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24th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel
Tbilisi-Georgia
Friday, 25 October 2013, at 09:00 hrs

BSEC-URTA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2014

The BSEC-URTA Member Associations are kindly requested to review below the vision, mission, strategic objectives and 2014 working program of the BSEC-URTA, which will be approved by the 24 Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:-

VISION

Common solutions for common problems

MISSION

To work together with governments and the BSEC Organization, to enable road transport to deliver goods in a cost efficient manner, secure, smoothly and safely in an integrated BSEC road transport market and beyond, by interconnecting businesses, markets and all stakeholders to the best interest of society.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 1. Facilitation.** Work together with the BSEC, its Related Bodies, the IRU and the Governments to develop and further facilitate road transport by implementing main UN international conventions and existing or new multilateral agreements aimed at eliminating barriers to road transport, removing any discriminatory measures, harmonizing and simplifying border crossing procedures.
- 2. IRU-BSEC Interaction.** Obtain support of the IRU on solving regional problems and setting priorities regarding the road goods transport, channel its expertise, know how and guidance to the work of the BSEC organs and the Related Bodies.
- 3. Re-opening of the Silk Road.** Support international activities and projects aimed at promoting re-opening of the Silk Road to modern truck, and develop contacts and cooperation in this connection, with the IRU Member Associations and other interested stakeholders from the countries along the historic Silk Road Routes, which are not represented in the BSEC Organisation.
- 4. Professional Training.** Support the Member Associations to give professional training to national industry on international standards of the IRU Academy and encourage cooperation between the Member Associations in this field.
- 5. Combined Transportation.** Support improvement of existing and development of new combined transportation services in the BSEC region.
- 6. Lobbying and Promotion.** Organize with the Member Associations, IRU, BSEC and National Governments or contribute to the meetings, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and other types of events with a view to improving public image of road goods transport, protecting its common interests and creating new opportunities, particularly on the regional level.
- 7. Good Examples.** Promote good examples and success stories among the Member Associations as well as their members and support roll out of best practices across the BSEC region.

- 8. Information Sharing.** Make or contribute to regional researches and surveys about road transport industry in the BSEC region, and share available professional information with the BSEC fleet operators and Member Associations through the BSEC-URTA web portal.

WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2014

Facilitation:

1. GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION OF BILATERAL AND TRANSIT ROAD TRANSPORT

- a. Cooperate with Member Associations, interested Member States, IRU, BSEC PERMIS and the Chairmanship of the Steering Committee for Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods (SC.F) for enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit, extension of its usage to 3rd Country road transport operations and shift of its usage from single to multiple journeys.
- b. Visit together with AEBTRI the national authorities in Bulgaria in order to request their participation in the BSEC Permit Project by taking into account its current and future benefits to Bulgarian hauliers.
- c. Follow up of the decision of Ukrainian authorities regarding participation to the BSEC Permit Project in 2014 as a result of the joint visit with ASMAP-UA to Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Ministry of Infrastructure on 12 September 2013.

2. SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS

- a. Continue contacts with the concerned Member Associations in Serbia and Ukraine to obtain signatures of their Governments on the BSEC Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Professional Lorry Drivers Nationals of the BSEC Member States.
- b. Promote to the BSEC Member States the profession of *international truck driver*, who should be granted facilitated conditions of mobility to be able to perform their profession freely similar in nature with the sailors or aircraft crews.

3. INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)

- a. Continue the partnership with UNDP-IRU-BSEC for implementation of the BSEC Pilot Project on introduction of the IVWC in Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

4. SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

- a. Participate in the work of the BSEC Working Group on Customs (WG-C) and promote main UN trade and road transport facilitation conventions as well as the WCO international agreements on development of standards and technical support for the harmonization of procedures governing the movement of people and goods.
- b. Cooperate with AEBTRI for implementation of Green Lanes at the Captan Andreevo border with Turkey in order to continue the already existing ones at the opposite Turkish BCP Kapikule.
- c. Cooperate with ARTRI, UNTRR and AITA for implementation of Green Lanes at the Romanian BCP Albita and the Moldavian BCP Leuseni.
- d. Cooperate with UND and TOBB for encouraging Turkish Customs Administration to implement the Green Lanes concept at the Ipsala BCP with Greece.
- e. Cooperate with ASMAP-UA and Ukrainian Customs Administration to implement the Green Lanes concept at Ukrainian BCPs with EU.

5. BSEC-URTA FACILITATION PROGRAM

- a. Support regional projects and activities for facilitation of road transport in the BSEC region involving three or more BSEC-URTA Member Associations or BSEC Member Countries.

IRU-BSEC Interaction:

1. IRU-BSEC COOPERATION

- a. Contribute to implementation of the MoU between the BSEC Organization and the IRU if and when possible.
- b. Coordinate participation of the BSEC Secretary General or his delegates to take part in the events organised by the IRU and BSEC-URTA and vice versa.

2. IRU COOPERATION WITH THE BSEC RELATED BODIES

- a. Encourage and contribute to systematic interaction and cooperation with the BSEC Related Bodies on transport and trade facilitation in the BSEC region.

Re-opening of the Silk Road:

1. BSEC-URTA SILK ROAD PROGRAM

- a. Support regional projects and activities aimed at promoting or supporting the re-opening of the historic Silk Road across the BSEC region, involving three or more BSEC-URTA Member Associations or BSEC Member Countries.
- b. Promote and contribute to the activities undertaken by the BSEC and its Related Bodies as well as the UN and the IRU for implementing main principles of the IRU's Model Highway Initiative at regional level.

Professional Training:

- a. Support the IRU Academy to organise regional meetings and seminars in partnership with the BSEC with a view to promoting and developing professional training at the international standards of the IRU Academy.
- b. Follow up the work of the International Transport Forum on creation of a Quality Charter which will much influence the distribution of the ECMT licenses.
- c. Coordinate with the IRU Academy to apply appropriate measures to fulfil requirements of the ITF Quality Charter, if approved.

Combined Transport:

1. IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- a. Participate in the Meetings of the BSEC SC-Motorways of the Black Sea and support the implementation of the related BSEC MoU.
- b. In cooperation with Member Associations work out a new survey on the Ro-Ro lines in the Black Sea region and the quality of their services in order to provide the BSEC SC-Motorways of the Black Sea proper information for actions for improvement.

Lobbying and Promotion:

1. COOPERATION BETWEEN TRANSPORT RELATED BSEC NGOS

- a. Participate in the meetings and events organized by the transport related BSEC NGOs.

2. COOPERATION WITH THE BSEC PERMIS AND THE BSEC RELATED BODIES

- a. Organize mutual working visits whenever necessary and make annual debriefings on activities and policy priorities of the BSEC-URTA.

Good Examples:

- a. Publish on the BSEC-URTA website interviews with and information about the most successful BSEC transport operators as nominated by the Member Associations.

Information Sharing:**1. BSEC-URTA WEB PORTAL**

- a. Publish the BSEC-URTA official documents on the portal and keep it updated with professional news and regional developments.
- b. Encourage the Member Associations to contribute to the content of the BSEC-URTA web portal by sharing information on the past or future main activities as well as recent developments and news at national level.

2. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STATISTICS

- a. Update the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report according to information provided by the Member Associations about industry performance and market developments as well as any other information obtained from various other sources particularly with respect to foreign trade and border crossing waiting times.

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