

Action Plan for 2022-2026
for implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor
“Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for 2016-2026

№	Content of activity	Form of completion	Responsible for implementation	Date for implementation	Comments
1.	Removal of institutional and legal barriers for transport and international trade				
1.1	Considering the possibility of mutual recognition of control and its results (border, customs, veterinary, phyto, sanitary and other types of control) by neighbouring states on the principle of "one stop»	Draft Agreement	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
1.2	Ensuring the implementation of the MLA provisions regarding the exemption of transit traffic from tax payments on all modes of transport, including seaports	Decision of governments/authorized bodies of the MLA member states	Governments/ authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
1.3	Active cooperation of the customs authorities of the MLA member states for brainstorming in order to harmonize customs procedures	Workshops, videoconferences, webinars, trainings	Authorized customs authorities of the MLA member states	At least 2 times a year	
1.4	Development of the "Single Window" Concept for TRACECA member states and its implementation at all types of checkpoints	Draft of "Single Window" Concept for TRACECA member states	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2024	
1.5	Development of a mechanism for tracking traffic across the territories of TRACECA member states	Analytical report of an Ad-hoc Working Group	authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2025	
1.6	Considering the possibility of organizing joint checkpoints at the borders between the interested MLA member states	Analytical note	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
1.7	Development of the institute of advance information on goods transported along the TRACECA transport corridors	Creation of a single database and integration of national information systems for the exchange of information on the movement of goods	Authorized state bodies	2022-2026	
1.8	Development and approval of Guidelines for the collection and provision of statistical data on transported goods	Guidelines for the collection and provision of statistical data on transported goods	PS IGC TRACECA, NS of the MLA member states	2022	
1.9	Adoption and implementation of the implementation of the Concept of digitalization of transportation along the TRACECA corridor	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
1.10	Creating a legal basis for the application of the Global Transit Document (GTrD) and	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the	2022-2023	

	carrying out the transport via use of the GTrD		MLA member states		
1.11	Conducting an analysis of the implementation of international agreements concluded within the framework of TRACECA and taking measures to expand the member states	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
1.12	Considering the possibility of abolishing the tax rate on non-residents (foreign carriers) in international traffic	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of Azerbaijan	2022-2023	
1.13	Simplification of the process of acceptance by customs authorities of electronic documents or electronic copies of transport accompanying documents while crossing the customs border by goods and vehicles	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
1.14	Establishment of Ad-hoc commissions and groups to monitor the implementation of activities/objectives and resolution of the problems occurring in the event that the TRACECA member states fail to comply with them	Report of activities	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	On a permanent basis	
1.15	Consideration of the possibility to make an Agreement on Mutual Recognition of the Authorized Economic Operators	Report of activities	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
2.	Development of railway sector				
2.1	Adoption of competitive through tariffs	Joint decision of the railway and maritime administrations, as well as terminals and seaports	PS IGC TRACECA, railway and maritime administrations of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
2.2	Ensuring the transition to the application of the CIM/SMGS electronic consignment note	Issuing a CIM/SMGS electronic consignment note	Railway and maritime administrations/relevant authorities of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
2.3	Establishing a joint venture for the operation of container transport in rail and maritime traffic between the countries of Europe and Asia	Agreement on establishing	Governments/ authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
2.4	Increasing the speed of container trains	Activities Report	Railway and maritime administrations/relevant authorities of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
2.5	Launch of a common IT platform for railway and maritime administrations of the MLA member states within the framework of the established joint venture with the	IT-platform	Railway and maritime administrations/relevant authorities of the MLA member states	2024-2025	Proposal of Azerbaijan

	possibility of integration with customs authorities				
2.6	Development of regular container traffic	Activities Report	Railway administrations of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
2.7	Creation of a platform/working group for close cooperation between the railways of TRACECA countries	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
2.8	Construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction and electrification of railway lines, and their integration into the international railway network by attracting investments	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
2.9	Renewal of the rolling stock	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
2.10	Expanding interaction with existing transport routes	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
2.11	Development and approval of Unified methodology of calculating tariffs for container transportation	Methodology	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
3.	Motorways of the Sea, railway-ferry communication and maritime routes				
3.1	Adoption and implementation of national plans until 2026 for inclusion in the White List under the Paris Memorandum, given the study of the main reasons and the identification of any factors contributing to the inclusion in the White List and the assessment of the responsibility of the recognized organization	Plan of Events, Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.2	Implementation of the provisions of the Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments	Taking measures at the national level	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
3.3	Ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC - ILO) 2006.	Notification on ratification	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.4	Ratification of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM-2004)	Notification on ratification	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.5	Accession to the International Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL-1965)	Notification on accession	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.6	Enhancing alignment of national maritime safety codes with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS)	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.7	Implementation of regular ferry and feeder	Launch of ships according	Shipping companies of	2022-2026	

	traffic between the ports of the MLA member states on the Caspian and Black Seas	to the approved schedule	the MLA member states		
3.8	Launch of an online board with information about arriving and departing ships on the websites of seaports and carriers	Information on the website	Maritime administrations of the MLA member states	2023	
3.9	Ensuring the placement and updating of information on port and terminal charges on the official websites of seaports with the function of an online-calculator	Activities Report	Seaports of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
3.10	Considering the possibility of converting the ship register into electronic registers for the storage and exchange of electronic certificates (related to the ship)	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
3.11	Use of electronic information for more targeted ship inspections, inspection of high-risk ships using a risk-based approach	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.12	Introduction of a training programme for all newly hired inspectors and auditors, and improving the system to define training needs for specific roles and functions, and conduct periodic training	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.13	Development and adoption of key efficiency indicators for monitoring the operation of the national fleet	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
3.14	Taking into account the EU practice of imposing fines on recognized organizations that are unable to effectively fulfil their obligations	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.15	Support for the application of electronic certificates to facilitate the operation of flag and port States in the framework of the IMO	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.16	Harmonization and standardization of the state port control inspection in the Caspian Sea region	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.17	Study of the practice of the European Maritime Agency on the use of behaviour algorithms to detect unusual or suspicious behaviour of a ship within the automatic behaviour monitoring function	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.18	Analysis of gaps in measures to address the maritime cybersecurity issues, as well as the development, identification and exchange of best practices on cybersecurity for the maritime cluster	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	

3.19	Development of measures for effective control over the detection and subsequent observation of pollution from ships	Activities Report	Authorized bodies (jointly with law enforcement authorities) of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.20	Ensuring sufficient port reception facilities in accordance with international requirements and taking measures to provide prior notification of waste in order to prevent unreasonable ship delays and plan for efficient waste delivery	Report on work performed	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.21	Controlling greenhouse gas emissions from ships by contributing to the improvement of national action plans, which include the policy in accordance with the "Initial IMO Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships»	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.22	Development of procedures for rapid testing and on-site analysis of inspection of marine fuel sampling to prevent sulphur emissions	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.23	Development of solutions to tackle operational pollution such as exhaust gas cleaning systems and on-board water treatment systems at ports	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
3.24	Development of stronger measures to respond to shipwrecks and cargo / container losses in territorial waters, so that the "polluter would pay" for treatment costs	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
3.25	Promoting the development of onshore electricity supply in ports in order to reduce emissions to the atmosphere and ensuring sufficient capacity of the onshore electricity infrastructure	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
3.26	Encouraging the use of e-learning modules at MaKC provided by the European Maritime Safety Agency	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.27	Promoting risk management procedures, as well as conducting emergency training and training to prepare crew members for real-life emergency situations	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.28	Improving the maintenance of refrigerated containers to ensure the quality and optimal temperature of sensitive cargo in	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	

	seaports				
3.29	Considering the possibility of providing differentiated services (other than cargo handling) in ports (for example, container repair services, container washing services)	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
3.30	Introduction of the quality management system in the field of sea and river transport (public sector)	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
3.31	Provision of submission of advance information on ships and cargo, passengers and crews, as well as transport and shipping documents for international sea transportation in electronic form to the customs authorities	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
4.	Development of road sector				
4.1	Adoption of unified standards for the recognition of vehicles (weight, dimensions, axle load, etc.)	Agreement	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
4.2	Transition to electronic exchange of bilateral permit forms for bilateral and transit transportations, as well as transport to / from third countries	Launch of national information systems	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.3	Transition to e-TIR for the transport operation within TIR procedure between the MLA member states	Launch and application of e-TIR	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.4	Transition to e-CMR for the transport operation between the MLA member states	Launch and application of e-CMR	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.5	Transition to the electronic format of the multilateral permits system and single transit permits	Launch and application of electronic permits	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.6	Entry into force of the Agreement on Single Transit Permit	Receipt of notifications by the Depositary	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022 год	
4.7	Launch of the unified information system (web-portal) and the TRACECA mobile app	Unified information system (web-portal) of TRACECA	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022 год	
4.8	Ensuring the operation of at least one "green lane" of the TIR at each checkpoint where possible	Presence and operation of the "green lane"	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	

4.9	Considering the possibility of carrying out transportations by semi-trailers with replacement, regardless of the country of registration	Agreement	Authorized bodies of the interested MLA member states	2022-2023	
4.10	Ensuring the withdrawal from TOP-150 countries in terms of mortality caused by road accidents by taking measures to reduce mortality caused by road traffic accidents	Analytical report based on national statistics and the WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	It is necessary to achieve the reduction of the number of road accidents by 50% at the national level, as well as to reduce the national annual mortality rate in road accidents not higher than the level of 10 (per 100 thousand people)
4.11	Transition to issuance of visas to drivers of motor vehicles in electronic format	Launch of national information systems	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
4.12	Organization of the work of the hotline in the border zone on the whole transit section of Europe-the Caucasus Asia	Launch and operation of the hotline	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
4.13	Adoption of action plans for the implementation of intelligent transport systems with flow management elements on major international routes at the national level	Launch and operation of the ITS	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.14	Equipment of the BCPs with X-ray scanning for motor vehicles (in case of under-equipment)	X-ray scanning equipment for motor vehicles	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
4.15	Mutual recognition of weighing results by authorized operators of the MLA member states	Agreement	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
4.16	Preparation and dissemination of a Note on carrying out transportation of large and indivisible cargo among national carriers	Note	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
4.17	Conducting performance evaluation of road checkpoints	Evaluation Report	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022, 2024, 2026	
4.18	Improvement and development of road and roadside infrastructure on the TRACECA routes	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.19	Application of information technologies in the road industry, including management of road assets and road maintenance	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.20	Automation of transport and weights\dimensions control processes	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	

4.21	Increasing the competitiveness and attractiveness of TRACECA road routes	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.22	Ensuring the proper service of the crews of vehicles that perform international road transportations (service parking for cargo vehicles - Track Parking)	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
4.23	Expansion of network of automatic photo - video surveillance systems of offenses and the weighing system in motion (WIM)	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
5.	Development of inland waterways				
5.1	Observance of staffing requirements for inland navigation	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
5.2	Promoting the digital integration of IWT into an intelligent, sustainable supply chain	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
5.3	Encouraging logistics operators to use more IWT and develop marketing strategies to attract and provide information to consumers and enterprises	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
5.4	Ensuring the reliability of the network in order to guarantee the smooth flow of goods and prevent delays	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
6.	Air transport				
6.1	Advanced training through conducting training courses for the public sector	Report on courses conducted	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
6.2	Implementation of e-Freight in order to provide advance information, including for customs purposes	Report on implementation and application	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2024	
6.3	Adoption of national plans for the transition to low-carbon fuels by 2030	Plan	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
6.4	Increasing the air traffic between the MLA member states	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
6.5	Improving flight safety and aviation security	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
7.	Logistics, multimodal transport and connections with the hinterland				
7.1	Implementation of projects for the construction of transport and class A logistics centres along the TRACECA corridor routes (connecting at least 2 modes of transport), including projects for which feasibility studies were previously prepared within the framework of technical assistance projects	Report on implementation	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	

7.2	Collection of the information on intermodal and logistics facilities along the TRACECA corridor routes	List of facilities	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
7.3	Taking measures at the national level to improve the position of countries in the Logistics Performance Index	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
7.4	Implementation of the electronic guide for border crossing on the TRACECA website	Electronic guide	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
7.5	Definition and implementation of a single multimodal transport document, including in electronic form, on the territories of the MLA member states	Single document form	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
7.6	Introduction of electronic queue systems at checkpoints and launch of online booking	Introduction of online services	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
7.7	Conducting joint workshops with international organizations in the field of transport and logistics and customs	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	Constantly	
7.8	Development of minimum requirements for the equipment of checkpoints	Recommendations	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022	
7.9	Ensuring the equipment of checkpoints in accordance with the minimum requirements	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2023-2026	
7.10	Ensuring the application of the risk management system at checkpoints in accordance with the national legislation of the countries	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	
7.11	Enhancing cooperation with international organizations (ICAO, IMO, OTIF, OSJD UNECE и т.д.)	Activities Report	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	Constantly	
7.12	Considering the possibility of creating a unified information platform that combines the information systems of carriers, freight forwarders and logistics centres	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
7.13	Evaluating the efficiency and current status of the port in order to maintain the productivity of ships at the berth and implement best-in-class practices	Activities Report	Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
7.14	Introduction of double-cycle practices in order to double crane productivity in seaports	Activities Report	Maritime administrations//relevant authorities of the MLA member states	2022-2023	Loading and unloading in separate crane movements is proposed to be combined in seaports (parallel loading/unloading in order to avoid idling)

7.15	Encouraging close cooperation between railways and shipping lines to develop the necessary capacity by introducing pre-booking (prepayment) of ferry/ train carrying capacity	Activities Report	Railway and maritime administrations//relevant authorities of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
7.16	Implementation of sending of a detailed cargo stowage plan by shipping companies to the port for pre-planning of handling operations, including equipment and man power to reduce unnecessary ship delays, as well as conducting cargo operations in the most efficient way	Activities Report	Maritime administrations of the port and carriers of the MLA member states	2022-2023	
7.17	Conducting annual consultations with representatives of the private sector to identify current problematic issues	List of problematic issues	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	Annually until 2026	
7.18	Creating the conditions necessary for attracting investments of the private sector and functioning of logistics and multimodal facilities	Report on the implementation of projects for the creation of logistics centers and their management	PS IGC TRACECA, Authorized bodies of the MLA member states	2022-2026	