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32nd MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Tirana - Albania
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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2017

Since the 31st Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held at TOBB Plaza in Istanbul, Turkey, on 16th June 2017, 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 16TH JUNE 2017 AND 13TH OCTOBER 2017

PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Increase and diversify BSEC-URTA revenues	<p>Develop new Members / Observers / Donors / Sponsors;</p> <p>Raise project based funds;</p> <p>Develop commercial activities.</p>	<p>Following contacts of BSEC-URTA President and the International Secretariat, IRU Member Associations THADA (Turkmenistan), ABBAT (Tajikistan) and ICCIMA (Iran) consider becoming BSEC-URTA Observers.</p> <p>AULT and BSEC-URTA agreed to elaborate a joint project application to the IsDB in 2017. Parties need to elaborate a concept paper in consultation with the IsDB, if possible.</p> <p>The <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance held its 5th Meeting in Istanbul on 28 August 2017. Swiss Re Company participated in the meeting together with interested insurance companies from the BSEC region in order to jointly develop a regional CMR product.</p> <p>The International Secretariat continued consultations with TOBB-UND Company in order to develop a business model for promoting its services on regional level.</p>

<p>Develop further and expand BSEC Permit to Eurasia</p>	<p>Meeting of competent BSEC organs;</p> <p>System expansion.</p>	<p>A Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods back-to-back with a Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation in the BSEC region are planned on 18-19 October 2017 as part of the calendar of events under 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 3rd Country transport operations in 2018.</p> <p>Already, 4 of the 8 participating countries, namely Romania, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova recognized on reciprocity basis the BSEC Permits good for 3rd 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>
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<p>Support Working Party on Insurance developing BSEC CMR Insurance</p>	<p>Activities of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance.</p> <p>Follow eCMR developments.</p> <p>Explore an integrated “arbitration” component, if possible.</p>	<p>5th Meeting of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party took place in Istanbul on 28 August 2017.</p> <p>With support of the Chairperson, SWISS RE Company participated in the meeting together with interested insurance companies from the region in order to develop a regional CMR product.</p> <p>Planned to co-organise with AULT an inter-regional transport insurance forum in Istanbul back-to-back with Round Table on Passenger Transport to be held in beginning of December 2017.</p> <p>Organised 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>Took part with delegations from AEBTRI, UNTRR, TOBB in the launching by OFAE in Thessaloniki on 22 June of the eCMR Pilot Project with a view to implementing eCMR along a Balkan route.</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> <p>Concluded a draft MoU with ISTAC to be approved and signed, if possible, on the occasion of the 32 General Assembly of BSEC-URTA in Tirana on 13 October 2017.</p>
<p>Submit AULT/BSEC-URTA joint ADR Project to IsDB</p>	<p>Define Project objectives, main benefits and operational and technical details;</p>	<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>A second meeting of the Secretaries General is planned to take place in Istanbul in October-November 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>e-TIR connecting Ukraine with Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan;</p>	<p>After implementation with success of the 2nd stage of the Project, the Customs authorities of Iran and Turkey continue accepting the coverage of e-guaranties issued for the transport operations between the two countries.</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>During the XVIIIth International Road Transport Conference in Odessa on 6-7 September 2017, TOBB and ASMAP-UA agreed to prepare a coordinating meeting of the Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Authorities for development of an e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine in November 2017.</p> <p>This is a new project proposal by the Odessa Conference on 6-7 September 2017, which the International Secretariat plans to follow of its development, closely.</p>
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