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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2019

Since the 34th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held at Yerevan – Armenia, on 5th October 2018, 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 2019 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 5TH OCTOBER 2018 AND 28TH MAY 2019

PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Increase and diversify BSEC-URTA revenues	Develop commercial activities.	The legal registration of the economical branch of BSEC-URTA is over. BSEC-URTA established an economic entity in the form of commercial enterprise within BSEC-URTA under the name “BSEC-URTA Karadeniz Ekonomik İşbirliği Karayolu Taşıma Dernekleri Birliği İktisadi İşletme” (Union of Road Transport Associations in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region Economical Enterprise. BSEC-URTA). In this framework the International Secretariat continued consultations with VIATRANS and TOBB-UND Company in order to develop a business model for promoting their services on regional level.

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 connecting Ukraine with Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine;</p>	<p>After implementation with success of the 2nd stage of the Project, the Customs authorities of Iran and Turkey drafted and agreed on a cooperation agreement on fully coverage of road transport operations between the two countries by eTIR guaranties.</p> <p>During the 2nd quarter of 2019 the agreement is going to be signed by parties and deferred for ratification to the national parliaments.</p> <p>With the help of US Aid, AITA and IRU the TIR EPD application is fully operational for Moldova and thus creating the necessary framework for an e-TIR Pilot Project between Moldova and Ukraine;</p> <p>AITA, Moldovan Customs Authority, AIRCU, Ukrainian Customs Authority and IRU held meetings on technical and organizational matters related to implementation of such a Pilot Project.</p> <p>Customs authorities from concerned countries and member associations signed protocols in order to start implementation of the Pilot Project.</p> <p>Georgia informed that the implementation of the eTIR messages is at a final stage, and that they wish to activate eTIR transports soonest with Azerbaijan.</p> <p>Kazakhstan has implemented the eTIR messages. Negotiations will take place in Q3/19 to start eTIR transports with Azerbaijan.</p> <p>Azerbaijan has implemented the eTIR messages. Negotiations will take place in Q3/19 to start eTIR transports with Georgia.</p> <p>Ukrainian Customs will start the IT implementation by Q2 2019</p> <p>Custom Authorities from Turkey and Ukraine are still evaluating results of the meeting held during 9-10 May 2018 in Istanbul and Izmir, Turkey in order to set up an action plan for beginning of the Pilot Project. No any development yet.</p>
Promote eVisa for professional drivers	Present good examples and request application of these to the BSEC organs	<p>The International Secretariat presented the good examples in the region and beyond in granting eVisas (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Oman, USA) during the transport related meetings of BSEC (Meeting of the BSEC WG on Transport, Baku, Azerbaijan, 24 October 2018, Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Transport of the BSEC Member States Baku, Azerbaijan, 25 October 2018, Meeting of the BSEC WG on Customs Matters and joint Meeting of BSEC WGs on Trade & Economic Development and on Customs Matters 6 December 2018.</p> <p>Following actions of BSEC-URTA the BSEC Secretary General will take the necessary measures to activate the Group of Experts on Visa Agreement to examine the possibility of granting professional drivers electronic visas.</p>
Implement the ISTAC - BSEC-URTA Action Plan and promote its established activities.	Explore arbitration options for transport sector in BSEC and LAS	<p>The Road Transportation and Arbitration brochure in 3 languages (English, Russian, Turkish) was jointly elaborated and published by two entities in order to satisfy the request of the sector for information concerning arbitration. It was disseminated by post and electronically. PDF version is available on www.bsec-urta.org.</p> <p>Conference “Ways of Disputes Resolution in Logistics and Transportation Sector & Proposals of Alternative Methods of Disputes Resolution” was held in Istanbul Bar on 4 January 2019. It was jointly</p>

		<p>organized by Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), BSEC-URTA and Association of International Hauliers of Turkey (UND).</p> <p>BSEC-URTA President and Secretary General participated in the AULT General Assembly in Beirut on 2 May 2019 and presented the cooperation with ISTAC calling AULT to become part in this cooperation process.</p> <p>Next Steps of Cooperation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appointment by Member and Observer Associations of persons to be trained by ISTAC on alternative dispute resolution and application their skills at logistics services to serve as a Contact Point; • nomination of Arbitrators and Technic Experts from BSEC-URTA Members and Observers' countries; • hosting of seminars on Ways of disputes resolution in Logistics and Transportation Sector in BSEC-URTA Members and Observers' countries. <p>BSEC-URTA Members and Observers are more than welcome to appoint a representative with relevant experience to the newly established ISTAC Working Party on Logistics.</p>
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