



Economic Cooperation Organization

# ECO's activities for Strengthening Transport Connectivity and Facilitation of Transit in the Region

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Russia

Ukraine

Kazakhstan

Turkey

Azerbaijan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

Kyrgyz Republic

Tajikistan

China

Iran

Afghanistan

Disputed territory of Kashmir

Pakistan

Saudi Arabia

Egypt

India



-  ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
-  REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIDJAN
-  ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
-  REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
-  KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
-  ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
-  REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN
-  REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
-  TURKMENISTAN
-  REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

  
**ECO**  
 (ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION)  
**Map of**  
**ECO Member Countries**  
**Transit Railways**

The maps used for this purpose are provided by the respective member countries.

LEGEND			
International Boundary		Existing Railway (1000 mm)	
Capital		Existing Railway (1435 mm)	
Province Center & Important Cities		Existing Railway (1520 mm)	
Railway Station		Existing Railway (1600 mm)	
Border Crossing Station		Railway Under Construction	
Other Location		Ferry Transport	
Sea Port		Ship Routes	
		Branch Routes	

Scale: 1:4,000,000  
 1 Centimeter = 40 Kilometers

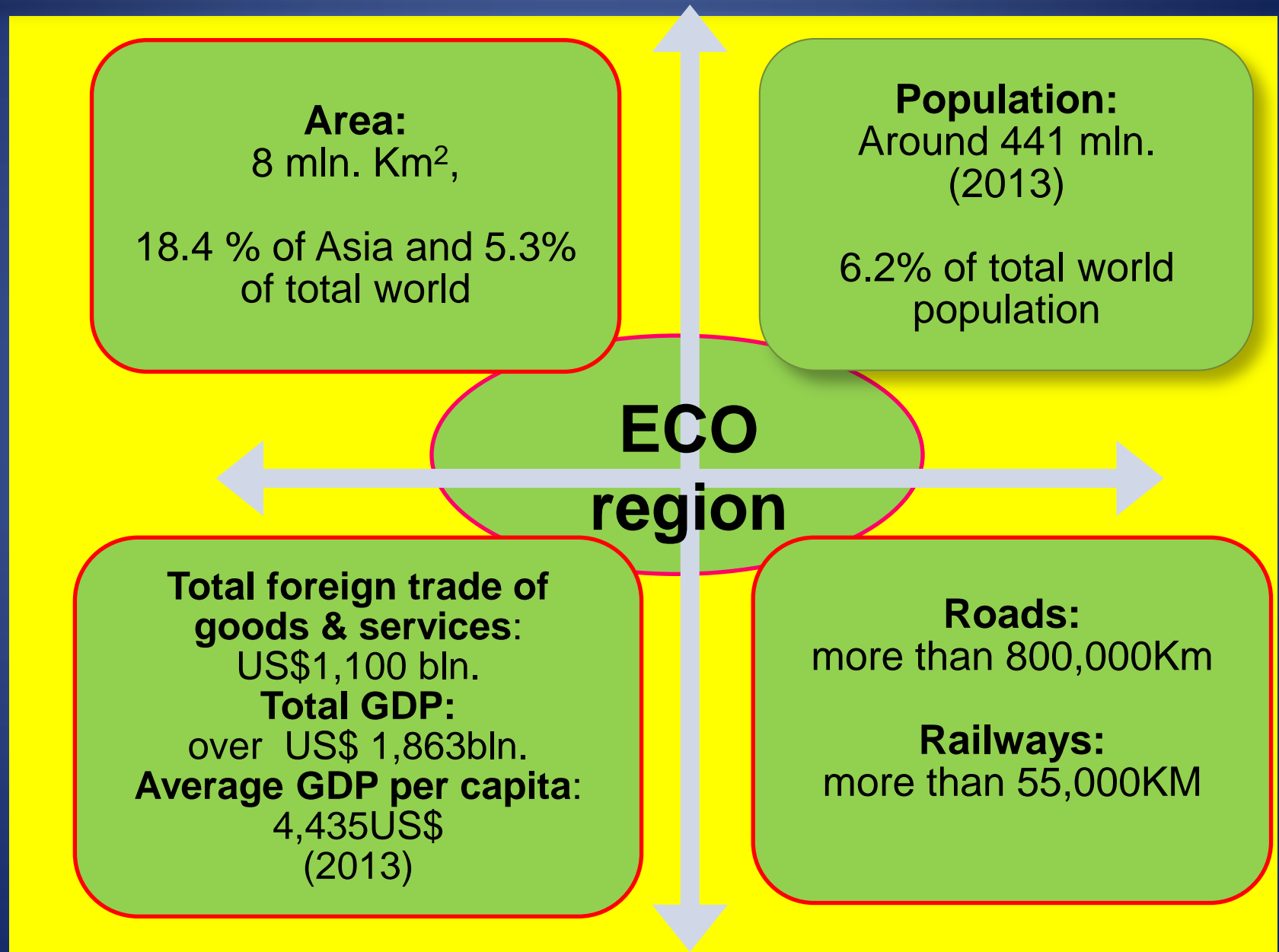
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This map does not indicate the projects which are under pre-feasibility study or under the survey and design work.



# General information on the ECO region

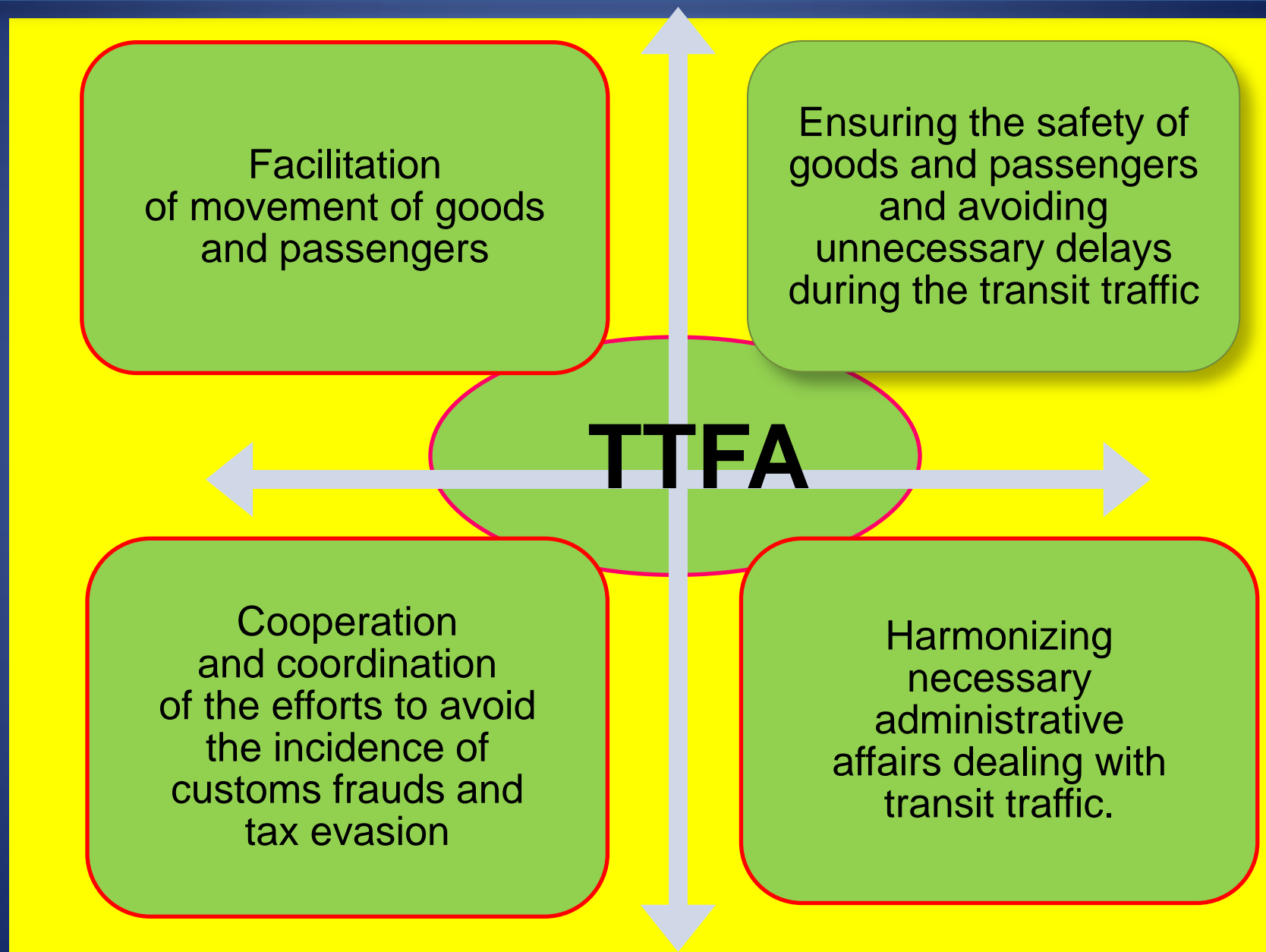
## Introduction





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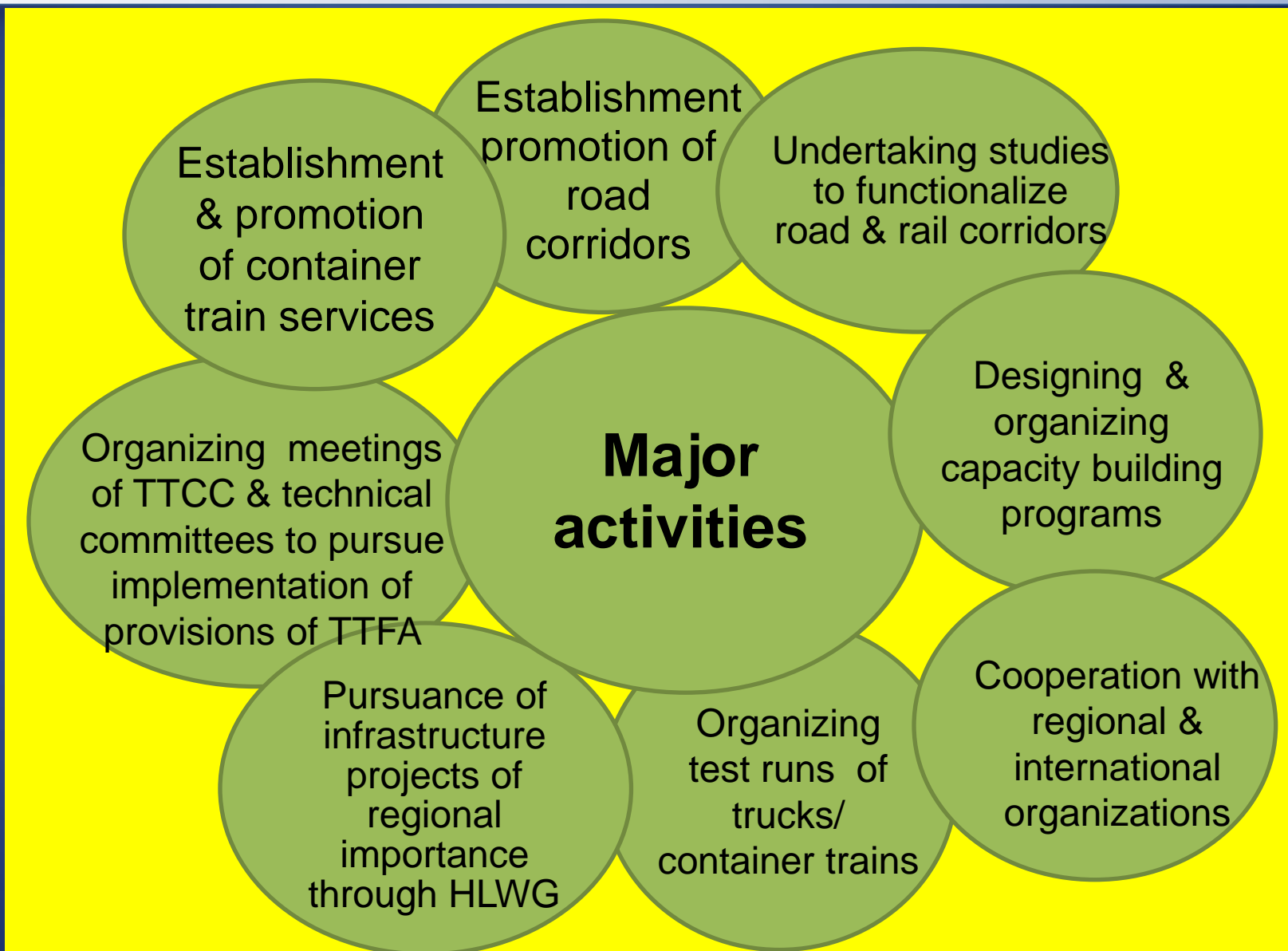
Basic facilitation tool





# ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA)

## Transit facilitation



# ECO container train services

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# The ECO Container Trains on Istanbul-Almaty Route

Unit: US\$

Tariffs

Country	Total distance (km)	Tariff for loaded container		Tariff for empty container	
		For 20 ft	For 40 ft	For 20 ft	For 40 ft
Turkey (Kosekoy-Kapikoy)	1850	648	974	464	579
Iran	1619	462	770	278	462
Turkmenistan*	469	882	1599.04		
Uzbekistan**	732	608	1048		
Kazakhstan**	956	397.14	660.85	213.7	355.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>5626</b>	<b>2997.14</b>	<b>5051.89</b>		

•This freight tariff includes all extra charges and return operation of empty containers for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015.

\*\* These freight tariffs were provided in year 2014.



# ECO Container Train on Bandar Abbas-Almaty Route

ECO corridor



The first demonstration run of the ECO Container Train on Bandar Abbas-Almaty Route (3710 km) was organized on 17 October 2011 from Bandar Abbas. HLWG is following up timetable, tariff and other technical matters to streamline the train services. Measures are ongoing to mobilize cargos.

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# ECO Container Train on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul route

ECO corridor



The ECO Container Train on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Route (6543 km) has begun its scheduled and regular operation since August 2010. HLWG agreed on timetable, tariffs, transshipment fees and other technicalities of the train. As of end 2014 the running time is around 14 days. Measures are ongoing to resume the train services.



# ECO Container Train on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul route

Unit: Euro

Tariffs

Country	Total distance (km)	Tariff for loaded container				Tariff for empty container			
		For 20 ft		For 40 ft		For 20 ft		For 40 ft	
		Per km	Total	Per km	Total	Per km	Total	Per km	Total
Iran	2603	0.22	572	0.28	728.8	0.11	286.3	0.14	364.4
Pakistan	1990	0.22	437.8	0.27	537.3	0.11	218.9	0.16	318.4
Turkey	1850*	0.22	407	0.28	518	0.11	204	0.14	259
<b>Total</b>	<b>6443</b>		<b>1416.8</b>		<b>1784.1</b>		<b>709.2</b>		<b>941.8</b>

\* Total distance between Kapikoy to Kosekoy

**Railway infrastructure projects to  
establish new corridors**

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# Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran Railway Project

The railway between **Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Iran** (about 900 km) was inaugurated on **on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014** and completed North-South Corridor all the way through the enroute countries all the way to Bandar Abbas and Persian Gulf.

The Project is considered as a major step towards seamless transit transport connectivity, enhanced transit trade, economic growth and better access for all countries



The Project is coordinated by ECO through **Tripartite Coordination Committee (TCC)**. A trilateral meeting of the enroute countries was held on the sidelines of 12<sup>th</sup> Heads of ECO Railway Authorities (Tehran, May 2015) to discuss revision of tariffs to attract cargo for the new route.



# The Republic of Azerbaijan-Iran Railway Project

ECO corridor



The Qazvin-Rasht- Astara (Iran)-Astara (Azerbaijan) Railway Project has three parts. Two parts, namely Qazvin-Rasht and Rasht-Astara s with a total length of about 369 km are located in Iran, and one part (less than 10 km) is located in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Two field visits were organized in 2013 by Iran Railways in collaboration with ECO to be familiarized with the ongoing construction works in the Iranian segments.





# Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran (KTAI) Rail Project

## ECO Corridor



The Project of construction of railway from China to Europe through Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan -Iran (KTAI) is coordinated by ECO. The total length of the (Kashghar-Herat) route is around 2155 km. The total length of Sangan (Iran)-Herat Railway line is 191 km out of which 76 kilometers lying in Iranian territory has already been constructed.

The feasibility study in Tajik segment is completed. 60% progress has been achieved in construction of the sub-segment between Chah-e-Sorkh (border with Iran) to Rozanak area of Herat province. The feasibility study for the sub-segment between Faryab and Mazare-Sharif is due to be completed soon. The remaining sub-segments of Afghanistan still require conducting feasibility studies and construction. Kyrgyz Republic is taking measures to undertake a feasibility study on its territory.

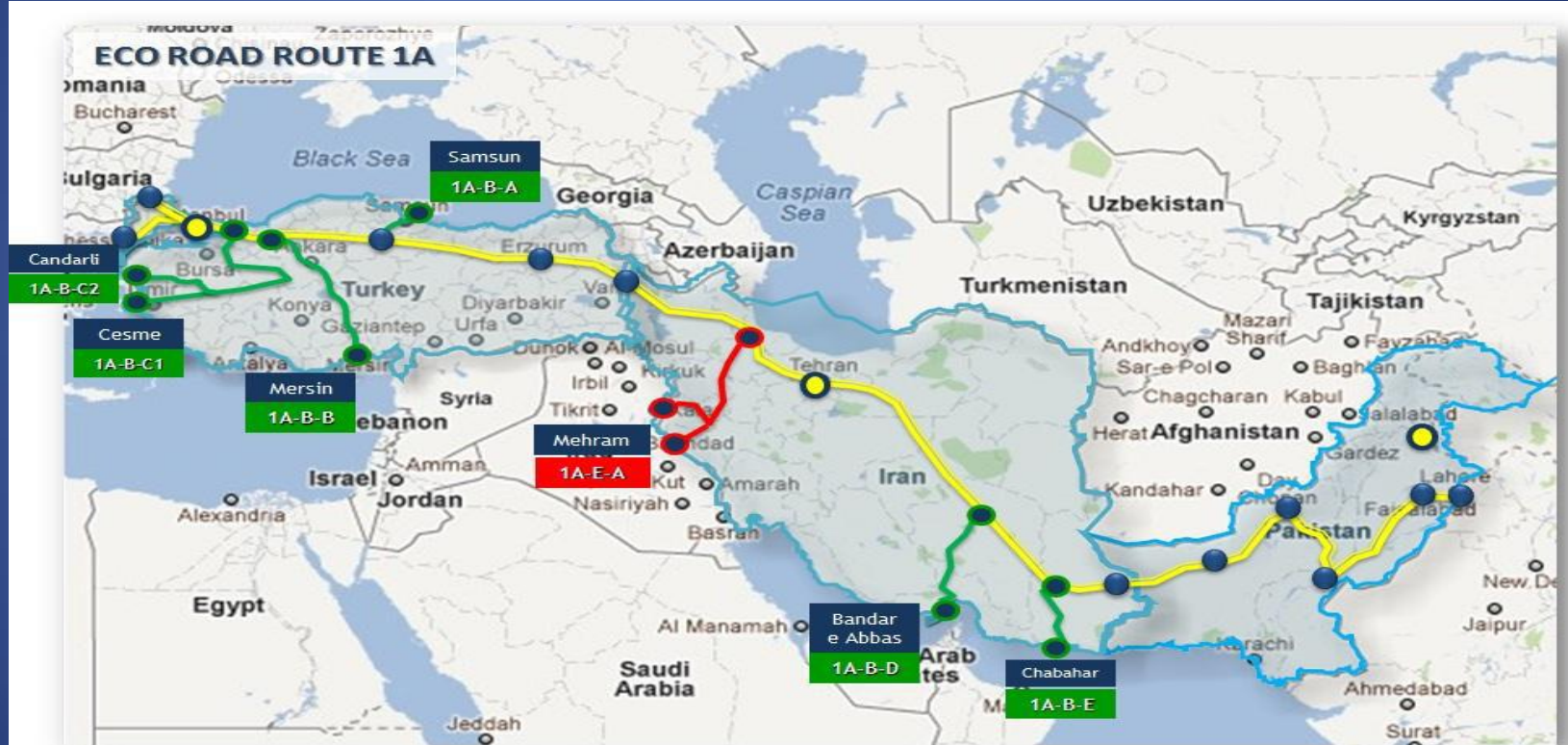
# Road corridors

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# Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Road Corridor

Further to the decisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECO Transport Ministers (Ashgabat, 2011), arrangements for establishing a road corridor between Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul was initiated. The Corridor is being coordinated by the ECO High Level Working Group



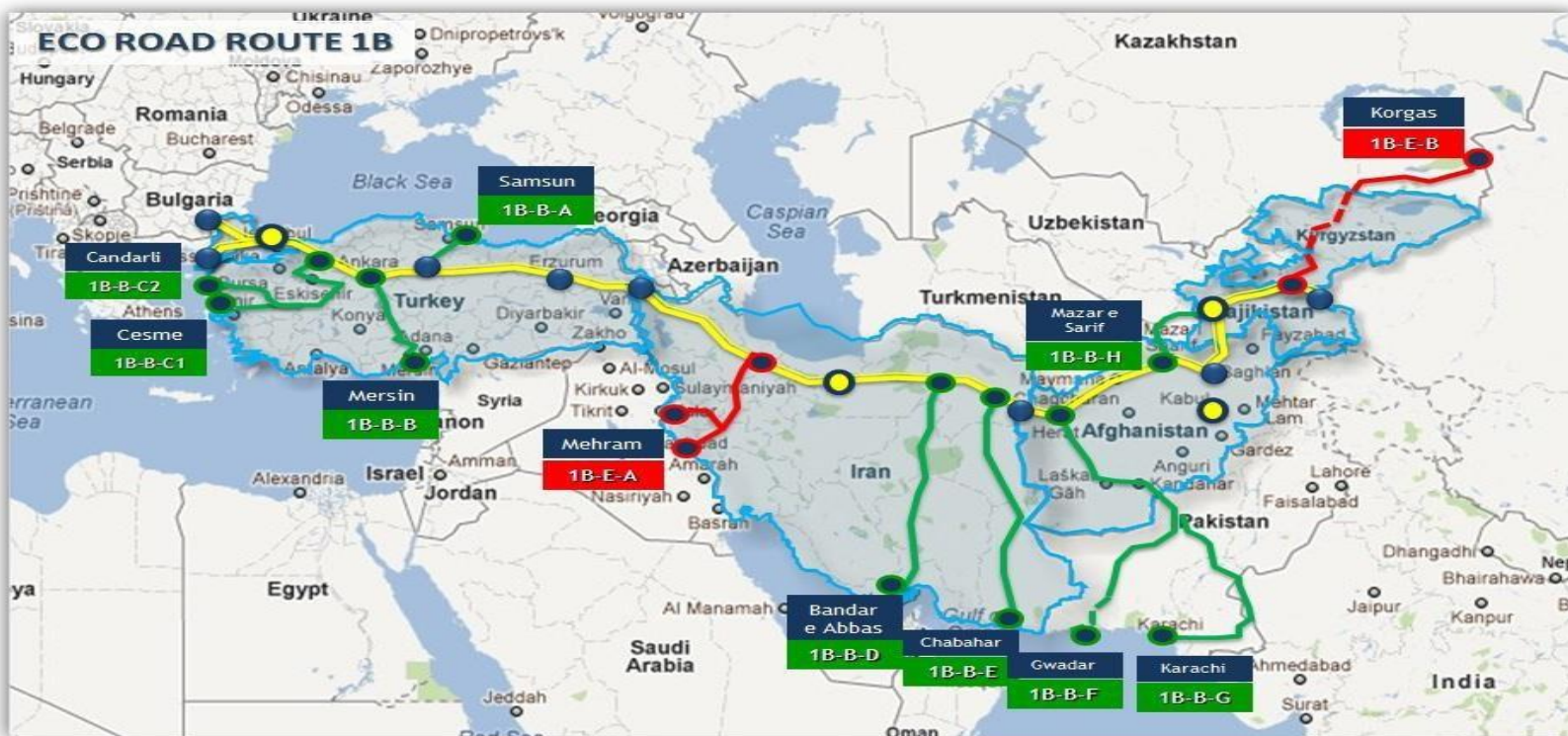
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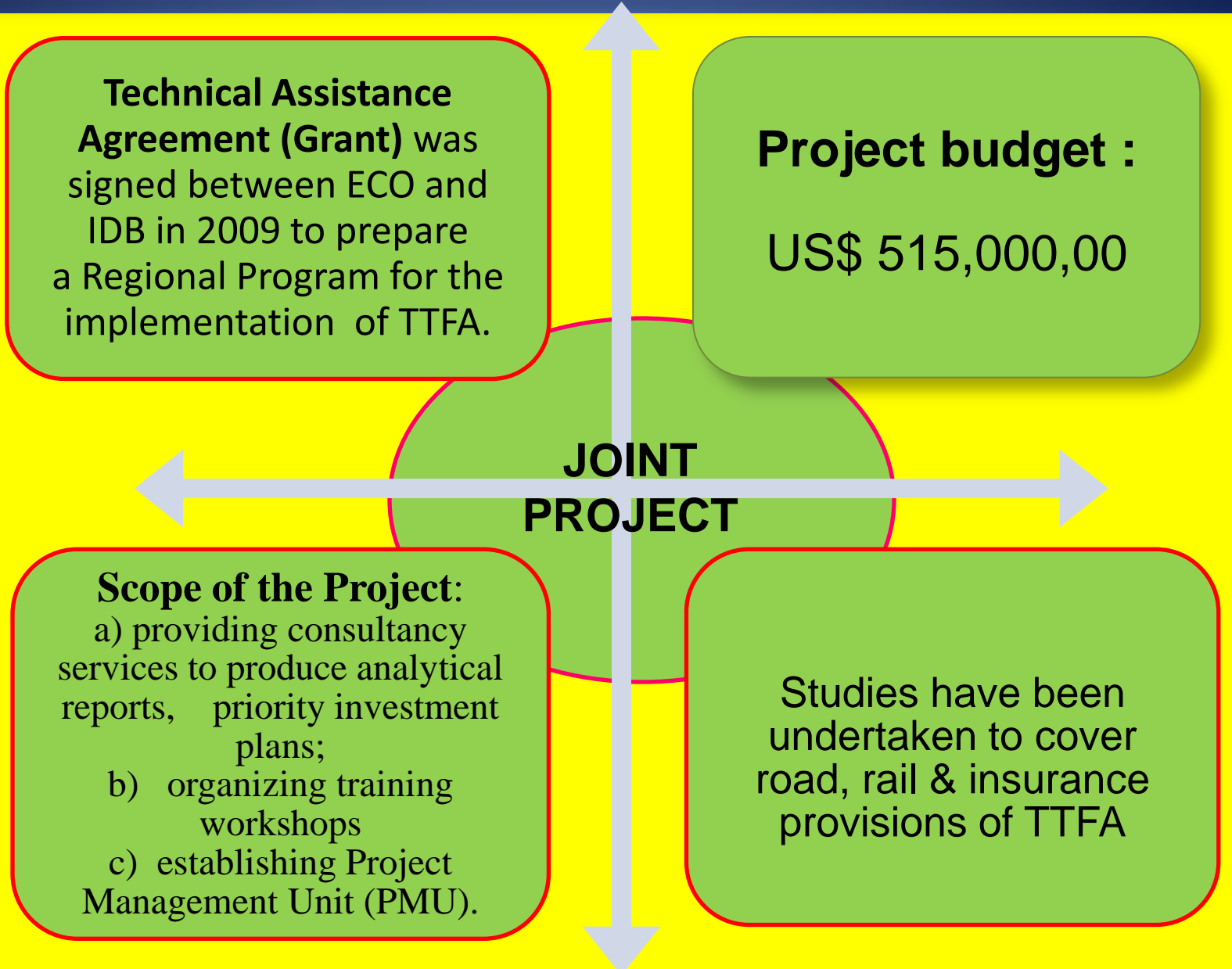
# Regional Studies/Regional Plans

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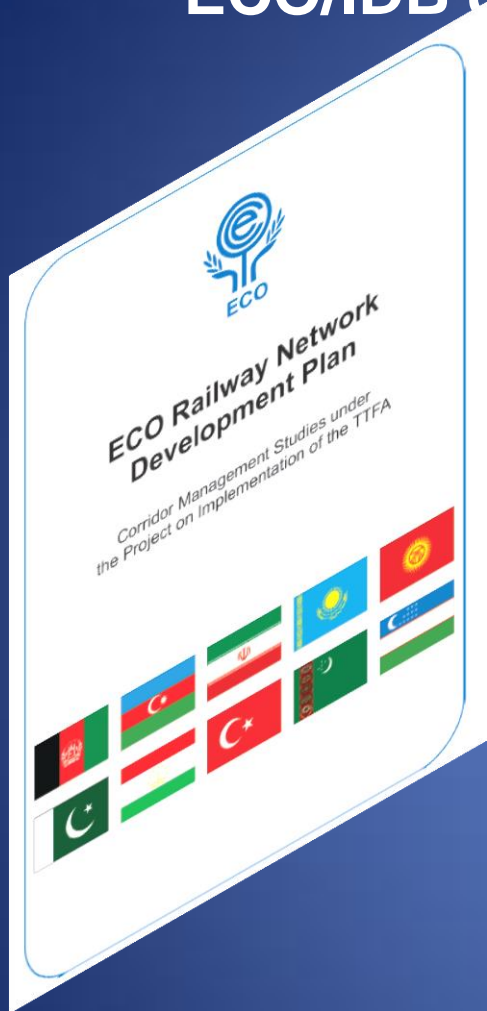


# ECO/IDB Joint Project on implementation of TTFA

Regional studies



# ECO/IDB Joint Project on implementation of TTFA



**Corridor managements studies on road and rail components of TTFA has culminated in preparation of ECO Road Network Development and ECO Railway Network Development Plan.**

**The study on insurance component of TTFA has resulted with preparation of a comprehensive report on the situation with motor vehicle third party liability .**



# ECO/IRU Project for Regular Monitored Run of Trucks

Regional Studies



**Objectives of the Project:**  
promotion and facilitation of international road transport  
and trade in the ECO Member States through  
monitoring physical and non-physical barriers for  
transit transport







# ECO/IRU Project for Regular Monitoring of Trucks

### Results of the Project

- ❑ 139 trips
- ❑ 1,276 days spent en route
- ❑ 449,354 km covered
- ❑ 2,823 tonnes of cargo carried
- ❑ 352 km/day speed average en route – 14,6 km/hrs
- ❑ 214 days spent waiting/in queues
- ❑ 443,519 USD total transport costs
- ❑ 99,808 USD paid for unjustified levies

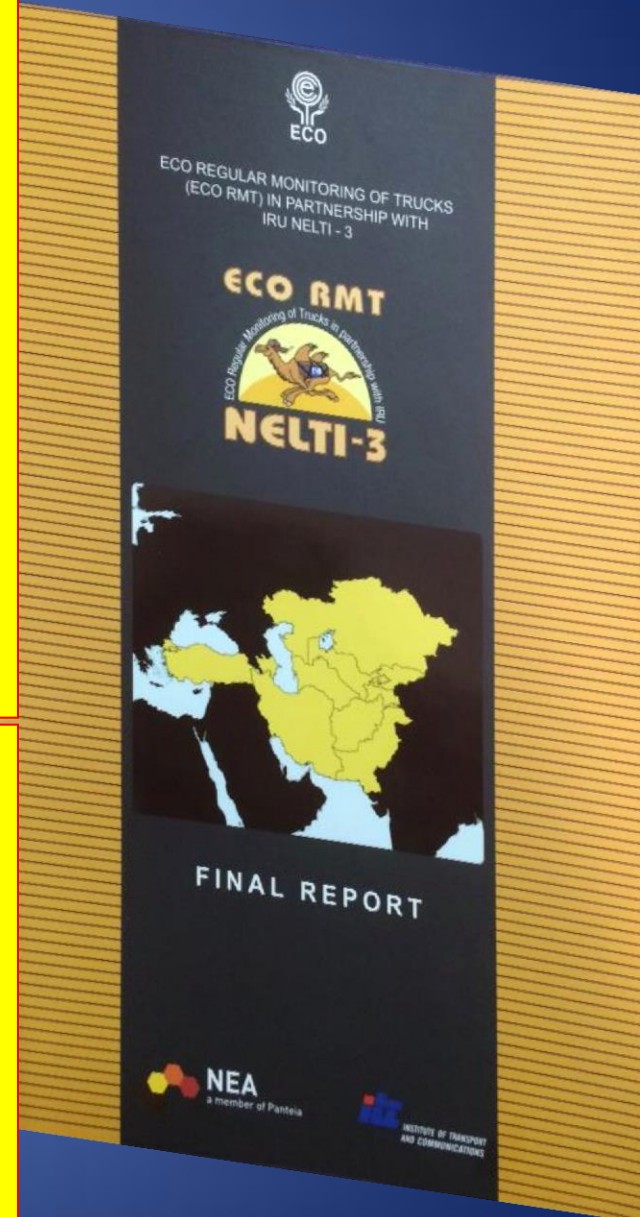
**40%** of transport time = **border crossings**

**32%** of transport costs = **border crossing procedures**

**23%** of transport costs = **unofficial levies**

### Recommendations:

- ❑ Implement UN trade & road transport facilitation tools
- ❑ Increase cooperation between transit states
- ❑ Introduce multilateral transport permit system
- ❑ Improve customs procedures
- ❑ Provide multi-entry and transit visas for drivers
- ❑ Modernize truck fleet and develop TIR parking areas
- ❑ Implement electronic tools to exchange data





# New program on customs provisions of TTFA

Customs component

## Objectives of the Project

Identification of border crossing points of regional importance and specify list of prioritized projects for modernization of selected border crossing points

Analysis of the current operational customs procedures and systems in the member states , including identification and analysis of differences and conflicting requirements of TTFA

Defining effective solutions for the implementation of the customs provisions of TTFA  
Authorise national Issuing & Guaranteeing Association

Suggestion of success stories or models for guiding the efforts of the member states for development of selected border crossing points



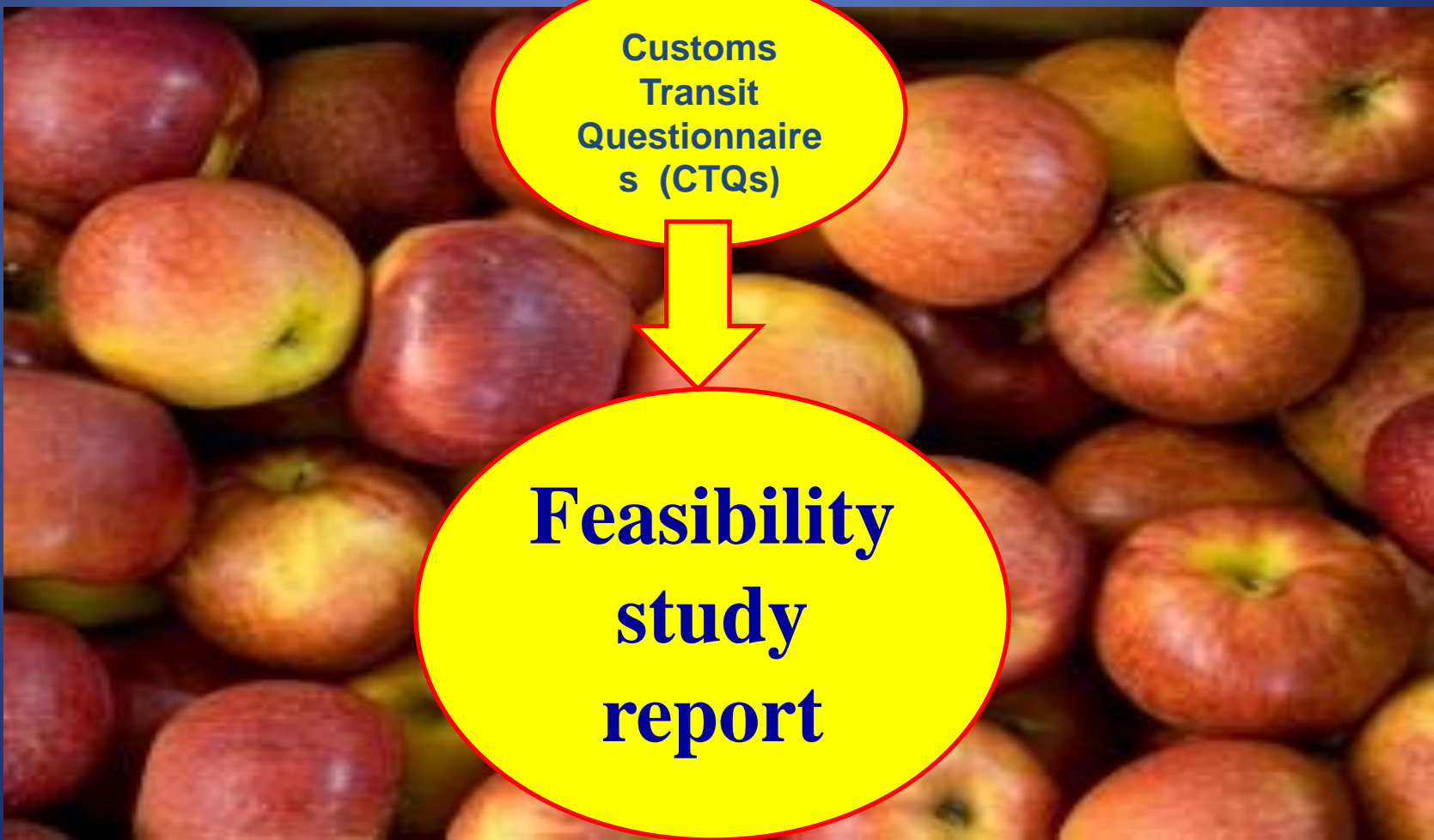
# New program on customs provisions of TTFA

Customs component

**Outcome of the  
Project**

**Customs  
Transit  
Questionnaire  
s (CTQs)**

**Feasibility  
study  
report**



# Capacity -building programs

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# Trainings and Workshops

## ***Trainings/workshops/conferences, held in 2012-2014:***

- ❑ The ECO/UNECE Workshop on Unified Railway Law (Ankara, June 2012)
- ❑ The Regional Training Course on Third Party Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance (ECO White Card), Tehran, November 2012, in partnership with the International Green Card Council of Bureaux
- ❑ The 2<sup>nd</sup> ECO/IRU Regional Conference on Transit Transport and the TIR System, Istanbul June- July 2012.
- ❑ Training Course on TIR Convention for Afghanistan, (Mashhad, June 2012).
- ❑ Training Course on TIR Convention for Afghanistan (Ankara, 2012).
- ❑ Training Course on TIR Convention for Pakistan (Ankara, May 2013).
- ❑ Capacity Building Workshop on TIR for Pakistan (Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, 18-22 August 2014.
- ❑ The Regional Workshop on Third Party Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance, Istanbul, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.
- ❑ The 3<sup>rd</sup> ECO/IRU Regional Conference on Transit Transport and the TIR System, Tehran, 26 October 2014.

## ***Capacity building programmes held and planned for 2015:***

- ❑ National capacity building workshops on CMR, ADR and TIR, August 2015
- ❑ Regional Capacity Building Workshop on ADR, Ankara, 2014.

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