



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

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EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Jolly Alon Hotel, Chisinau - MOLDOVA
Monday, 24 October 2004, at 10:00 hrs

BSEC-URTA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2006

The BSEC-URTA Member Associations are kindly requested to review below the vision, strategic objectives and 2006 working programme of the BSEC-URTA, submitted to consideration and approval of the 8th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:-

VISION

Common solutions for common problems.

MISSION

Solidarity is our strength.

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 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 as well as their members and support the expansion of best practices 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 Training.** Support the Member Associations to give professional training to national industry on international standards and encourage cooperation between the Member Associations in the field of professional training.



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Facilitation:

1. BSEC VISA FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS (BVPD)
 - a. Take part in the meetings and follow-up work of the competent BSEC organs and related bodies regarding elaboration and opening to signature of the draft BSEC Agreement on facilitation of visas for professional drivers in the BSEC region.
 - b. Work together with the IRU, BSEC PERMIS and Romanian Ministry of Transport as the BSEC Country Coordinator for Transport, and coordinate Member Associations in the above direction.
2. INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)
 - a. Follow up related work of the UNECE on this issue, closely.
 - b. Analyze the administrative, technical and infrastructure related challenges, which the BSEC Member States might face to implement the newly adopted Annex 8 to the 1982 Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods.
3. SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES
 - a. Lobby for joining of all BSEC Member States to major UN conventions and international agreements on transport facilitation, particularly the UNECE 1982 Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods.
 - b. Lobby for organization of a BSEC meeting between customs administrations with participation of the transport industry and business community, which could also focus on expansion of "Green Lane" and "Single Window" practices in the BSEC region.
 - c. Work together with the IRU, BSEC Country Coordinator for Transport, BSEC PERMIS and BSEC Related Bodies in order to develop cooperation between the European Union and the BSEC Organization in this regard.
4. 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.
 - b. Follow up related work of the ECMT and the EC on this issue.

IRU-BSEC Interaction:

1. IRU-BSEC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
 - a. Follow up internal approval of the draft text by the competent BSEC organs.
 - b. Work for signing of this agreement in 2006.



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2. IRU-BSEC BUSINESS COUNCIL COOPERATION

- a. Encourage participation of the BSEC BC in the IRU World Congress in Dubai.
- b. Support direct visits and contacts between the BSEC BC and the IRU Secretariat General.

Good Examples:

1. ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- a. Encourage the host Associations to present about their organizational structure, operations, services and activities as well as their best practices 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 themselves on the occasion of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly meetings.

Project Development and Information:

1. 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 relate to the road transport and may create benefits for the interested Member Associations or their members, if awarded.

2. 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. Publish an electronic transport and logistics guide, including a directory of transport operators and service providers in the BSEC region, by compiling the information made available by the Member Associations and the information obtained from various other sources.

3. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STATISTICS

- a. Issue two updated versions of the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report according to the information provided by the Member Associations and the information obtained from various other sources.

Lobbying and Promotion:

1. FOLLOW UP ISTANBUL 2004 CONFERENCE

- a. Implement instructions of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly whether to organize follow-up workshops and similar conferences in the future.

2. COOPERATION BETWEEN TRANSPORT RELATED BSEC NGOS



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- a. Approach the transport related BSEC NGOs to strengthen bilateral cooperation.
- b. Work together to encourage emergence of new BSEC NGOs.

3. COOPERATION WITH BSEC PERMIS AND BSEC BC

- a. Organize mutual working visits and debriefings on activities and policy priorities of the BSEC-URTA.

Combined Transportation:

1. IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- a. Contact service providers to request their cooperation and initiatives in order to improve the aspects of their services and used facilities, which were identified not satisfactory by the road transport industry.
- b. Cooperate with Superfast Ferries in Greece in order to increase efficiency of Igoumenithsa Port as a major transit point for the industry in South East Europe, and to analyze together the need for new services in the Black Sea.

Professional Training:

1. 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 the IRU Permanent Delegation to the EU in order to facilitate possible contacts between the BSEC representatives and the EC with a view to having the EC's support regarding the draft BSEC agreement on this subject.

2. AITA-ARTRI-UND JOINT PROFESSIONAL DISTANT LEARNING PROJECT

- a. Support AITA, ARTRI and UND to use at home, actively, the newly developed distant learning web portal for the CPC training of road transport managers.
- b. Encourage other BSEC-URTA Member Associations to benefit from this tool in their training activities.
- c. Promote, together with the IRU Academy if possible, the newly developed distant learning web portal vis-à-vis the World Bank, BSTDB and other financial organizations, which might provide financial support for its actual implementation or expansion of its implementation.

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