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Paper on the operationalization of the Additional Protocol to the CMR regarding e-CMR

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Informal working group

- ▶ Established in Oct 2019
- ▶ Members: Slovenia (chair), Germany, Latvia, Russian Federation, IRU, EU Commission, Turkey (TOBB)
- ▶ Goal: a paper on the operationalization of e-CMR till SC.1 116 session
- ▶ Action plan: 26.5.2020 (Kick-off meeting) in period to July 2021 (a few meetings), July - October (finalization)
- ▶ On a voluntary basis

Structure of document

- ▶ Background and introduction
- ▶ Benefits and costs of implementing e-CMR
- ▶ e-CMR pilot projects
- ▶ Lessons learned
- ▶ Conclusions

Background and introduction

- ▶ Inland Transport Committee (ITC) encouraged the Working Party for Road Transport (SC.1) to increase its efforts to advocate and raise awareness of the e-CMR benefits
- ▶ ITC expressed support for SC.1 being the main platform for multilateral dialogue and the exchange of practices by e-CMR implementing contracting parties
- ▶ Rapid changes in the world through technology advances
- ▶ Digitalization boosted by Covid 19 pandemic
- ▶ Anticipation that the demand for replacing paper-based consignment notes with electronic ones will increase substantially (especially among EU members)

Benefits of implementing e-CMR

- ▶ Time savings and reductions in administrative costs
- ▶ Facilitation of transport processes
- ▶ Access to information in real time
- ▶ Enhanced health and safety
- ▶ Reduction in paper consumption
- ▶ Trade and innovation spillovers

Costs of implementing e-CMR

- ▶ Design, implementation, and maintenance costs for businesses/industry
- ▶ Possibly: Design, implementation, and maintenance costs for authorities

e-CMR pilot projects

- ▶ **Multinational projects**
 - ▶ DIGINNO-Proto Projects (Baltic countries + Poland)
 - ▶ AEOLIX Living Lab 12 project - Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Romania, and Serbia
 - ▶ Benelux e-CMR project
- ▶ **National and binational projects**
 - ▶ France and Spain
 - ▶ France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 - ▶ Slovenia
 - ▶ Slovenia and Turkey

Lessons learned

- ▶ Changing from paper-based to electronic consignment notes reduces administrative costs, saves time and gives rise to business efficiencies, among other benefits
- ▶ Pilot projects have been performed towards the operationalization of e-CMR
- ▶ E-CMR has the scope to be part of a multimodal electronic transport document in the ultimate future

Conclusions

- ▶ A paper by the informal group of experts on the operationalization of e-CMR:
 - ▶ CMR contracting states encouraged to accede to e-CMR
 - ▶ SC.1 to be used as the platform for exchange of info and best practices on e-CMR implementation
 - ▶ Pilot projects are very useful for exploring/refining possibilities of e-CMR implementation
 - ▶ SC.1 secretariat may wish to consider appropriate future actions based on this paper

Thank you!

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