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**CONCEPT  
FOR DESIGNING ACTION PLANS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE «STRATEGY OF THE IGC  
TRACECA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDOR “EUROPE-  
CAUCASUS-ASIA” FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 2015**

**1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The present document elaborated in pursuance of the Resolutions of the V Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (Sofia, the Republic of Bulgaria, 2006) has as aim to provide a common approach to designing the IGC TRACECA 2-3-year action plans for implementation of the “Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor “Europe-Caucasus-Asia” for the period up to 2015” (hereinafter referred to as the Strategy), and to define the general principles of action plans’ preparation, procedure of their designing, coordination and approval, as well as control over their realization.

2. The present Concept is to be approved by the IGC TRACECA in accordance with the established procedure.

**2. MAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ACTION PLANS**

3. As provided by p. 10 of the Strategy, the action plans will be designed for 2-3 years period and approved by the IGC TRACECA in accordance with the established procedure.

4. The draft Action Plan will be designed, considered and coordinated in accordance with the given Concept.

5. The Action Plan will embrace the issues of improvement of the TRACECA transport system, including institutional aspects, legal basis and infrastructure.

6. The Action Plan will define the actions aimed at realization of the Strategy “pillars” and objectives, the list of the involved countries, financial resources and bodies responsible for the actions’ implementation, monitoring and control over the actions’ realization, as well as the forms of their completion.

7. Action Plans will be designed:

- in accordance with the “pillars” and objectives of the TRACECA Strategy and according to the present Concept;
- based on the analysis of the existing and future problems in the field of transport in the region;
- resting on the issues included in the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the TRACECA projects implemented during the period of the plans’ realization;
- according to the proposals of the Parties to the MLA, as well as the bilateral action plans between the European Commission and the TRACECA member-states in the area of trade and transport facilitation;
- taking into account recommendations of the European Commission, and priorities of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENPI).

8. The PS IGC TRACECA will carry out general control, coordination and efficiency evaluation of the Action Plans’ realization;

9. Close coordination between the IGC TRACECA and the European Commission is required for the realization of the Action Plan, in line with the objectives of the TRACECA Strategy.

10. Support and technical assistance of the European Commission or other international donors and financial institutions can be provided for the realization of the Action Plan. It is nevertheless recognized, that it will necessitate activities at the national state level that extend well beyond the scope of project activities.

### **3. STRUCTURE OF ACTION PLANS**

11. The Action Plan will be structured according to the pillars of the Strategy, specifying for each the actions. The actions will be summarized in an appendix in tabular form stating the title of the action, a short description and the relevant TA projects.

### **4. DESIGNING AND APPROVAL OF ACTION PLANS**

12. The Action Plan will be drafted by the PS IGC TRACECA in close coordination with the European Commission and the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) of the PS IGC TRACECA that are Parties to the MLA according to the analysis of the status of development of TRACECA corridor.

13. The draft final Action Plan

- will be discussed at the working group meetings of the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) of the PS IGC TRACECA for its coordination and further submission to the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA for approval; it will be also discussed with the European Commission for coordination with the European transport policies and possible technical assistance projects.

The coordinated Plan will be discussed at the next Conference of the IGC TRACECA and approved in accordance with the established procedure.

### **5. REALIZATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF ACTION PLANS**

14. PS IGC will bring the approved Action Plan to the notice of the Parties to the MLA and projects' Team Leaders involved in its realization.

15. PS IGC: will take a number of actions to realize the Plan, interact with the responsible bodies in order to carry out the scheduled actions and coordinate their liaisons, carry out monitoring and analysis of effectiveness of the plan's realization, propose the relevant decisions on completion, continuation or improvement of the scheduled action in terms of the monitoring results.

16. Monitoring consists in preparation of the Plan's progress reports and implementation report not less than once per year. The Plan will be designed on the basis of the information provided by the bodies responsible for the Plan's realization, and will be considered at the IGC TRACECA meeting.

17. The Plan's progress report can contain evaluation of efficiency of the planned actions, which works out at various quality and quantity parameters, as well as the analysis of the achieved results and constraints for Plan's realization.

18. In case it is needed, the MLA Parties and responsible structures as well as the European Commission may submit, for consideration of the IGC TRACECA the proposals on amendments to the Action Plan or expediency of its further realization.

19. The decision on amending, completion, continuation of the Action Plan or designing a new Action Plan will be taken by the IGC TRACECA according to its progress reports.