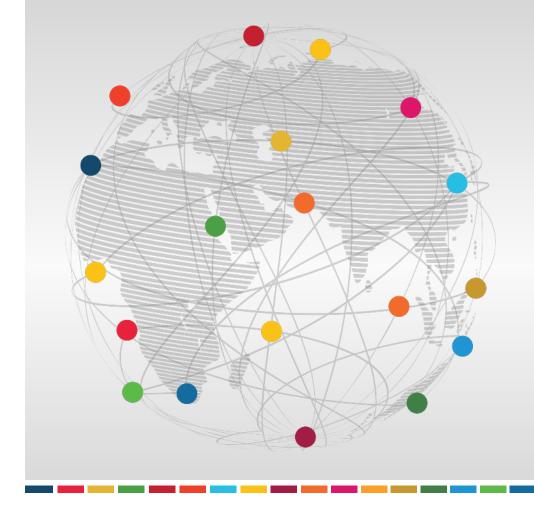
# Support to the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs

Euro-Asian region and beyond



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# Support for Euro-Asian LLDCs

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# **UNECE support for the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs**



High-level **political commitment** adopted in 2014

32 LLDCs globally, 1/3 are Euro-Asian

Midterm review process is ongoing (regional + global)



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#### **Vienna Programme of Action:**

- Priority 1: Fundamental transit issues
- Priority 2: Infrastructure development and maintenance
  - Transport infrastructure
  - Energy and information and communications technology infrastructure
- Priority 3: International trade and trade facilitation
- Priority 4: Regional integration and cooperation
- Priority 5: Structural economic transformation
- Priority 6: Means of implementation





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# VPoA Euro-Asian Midterm Review Conference – 11-12 February 2019 – Bangkok

- Co-organized by UNECE UN-OHRLLS UNESCAP
- Gathered representatives from nearly 20 Euro-Asian LLDCs and transit developing countries
- Adopted a detailed outcome document, focusing on the 6 priority areas & will feed into the VPoA High-level Global Midterm Review which will be held in New York in December 2019



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#### **OUTCOME DOCUMENT**

- Priority 1 Transit VPoA target of 300-400 km/24h has not yet been achieved/ Despite increased ratification of: WTO TFA, UN legal instruments ((e)TIR, (e)CMR, ...), ongoing railway facilitation initiatives (URL) ratification implementation
- Priority 2 Infrastructure Noted 10,600 km of missing links in the wider Euro-Asian region
  - Took note of EATL, Trans-Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railways achievements and efforts in the framework of the **International Transport Infrastructure Observatory** to increase funding opportunities for missing links
- Noted the need for a corridor-based approach (inclusive public-private sector platform, agreed work plans & KPIs)





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# UNDA project on development of a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators

- Purpose: provide a tool for LLDCs/ transit developing countries to measure their degree of connectivity
- Time-frame: September 2018 December 2020
- Beneficiaries: Georgia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, Paraguay & Jordan
- Implementing partners: UNECE (lead entity) & ECLAC and ESCWA (UN regional commissions for Latin America and Western Asia respectively)



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# UNDA project on development of a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators

#### # Phases:

- I. Develop the initial set of Sustainable Inland Transport Indicators (SITCIN)
- II. Fact-finding missions to review national transport and logistics situation, resulting in five «national connectivity reports»
- III. National policy dialogue meetings to validate the reports
- IV. Tailor-made national capacity building programmes
- V. Concluding inter-regional forum



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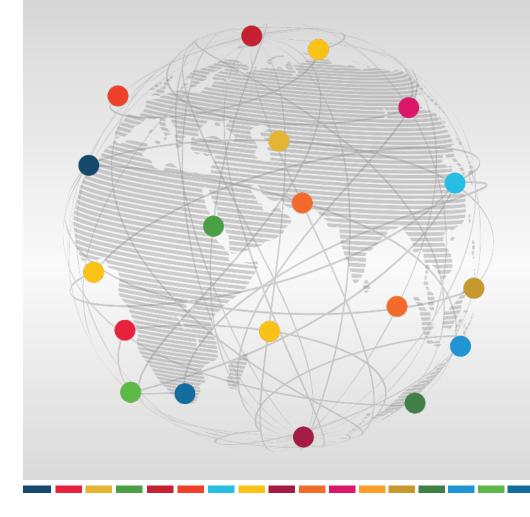
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#### **SITCIN** specifics:

- Measurable/ quantifiable & qualifiable
- Build on and incorporate existing indexes, e.g. the World Bank Doing Business Indicators, the Logistics Performance Index, the Time-Distance Methodology etc.
- Assess efficiency of both soft (e.g. regulatory framework) and hard (e.g. infrastructure)
  related aspects of the respective inland transport systems
- Holistic scope incl. multi-modal transport and logistics systems, border crossing facilitation, transit, customs
- Provide basis for informed & evidence based policy-making



# Thank you!



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