



UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION  
(BSEC-URTA)

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## SIXTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Marriott Hotel, Tbilisi – GEORGIA  
Tuesday, 26 October 2004, at 10:00 hrs

### BSEC-URTA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2005

The BSEC-URTA Member Associations are kindly requested to find below the vision, strategic objectives and 2005 working programme of the BSEC-URTA, submitted to consideration and approval of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:-

#### VISION

Common solutions for common problems.

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. **Facilitation.** Support major international transport corridors and work together with the BSEC Governments and IRU as well as other regional cooperation processes, for facilitation of road goods transport by eliminating barriers and difficulties, removing and opposing any discriminatory measures and harmonizing or simplifying procedures and practices.
2. **IRU-BSEC Interaction.** Inform the IRU on regional problems and priorities regarding the road goods transport, channel its expertise, know how and guidance to the work of BSEC organs and related bodies.
3. **Good Examples.** Promote good examples and success stories among the Member Associations and support their expansion throughout the BSEC region.
4. **Project Development and Information.** Make or contribute to regional researches and surveys related with the road goods transport in the BSEC region, and trigger or support internationally financed research, training and consultancy projects for benefit of all or interested Member Associations.
5. **Lobbying and Promotion.** Organize with the Member Associations, IRU and BSEC 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.
6. **Combined Transportation.** Support improvement of existing and development of new combined transportation services in the BSEC region.
7. **Professional Regional Cooperation.** Support the IRU to enhance and coordinate professional cooperation in and among regions of the world in the field of international road transport.



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**WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2005**

**Facilitation:**

1. BSEC VISA FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS (BVPD)
  - a. Take part in the meetings and follow-up results of the related BSEC competent organs and related bodies.
  - b. Work together with the IRU and coordinate Member Associations in order to have the relevant Draft BSEC Agreement be opened to signature of the Member States.
2. INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)
  - a. Follow the related work of UNECE on this issue closely.
  - b. Work for holding of an inter-regional meeting in Geneva, with the coordination of the IRU and under the patronage of the UNECE, between the representatives of CIS, BSEC and SECI cooperation processes.
3. MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CPC CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS
  - a. Take part in the meetings and follow-up results of the related BSEC competent organs and related bodies.
  - b. Work together with the IRU Academy and coordinate Member Associations in order to have the relevant Draft BSEC Agreement be concluded and opened to signature of the Member States.
4. SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES
  - a. Lobby for joining of all BSEC Member States to the UNECE 1982 Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods.
  - b. Obtain information about the good examples or projects related with border crossings on the international transport corridors such as TRACECA's single window project, and bring them to the consideration of competent BSEC organs and Member Associations.
  - c. Search for possibility of having the BSEC to organize a meeting of customs authorities about border crossing cooperation.
5. HARMONIZATION OF CHARGES
  - a. In order to keep this matter on the agenda and lobby for harmonization of charges in the BSEC region, take part in the meetings and follow-up results of the related BSEC competent organs and related bodies.



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**IRU-BSEC Interaction:**

1. IRU-BSEC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
  - a. Prepare a draft text for consideration and consent of Secretaries General of the BSEC PERMIS and the IRU.

**Good Examples:**

1. ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT
  - a. Encourage the host Associations to present themselves and their good examples on the occasion of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly meetings.
2. COMPANY PRACTICES
  - a. Support the IRU's Best Industry Practices report and stimulate regional interest for it.
  - b. Encourage the host Associations to allow representatives of its member companies having good examples to present them on the occasion of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly meetings.

**Project Development and Information:**

1. AITA-ARTRI-UND JOINT PROFESSIONAL DISTANT LEARNING PROJECT
  - a. Coordinate the start and implementation phases of the project by the related Associations.
  - b. Work together with the IRU Academy for its further promotion and support on every level as well as identify perspectives of its accreditation after project completion.
  - c. Cooperate with the SECI to search international funding possibilities for the project.
  - d. Manage the project progress reporting to the BSEC competent organs.
2. SYSTEMATIC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
  - a. Search for available calls for proposals and calls for expression of interest under the European and international programs and funds, which relates to the road goods transport and may create benefits for the interested Member Associations, if awarded.
3. BSEC-URTA WEB PORTAL
  - a. Publish the BSEC-URTA official documents on the portal and keep it updated with professional news and regional developments.
  - b. Cooperate with the BSEC Business Council to promote the web portal of each other and exchange data mutually.



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**4. BSEC-URTA PUBLICATIONS**

- a. Implement instructions of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly whether to publish a regional transport and logistics guide.

**5. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STATISTICS**

- a. Make a research about the regional road goods transport statistics on a systematic way and inform the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in a regular manner.

**Lobbying and Promotion:**

**1. ISTANBUL 2004 CONFERENCES**

- a. Follow-up the Conference Final Declaration in cooperation with the IRU.
- b. Implement instructions of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly whether to organize follow-up workshops and similar conferences in the future.

**Professional Regional Cooperation:**

- a. Work together with the IRU in search of channels and to exploit opportunities to build inter-regional professional cooperation with a view to bringing common solutions faster for common problems of the road goods transport in the BSEC region and beyond.

**Combined Transportation:**

**1. REGIONAL SURVEY**

- a. Establish or re-new contacts with the combined transport service suppliers in the BSEC region.
- b. Complete the regional survey on combined transportation.
- c. Identify areas of improvements and bottlenecks and analyze the efficiency of combined transport services in the BSEC region.

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