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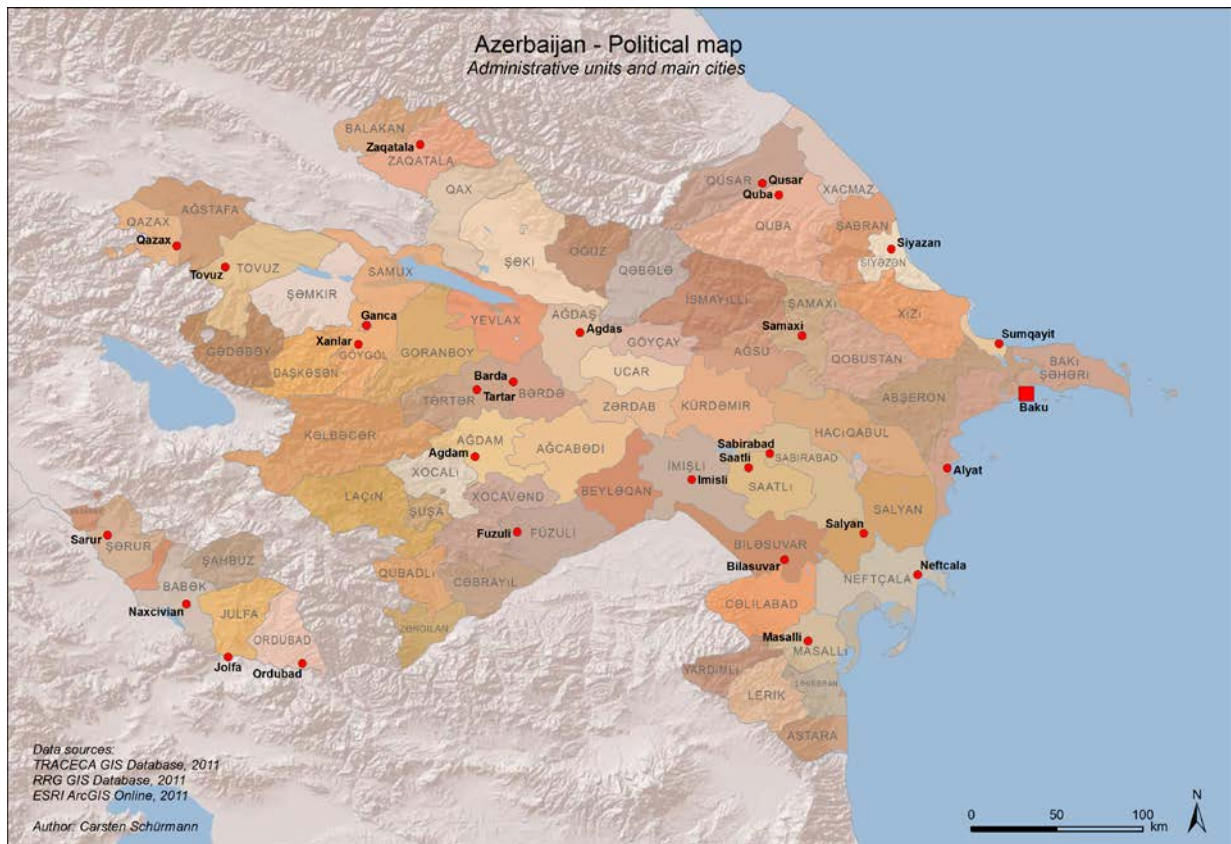


LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADY	Azerbaijani Railways
BCP	Border Crossing Point
BISTP	Baku International Sea Trade Port
BSEC	Black Sea Economic Cooperation
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECMT	European Conference of Ministers of Transport
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EU	European Union
GUAM	Organization for Democracy and Economic Development
ICB	International Competitive Bidding
IFI	International Financing Institution
ILC	International Logistics Centre
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IRU	International Road Transport Union
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
LOGMOS	Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea
MOS	Motorways of the Sea
OSJD	Organization for Cooperation of Railways
PIARC	Permanent International Association of Road Congresses
Ro-Ro	Roll on - Roll off
SWS	Single Window System
TACIS	Technical Aid to the Commonwealth of Independent States
TEU	Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit
TRACECA	Transport Corridor Europe Caucasus Asia
UIC	International Union of Railways
UN	United Nations
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Europe and Asia
USD	United States Dollar
WB	World Bank



Figure 1: General Map of Azerbaijan



Source: TRACECA (2011)



1 INTRODUCTION

Azerbaijan constitutes a bridge between Europe and Caucasus with Central Asia and therefore plays a key role in the development of international trade along the TRACECA Corridor. It is also crossed by the North South Corridor, which goes from Russia to Iran, and further to the Persian Gulf. At the crossroads of these historical two corridors, developed the city of Baku.

TRACECA Framework

Azerbaijan has been an active member of TRACECA since the Brussels Conference in May 1993 which gave birth to the TRACECA program.

The ten direct beneficiary countries under review by LOGMOS Project share a globally common legal and regulatory background for the transport sector, but also have different laws and rules resulting from different contexts and policies.

International Conventions and regional or bilateral agreements are completing the framework, and there are expected moves at both national and regional (TRACECA and other groups) levels.

The approach of legal issues related to the LOGMOS Project is focusing on the transport laws and regulations as well as on the afore-mentioned national, international, regional and bilateral conventions and agreements which have a direct or indirect impact on surface transport modes with a priority for maritime and intermodal transport.

The TRACECA program started in Brussels in 1993 as one of the components of the intergovernmental TACIS program. In September 1998, in the city of Baku was signed, under the initiative of the European Commission as well as the organisation and the active participation of Azerbaijan at the International Conference "TRACECA – Restoration of the Historic Silk Route", the Multilateral Agreement (MLA) on the development of the transport corridor Europe – Caucasus – Asia between the Head of State of 12 countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

After the Intergovernmental Committee and Permanent Secretariat of TRACECA were established in 2000, Azerbaijan set up a TRACECA National Commission headed by the deputy Prime Minister of the Government and the National Secretariat of TRACECA (Permanent Representative), headed by a national secretary.

Azerbaijani representatives take an active part in all conferences and Working group's meetings organized by IGC TRACECA.