

### 31<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TOBB Plaza

Istanbul - Turkey

Friday, 16 June 2017 at 10:30 hrs

### ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2017

Since the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 22 November 2016, the International Secretariat participated in events of importance for the industry, contributed to international gatherings and worked for promotion of the BSEC-URTA and its objectives.

A summary of these activities according to the BSEC-URTA strategic objectives, Working Program for 2017 and short-term priorities set by the BSEC-URTA Management Council is given in the attached table.

#### BSEC-URTA ACTIVITY REPORT ON SHORT TERM PRIORITIES BETWEEN 22 NOVEMBER 2016 AND 16 JUNE 2017

PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Increase and diversify BSEC-URTA revenues	Develop new Members / Observers / Donors / Sponsors;	BSEC-URTA President and the International Secretariat have contacted potential new members and observers across the BSEC, LAS and ECO regions and the countries enjoying special status with BSEC and ECO organisations;
	Raise project based funds;	The IRU Member Associations THADA (Turkmenistan), ABBAT (Tajikistan) and ICCIMA (Iran) consider becoming BSEC-URTA Observers.
	Develop commercial activities.	AULT and BSEC-URTA agreed to elaborate a joint project application to the IsDB in 2017.
		The <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance continued its work together with interested insurance companies from the BSEC region for possible development of a regional CMR product as a first step.
		Preliminary consultations are held with TOBB-UND Company in order to develop a business model for promoting its services on regional level.

Develop further and expand BSEC Permit to Eurasia	Meeting of competent BSEC organs;  State of affaires;  System expansion.	<p>No transport related meeting was held under the Turkish Chairmanship-in-office (1 January-31 June 2017).</p> <p>A Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods, a Meeting of the Working Group on Transport and a Transport Ministerial Meeting are planned during the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-office (1 July-31 December 2017).</p> <p>In 2017, the BSEC Permit system is based upon 450 permits per country, which are good for both bilateral and transit transport operations among and through territories of all 8 participating States.</p> <p>BSEC PERMIS and BSEC-URTA have already requested the participating BSEC Member States to consider allowing multiple trips and 3<sup>rd</sup> Country transport operations in 2018.</p> <p>Already, 4 of the 8 participating countries, namely Romania, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova recognised on reciprocity basis the BSEC Permits good for 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport operations in their territories.</p> <p>ICCIMA (Iran) has continued interest for supporting participation of Iran in the BSEC Permit system subject to decision of its competent authorities and acceptance of BSEC Organization. ICCIMA is required to encourage the Iranian authorities make a final decision on this matter.</p>
Support Working Party on Insurance developing BSEC CMR Insurance	Activities of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance.  Follow eCMR developments.	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party took place in Istanbul on 14 March 2017.</p> <p>With support of the President, JLT Turkey was engaged to elaborate a base report on structure of an ideal insurance pool and draw a road map for a competitive single CMR policy based upon market data and statistics from CIS, EU and Turkey.</p> <p>Planned to co-organise with AULT an inter-regional transport insurance forum in Istanbul back-to-back with autumn session of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.</p> <p>Took part with delegations from OFAE, UNTRR, TOBB in the Meeting of the IRU Commission on Services to Road Transport Operators in Madrid on 16 March with a view to implementing eCMR along a Balkan route.</p> <p>Organised an exchange of views among TOBB, TOBB-UND Company and IRU</p>

	Explore an integrated “arbitration”	<p>Geneva on cooperation for developing a possible eCMR Balkan Pilot Project.</p> <p>Planned to organise in partnership with BSEC, IRU and TOBB, a Seminar on Computerization of TIR System and Transport Related Documents (eCMR) in Istanbul on 15 June 2017.</p> <p>Planned to take part in the OFAE’s official launch event of eCMR Pilot Project in Greece in Thessaloniki on 22 June 2017.</p> <p>Held an exploratory meeting with the leadership of the international Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC) in Istanbul on 15 June 2017. The meeting was useful to identify the possibility of embedding a free-of-charge arbitration component in a future BSEC CMR insurance product, which is dealt with by the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance.</p>
Submit AULT/BSEC-URTA joint ADR Project to IsDB	Define Project objectives, main benefits and operational and technical details;	<p>A coordination meeting with the AULT Secretary General was held in Istanbul on 22 March 2017, where a preliminary project plan was elaborated.</p> <p>Participated and addressed to the 104<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Arab Economic Union in Cairo on 25 May 2017, where AULT and BSEC-URTA also convened to review the BSEC-URTA/AULT Joint Action Plan 2017 including the ADR Project timeline for submission to the IsDB by the end of 2017.</p>
Follow eTIR Pilot Projects	<p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Iran</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Moldova and Ukraine</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the Project is implemented with successful results.</p> <p>AITA, Moldovan Customs Authority, AIRCU, Ukrainian Customs Authority and IRU held meetings on technical and organisational matters related to implementation of the Pilot Project.</p> <p>TOBB and ASMAP-UA coordinated to obtain cooperation agreement of the Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Authorities to for an e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine.</p>

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