



Border Crossing Benchmarking Expert Group Meeting, Chisinau 19./20. August 2014

## Report

### Participants

- 11 national experts from 8 TRACECA countries and the PS

### Agenda and Points of Discussion

- Definition and modes of benchmarking
- TRAX results and corridor shortcomings
- LPI benchmark analysis, ranking of TRACECA countries, introduction to LPI 2014
- TRACECA methodology for border crossing benchmarking
- Case study Ukraine and application of methodology for other countries
- Required data and feasibility and time frame
- Discussion of application and recommendations
- Update / Data sources and interchange / responsibilities

The Experts endorsed the Methodology with following comments:

- Necessity of additional sub-indicators for rail and maritime BCP
- Use information of the opposite side (e.g. polish) of the BCP, when performance is evaluated
- Questionnaire will be sent to Freight forwarders, haulage and Export companies as stakeholders.
- Necessity for using a methodology to compare both international and internal Performance Index of BCP.

Based on the test results of the methodology, it became evident that the information of state organizations does not match with the real field data collected.

The experts suggested the necessity for periodic monitoring of the performance of the BCP and the development of proposals to improve efficiency.

Experts agreed on the following schedule for the main actions of the TRACECA countries (✓ = done):

- ✓ Selection of the indicators and development of the sub indicators
- ✓ Identification of the target groups for interviews / Survey
- ✓ Weighing of the indicators and design of survey questionnaire
- ✓ Identification of the Border crossing points and commodities types (for Pilot Case)
- ✓ Pilot Data collection for Pilot Case (verification of relevance)
- ✓ Ownership by expert group (Chisinau 08/14)
  - TRACECA wide data collections - undergoing
  - Calculation of the Index - undergoing