPECA member States and Mongolia
- Updated Master Plans
 - Trans-European Motorway (TEM)
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- Legal initiatives
 - Progressive motor vehicle norms
 - Transport of dangerous goods
 - Road safety (AETR)
 - Unified railway law

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- Analytical work
 - Bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service
 - Hinterland connections of seaports
 - Transport and competitiveness
 - EATL II research projects
 - UNECE/OSCE handbook of best practices at borders

Outlook for 2010

- Promote the use of UN transport agreements in cooperation with other Regional Commissions
- Promote transit facilitation in support of landlocked countries through
 - TIR system
 - Rail and multimodal approaches

Outlook for 2010

- Planned outreach activities include
 - Two EATL EG meetings in Central Asia
 - Regional TIR seminar in Central Asia
 - National Harmonization Convention workshop in the ECO region