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26th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BSEC Headquarters
Istanbul, Turkey
Friday, 28 November 2014, at 13:30 hrs

BSEC-URTA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2015

The BSEC-URTA Member Associations are kindly requested to review below the vision, mission, strategic objectives and 2015 working program of the BSEC-URTA, which will be approved by the 26th 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 2015

Facilitation:

1. GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION OF BILATERAL AND TRANSIT ROAD TRANSPORT
 - a. Cooperate with Member Associations, interested Member States, IRU, BSEC PERMIS and the Moldavian 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 on voluntary and reciprocity basis and shifting its usage from single to multiple journeys.
 - b. Maintain contacts with Iranian authorities on Iran's possible participation in the BSEC Permit Project as a follow up to the meeting of a BSEC-URTA delegation with representatives of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture in Tehran on 26 October 2014.
2. SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS
 - a. Continue promoting 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 partnership with IRU, BSEC PERMIS and concerned national authorities for introduction of the IVWC in other participating countries of the BSEC Pilot Project, namely Albania, Armenia, Georgia, 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. Encourage and support implementation of Green Lanes along main BSEC border crossing points, in particular and not limited with Capitan Andreevo (Bulgaria), Albita (Romania), Leuseni (Moldova) and between Ukraine and EU.

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:

- a. Support regional projects and activities aimed at promoting or supporting the re-opening of the historic Silk Road across the BSEC region.
- b. Promote and contribute to the activities undertaken by the BSEC and its organs 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.
- b. Encourage BSEC Member States to work for multilateral recognition of the Certificates of Professional Competence obtained by road transport professionals from national accredited training centres in the BSEC member States through a regional examination system, which could be established upon mandate by the BSEC Organization and in partnership with the BSEC-URTA and the IRU Academy.
- c. Follow the International Transport Forum, which considers creating a Quality Charter in order to influence the distribution of the ECMT licenses.
- d. Coordinate with the IRU Academy to apply appropriate regional measures to fulfil requirements of the ITF Quality Charter, if approved.

Combined Transport:

- a. In cooperation with GIRCA, UND, ASMAP-UA, consider conducting a new BSEC-URTA survey on the movement of containers between the major Black Sea ports of Georgia, Ukraine and Turkey and on the usage of TIR Transit system for intermodal transportation.
- b. Participate in the Meetings of the BSEC SC-Motorways of the Black Sea and support implementation of the related BSEC MoU.

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.
3. COOPERATION WITH THE ECO SECRETARIAT
 - a. In coordination with the IRU and ECO Secretariats as well as the IRU Member Associations in the ECO Member States; work for promotion of the BSEC Permit Project in the ECO region with a view to expanding the existing system or developing a similar one in the ECO region, which then could serve as basis for a wider Asian permit system in the future.

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. Redesign the BSEC-URTA 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 their 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 regional and international foreign trade.

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BSEC-URTA Calendar of Events-2015 First Half

I – BSEC-URTA Events

EVENT	PLACE	DATE
1. 35 th Meeting of BSEC-URTA Management Council	Geneva	16 April 2015
2. 27 th Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly	Geneva	16 April 2015

II – Events Organized By Other Parties

EVENT	PLACE	DATE *
1. IRU Transport Council CTM	Geneva	17 April 2014
2. IRU General Assembly	Geneva	18 April 2014
3. BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport	Istanbul	
4. BSEC Task Force for introduction of IVWC	Istanbul	
5. BSEC Task Force for intermodal transport	Istanbul	
6. BSEC Steering Committee on Coordinated Development of Black Sea Ring Highway	TBC	
7. BSEC Steering Committee on Development of the Motorways of the Black Sea	TBC	
8. Meeting of BSEC Ministers of Transport	Chisinau	
9. BSEC Working Group on Customs	Istanbul	
10. Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials	Chisinau	
11. Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC Member States	Chisinau	

** The Calendar of the BSEC Meetings will be set and announced by the BSEC Chairmanship in office (Moldova) in January 2015.*