

38th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2021

Since the 37th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Istanbul – Turkey, on 02nd April 2021, 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 2021 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 02ND APRIL 2021 AND 25TH NOVEMBER 2021

PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Increase and diversify BSEC-URTA revenues	Develop commercial activities	BSEC-URTA`s economic entity continued consultations with TOBB-UND Company in order to develop a business model for promoting their services on regional level. Consultations were held with: ANALTIR, ABADA, AMERIT, AITA, UNTRR, PUMEDTRANS, SMP.
Develop further and expand BSEC Permit to Eurasia	Expand the Permit System in parallel with promotion of ePermit system.	On 10 March 2020 in Ankara delegations from the Republic of Turkey, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine came together and decided to setup in coordination with BSEC PERMIS, IRU and BSEC-URTA, a BSEC electronic-permit pilot project. During the Meeting of participating countries to the BSEC Permit System on continuation of the system in 2021 held online on 21 October 2020 the representative of Ministry of Transport of Turkey presented a web application developed by ministry which could be suitable for electronic exchange of permits between interested parties. The presentation was much appreciated by participants to the meeting. At an initial stage Turkey will work with Ukraine to digitalize the exchange of road transport permits between the two countries including the BSEC Permit, too. After completion of this initial stage the Pilot Project will be extended to all BSEC Member States on a voluntary basis. During the Meeting of participating countries to the BSEC Permit System online on 12 October 2021, North Macedonia was accepted to be the 9th party to the BSEC permit system. During the meeting 8 BSEC Member States, namely Albania, Georgia,

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 a cooperation agreement on fully coverage of road transport operations between the two countries by eTIR guaranties. The draft agreement is still unsigned.</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>Customs authorities from concerned countries and member associations signed protocols in order to start implementation of the Pilot Project.</p> <p>No any development yet.</p>
Promote eVisa for professional drivers	Present good examples and request their application by 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 and requested consideration by member states the digitalization of issuance procedures of such visas.</p> <p>During the Covid-19 crises many problems related to visas of professional drivers occurred in the EU space and IRU in coordination with BSEC-URTA addressed the EC DG HOME for seeking solutions. Next to extension of the validity of visas and some derogations related to number of days permitted to stay in the EU space the EC is working to launch in 2022 of a Pilot Project on issuance of e-Visas.</p>
