



# Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia

PILOT PROJECT FOR USE OF ELECTRONIC CIM/SMGS CONSIGNMENT NOTE  
ALONG SELECTED TRACECA ROUTES



XIV<sup>th</sup> International Capacity-Building Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation

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## Joint Workshops on Use of the CIM/SMGS Consignment Note on TRACECA railway routes

**16 JUNE 2022**

Session 1: General legal and technical requirements for use of CIM/SMGS consignment note

Session 2: Experiences and best practices in implementation of CIM/SMGS consignment note

Session 3: Readiness and constraints in selected TRACECA countries to use the CIM/SMGS consignment note (and application of electronic CIM/SMGS)

Session 4: Use of the CIM / SMGS consignment note in Customs transit

Session 5: Use of the CIM / SMGS consignment note in multimodal transport

Session 6: Open discussion on ways to address identified issues on use of the CIM/SMGS consignment note at participating TRACECA countries

**18-19 JANUARY 2023**

Session 1: Presentation on findings from the First workshop

Session 2: General legal and technical requirements for use of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note

Session 3: Best practices in implementation of CIM/SMGS consignment note and experiences in digitalization and electronic information exchange

Session 4: Discussion on potential pilot projects regarding use of the electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note on selected TRACECA railway routes

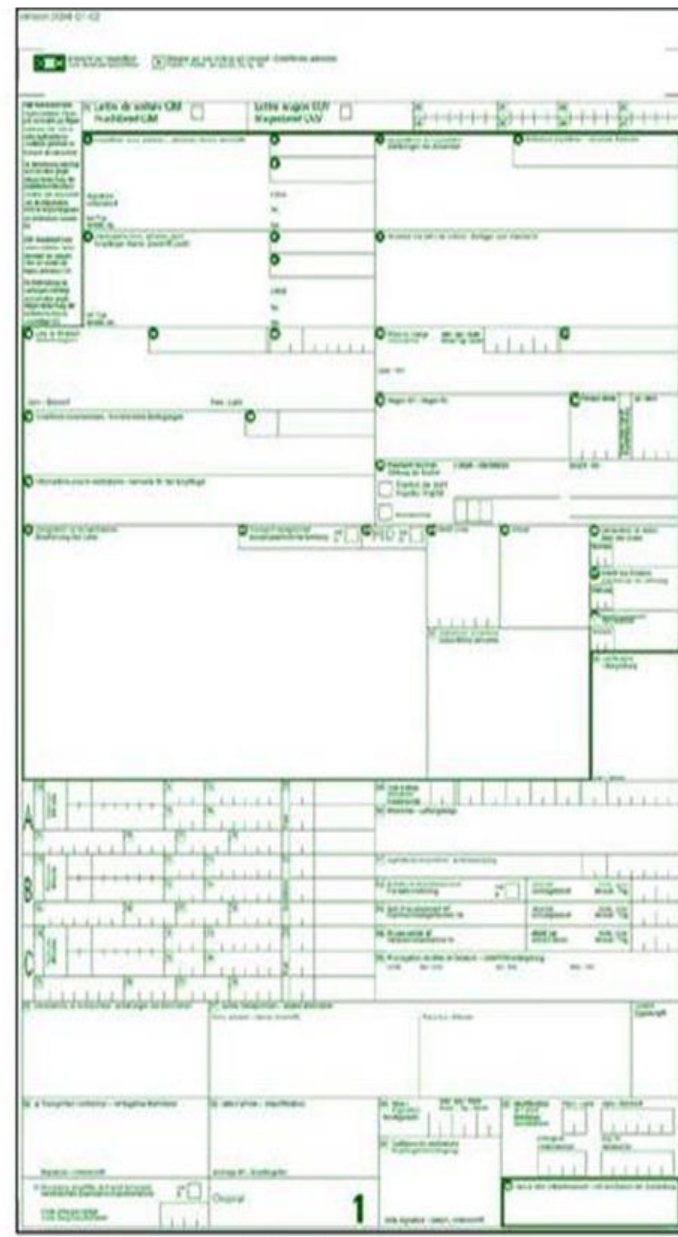
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Session 2: Possible pilot implementation test project with TRACECA, e.g., on digitalization of the CIM/SMGS Consignment Note; with discussion among other on:

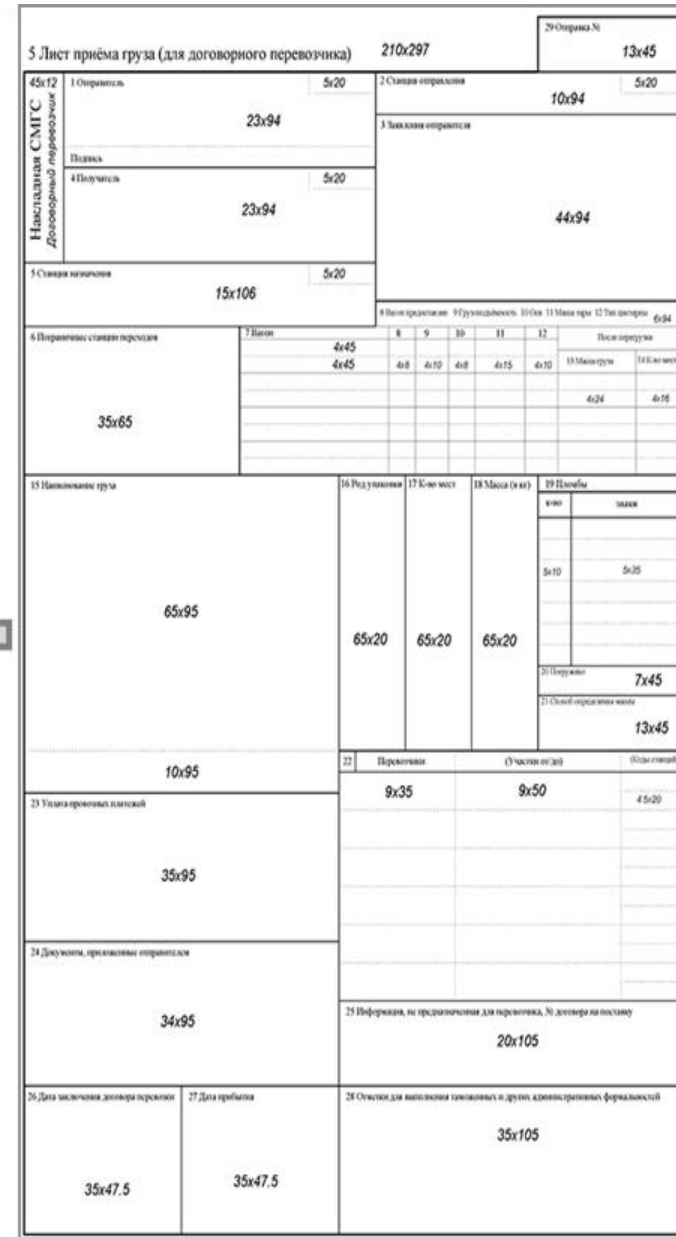
- the digitalization of a prototype consignment note, using the international standards,
- legal aspects of the pilot project
- MoU on the pilot implementation project

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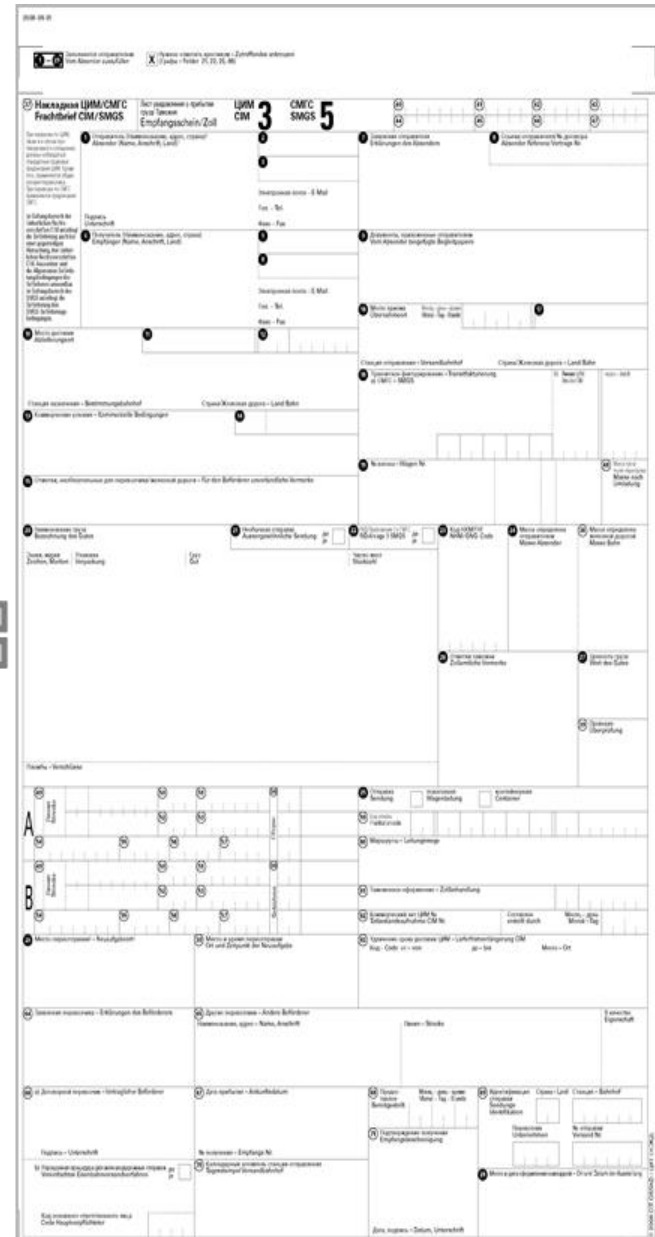
# OBJECTIVES



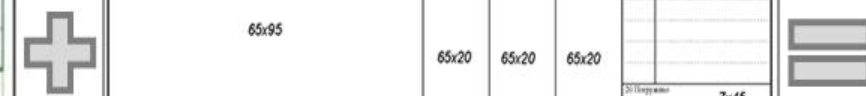
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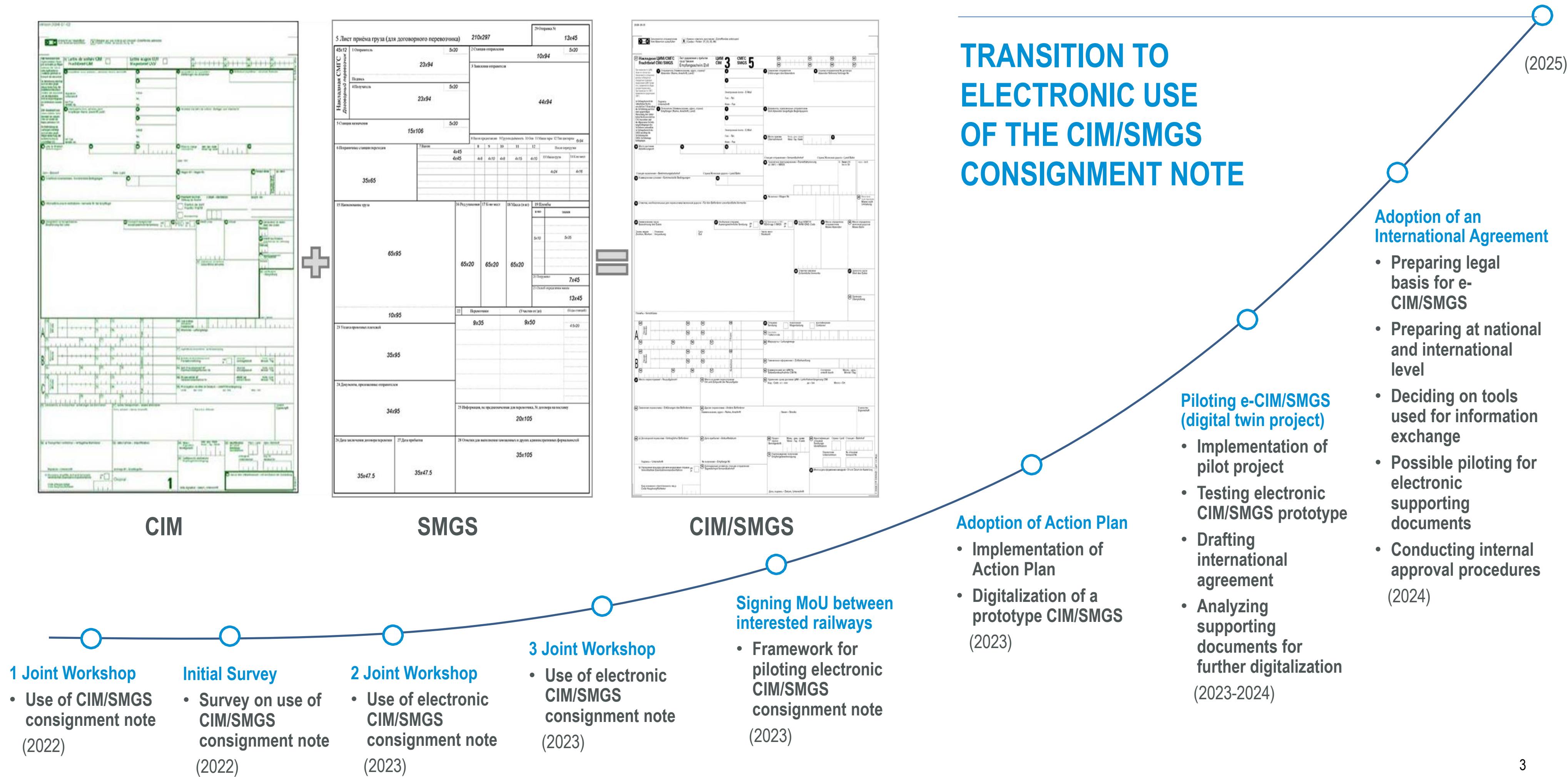
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## TRANSITION TO ELECTRONIC USE OF THE CIM/SMGS CONSIGNMENT NOTE



**1 Joint Workshop**  
 • Use of CIM/SMGS consignment note (2022)

**Initial Survey**  
 • Survey on use of CIM/SMGS consignment note (2022)

**2 Joint Workshop**  
 • Use of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note (2023)

**3 Joint Workshop**  
 • Use of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note (2023)

**Signing MoU between interested railways**  
 • Framework for piloting electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note (2023)

**Adoption of Action Plan**  
 • Implementation of Action Plan  
 • Digitalization of a prototype CIM/SMGS (2023)

**Piloting e-CIM/SMGS (digital twin project)**  
 • Implementation of pilot project  
 • Testing electronic CIM/SMGS prototype  
 • Drafting international agreement  
 • Analyzing supporting documents for further digitalization (2023-2024)

**Adoption of an International Agreement**  
 • Preparing legal basis for e-CIM/SMGS  
 • Preparing at national and international level  
 • Deciding on tools used for information exchange  
 • Possible piloting for electronic supporting documents  
 • Conducting internal approval procedures (2024)

# MoU or organization of pilot project(s) for use of e-CIM/SMGS CN

## 1. PURPOSE AND PARTICIPANTS

1. This MoU sets the principles for organization of pilot project(s) between the interested participating participants for use of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note along selected TRACECA routes.
2. The participants will invite and identify interested customers (consignors and consignees) willing to participate in the pilot project(s).
3. The participants will invite and endeavor to actively include in the pilot project(s) the carriers in other modes of transport and port terminal operators in the case of multimodal transport operations.
4. The participants will invite and endeavor to actively include in the pilot project(s) the Customs and other border crossing authorities in their countries.



## 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the pilot project(s) are:

- a) to review the legal environment to be able to fully implement electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note from legal perspective;
- b) to analyze operational and organizational issues;
- c) to test existing technical (IT) solutions and develop recommendations for potential adjustments/upgrading/development and implementation of other technical (IT) solutions

## 3. OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes from the pilot project(s) are:

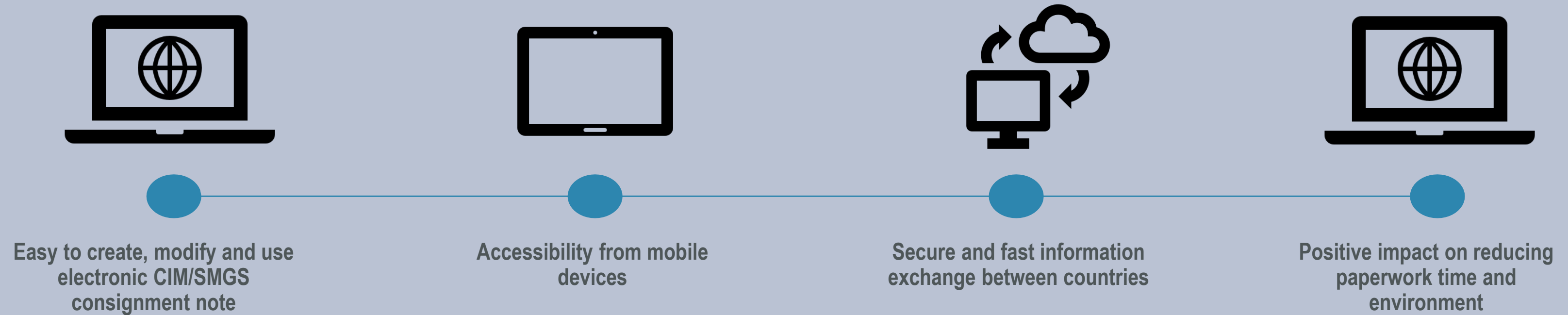
- a) Confirmation of the proof of concept;
- b) Indication on reduced railway costs;
- c) Indication on decreased railway time at reconsignment points;
- d) Indication on improved coordination with transport operators in other modes of transport and simplification of multimodal transport operations;
- e) Indication on reduced costs / decreased time for transshipment in multimodal transport operation;
- f) Indication on reduced costs / decreased time for Customs and border crossing processing

# Digital Railway Consignment note

- 1 phase** Implementation of the pilot project(s) between selected countries using electronic Consignment note with electronic information exchange:
  - a) Railway to Railway; b) Railway to Other Transport Operators; c) Railway to Customs
- 2 phase** Implementation of the pilot project(s) between selected countries using electronic Consignment note and supporting documents
- 3 phase** Continuous use of electronic Consignment note and supporting documents between all member states of TRACECA



## WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE?





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