

ECO TIR related Activities
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key findings of the Silk Road Truck Caravan 2010

- major obstacles on implementation of TIR Convention include:
 1. Issuance of visa formalities,
 2. Border crossing points and infrastructure
 3. Lack of harmonization of customs and border crossing regulations,
 4. Duplication of controls on both sides of borders,
 5. Different requirements in terms of accompanying documents
 6. Lack of parking place,
 7. Standardization of highways,
 8. Unofficial payments,
 9. Differences of price of fuel,
 10. Manual processing of documents,
 11. Limited working hours at the border crossing points and,
 12. Long waiting queues

Instructions based upon findings to reduce the barriers

- ECO 11th summit mandated to initiate regular run of the Trucks under the framework of TTFA and implement TIR Convention.
- MOU with IRU and UNECE mandated us to initiate joint course of actions on transport facilities

ECO REGULAR MONITORING OF TRUCKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IRU

NELTI – 3

10 states, 7 of which are members since 1992.
Population – over 416 mln. Total GDP -



ECO's objectives

- Progressive removal of trade barriers and promotion of intra- regional trade;
- Gradual integration of the economies of the Member States with the world economy;
- Development of transport and communications infrastructure linking the Member States with each other and with the outside world

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Real People  Real Road Conditions

Data Which Reflects Real Problems



Real Results Which Help to Build Better

REALITY

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What is ERMT ?

- Continuation of the ECO/IRU Silk Road Caravan
- Collecting and analysing data about **actual road transport conditions** faced by professional truck drivers during commercial cargo deliveries
 - Special Questionnaires developed in line with the World Bank directives
 - The UNESCAP Time-Distance-Cost methodology for data analysis

Main Objectives

- Promotion and facilitation of international road transport and trade in the ECO Member States through monitoring physical and non-physical barriers for transit transport

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PARTICIPATING ECO Member States

- Customs Focal Points
- Transport Focal Points

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PARTICIPATING IRU MEMBERS

- Afghan Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Azerbaijan International Road Carriers Association
- Union of International Road Carriers of Kazakhstan
- Association of International Road Carriers of Kyrgyzstan
- Pakistan National Committee of the Int. Chamber of Commerce
- Tajik Association of Road Transport Operators
- International Transporters Association of Turkey
- Turkmen Association of International Road Carriers
- Association of International Road Carriers of Uzbekistan

ERMT / NELTI 3 MILESTONES LOOKING FORWARD

- June 1 2011 MoU's signed with Project participating companies
- June-July 2011 Drivers begin to fill in the Project Questionnaires and return them to IRU PDMER
- 29 June 2011 **ERMT Project Launch Ceremony** at the 8th ECO Ministerial Meeting in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- November 2011 Data Analysis by an independent research body begins
- January 2012 ECO/IRU Report and recommendations for

ECO TIR Conference /Istanbul May 2011

- The Conference requested all member states to take necessary measures for implementing TIR Convention
- The Conference appreciated IRU for promoting the EPD and Safe TIR. The Conference requested IRU to provide technical assistance for implementation of these projects in the ECO member states
- Afghanistan implement TIR Convention by the end of 2011
- Pakistan will access to TIR Convention shortly

Following support needed

- Training and Capacity Building
- Equipment of the relevant agencies.
- Provide advisors and experts to provide guidelines on various aspects of establishing the system.
- Organizing workshops by TIR ExB

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