

## FINAL REPORT

On the realization by the MLA member-states of the Action Plan 2008-2009 for the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the International Transport Corridor “Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for the period up to 2015.

## Comparative analysis of the realization of the Action Plan by the Countries and the PS recommendations in 2009

№	Action Plan (actions)	Actions effectiveness evaluation	Obtained results	Reasons restricting the realization of actions	Proposals and recommendations
1.	<b>Elaboration of infrastructure five-year master plans</b>	(Good implementation)	1. The TRACECA member-states (Armenia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ukraine.) including in 2009 adopted national Plans, Concepts and Strategies for development of infrastructure.	–	Fulfilled. This issue is to be included in the subsequent action plans on the implementation of the Strategy for the period up to 2015 for the countries which did not fulfill it.  The PS IGC TRACECA recommends within the framework of infrastructure national plans to envisage the priority sector projects to be read as reports by the Heads of national delegations at the forthcoming TRACECA Investment Forum.

2.	<b>Improvement of maritime transport safety</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TRACECA member-states adopted national programmes in the field of maritime transport development.</li> <li>2. Measures on increase of the effectiveness and systematic control of technical condition of transport vessels as well as navigation safety programmes are applied in the countries.</li> <li>3. Adjustment of the national legal standards in the field of maritime transport in accordance with the IMO standards is carried out.</li> <li>4. Capacity building of the personnel in this field is realized through training courses.</li> <li>5. Programmes for modernization of the national navy are being realized.</li> <li>6. In close cooperation with the EC Technical Assistance projects the countries' experience is under examination and the research is being carried out with the view of upgrading the existing specialized pick-and-place complexes and designing new modern high-technology ones, including for new types of cargo.</li> <li>7. The TRACECA member-states take measures aimed at ensuring security systems in the ports within the framework of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code).</li> <li>8. The TRACECA member-states take measures to supply necessary equipment within the Vessels Traffic Management System (VTMS)</li> </ol>	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue the activities on realization of this issue focusing on the implementation and observance of the environmental requirements in maritime transport.</li> <li>2. This action is to be included into subsequent TRACECA Action Plans.</li> </ol>
3.	<b>Improvement of civil aviation safety</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the countries there were developed the aviation security standards in compliance with the ICAO standards. The airports are developing and the aircraft fleet is being renovated.</li> <li>2. With a view to enlarge the administrative capacities of civil aviation services on implementation and application of the EU/EASA regulations and standards within the framework of TRACECA project trainings were organized for State Aviation Administration staff in technical English in respect of : personnel licensing, flights services; airworthiness; environment; aviation safety. A number of modules planned for technical training (mini workshops) on the following subjects: human factor in aviation; development of the National Programme of Aviation Safety.</li> </ol>	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue the realization of the issue.</li> <li>2. This action is to be included in the subsequent TRACECA Action Plans</li> </ol>

4.	<b>Improvement of road transport safety</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<p>1. The TRACECA member-states are working towards acceding to a number of European Conventions/Agreements regarding safety and soundness of international road transport.</p> <p>2. Control of motor transport technical condition was intensified in the member-states. Car fleets are being renovated. The Republic of Uzbekistan reports on considerable growth and renovation of the car fleet up to 50%.</p> <p>3. Road haulages operators constantly improve their qualification, including the assistance of the EC TA project "Strengthening of Transport Training Capacities in NIS Countries". In 2009 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine introduced by its Resolution the procedure of training, retraining and capacity building for transport vehicles drivers.</p>	-	<p>1. Collection, processing and analysis of the information on transport accidents with a view to timely identify the reasons and to take actions for prevention and reduction of a number of accidents.</p> <p>2. The activities aimed at increasing the reliability and safety of transport infrastructure and technical services.</p> <p>3. This action is to be included in the subsequent TRACECA Action Plans, in view of implementation of measures for application of the AETR Convention.</p>
5.	<b>Alignment of national transport plans with the Strategy</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<p>1. National programmes /regulatory legal acts in compliance with the IGC TRACECA Strategy for development of the ITC "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" up to 2015 were elaborated.</p>	-	<p>1. To continue the activity directed to alignments of the national transport plans with the IGC TRACECA long-term Strategy.</p> <p>2. This action is to be included in the subsequent TRACECA action plans.</p>
6.	<b>Transport Database</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<p>The countries undertake compilation of national transport statistics on the basis of the existing national systems and methodologies.</p> <p>The system and data collection method of developing the TRACECA Database has not been introduced due to the lack of relevant results of the TRACECA projects at present.</p>	Lack of common system of data collection and TRACECA database methodology, including the field of financing	This action is to be included in the subsequent TRACECA action plans, due to the current activities on developing the database system and its methodology by the IDEA Project.

7.	<b>Improvement of border-crossing procedures</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure on the border-crossing points of the MLA member-states.</li> <li>2. The activity is carried out towards acceding to the UN ECE key Conventions and Agreements in the field of transport and border-crossing. In particular, in 2009 Moldova acceded to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, of 1982. In 2008 the "single window" concept was introduced on all check-points. The Republic of Turkey joined the ADR Convention (European Agreement concerning International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road) in March 2010 to be enforced from 2011.</li> <li>3. Since 2009 with a view of simplifying border-crossing procedures the single-window concept has been applied in a number of countries.</li> </ol>	-	To continue the activity in respect of inclusion of this action into TRACECA subsequent action plans for the purpose of introduction of the Conventions provisions and the "single window" principle.
8.	<b>Multilateral Agreement on Multimodal Transport</b>	The activities are being finalized	At the stage of internal procedures. As of 26 August 2010 the Agreement has not yet come into force.	-	There is no necessity to include it into the subsequent TRACECA action plans.

9.	<b>Extension of common aviation area</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<p>The horizontal agreement was signed between the EU and the Republic of <b>Moldova</b> on 11.04.2006.</p> <p>On 13.07.2009 between the <b>Republic of Turkey</b> and EASA there was signed the Agreement on Cooperation within the EU aviation safety system.</p> <p>The National Company of the Republic of <b>Uzbekistan</b> in 2010 intends to accede to the international aviation alliance «SKY TEAM», consisting of the world major air companies effecting freight operations.</p> <p>In 2009, in Brussels (Belgium) Ukraine conducted the fourth round of the talks with the EU regarding signing of the Agreement on Common Aviation Space (CAS) between Ukraine and the EU. The Parties agreed on a major part of future Agreement on CAS, on the subsequent actions of the Parties. Specifically, the Minutes of the talks of 24.11.2009 recorded the principles of cooperation of the Parties in the field of aviation safety and main steps for Ukraine to gradually come into CAS in the mentioned field, which promoted signing on 09.12.2009, in Paris (France) of the Working Agreements between the State Aviation Administration and EASA.</p>	-	This action is to be included in the subsequent TRACECA action plans.
10	<b>Enhancement of technical assistance to the PS</b>	The relevant activities are being carried out	<p>The MLA Parties continue to pay their contribution fees to the PS IGC TRACECA budget based on the Joint Financing Agreement of the PS IGC TRACECA.</p> <p>The EC provides technical assistance to the PS and the MLA Parties within the framework of the on-going TRACECA projects.</p>	-	<p>1. Technical assistance to the PS by the EC is required in view of a new role of the PS IGC TRACECA in the context of development of the South-Eastern Axis for extension of the Trans-European Transport Networks to the EU neighbouring countries and the Central Asian states.</p> <p>To accelerate the activity on accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.</p> <p>2. This action is to be included in the subsequent TRACECA action plans.</p>

## **2. Development of the TRACECA Corridor in 2008-2009.**

The analysis of the realization in 2009 by the MLA Parties of the Action Plan for 2008-2009 for the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor “Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for the period up to 2015 shows that most actions of the Plan should be included in the subsequent TRACECA Action Plans in view of the fact that the majority of the EC Technical Assistance (TA) projects attending the realization of each action from the Plan started their implementation in 2009 and did not complete their activities currently.

### **2.1. Infrastructure projects**

According to the provided information in 2009 the TRACECA member-states completed the implementation of the following 2 infrastructure projects : completion of the second stage of the road rehabilitation Dushanbe (Tajikistan) – the border with Kyrgyzstan (*completed in November 2009 to the total amount of 43 million USD – donors ADB and OPEC*), as well as the extension of the Aktau port in northern direction in Kazakhstan (in 2009 the construction of the mole was completed, there are plans to construct a breakwater, to carry out other infrastructure transformations).

It should be noted that all projects are aimed at the development of transport infrastructure, in particular, the rehabilitation and upgrade of the existing areas of the infrastructure networks as well as the construction of new areas and terminals. All these projects are national and their funding is effected from their own budgets or IFI loans.

In 2009 the TRACECA countries started or continued the implementation of infrastructure projects to the total amount of 3635.8 million USD to be completed in 2010-2013. Among the projects the following ones should be emphasized : Infrastructure Development of Ilichevsk Sea Port (Ukraine), Rehabilitation of Design Parameters along the Railway Line Ruze-Varna (Bulgaria), Construction of high-speed railway line Ankara-Istanbul is ongoing (in 2008 the first stage of the project Ankara – Iskisekhir of 245 km long was completed to the amount of 990 million USD, in March 2009 the railway section Ankara-Iskikhleshir was commissioned, 12 high-speed trains were purchased) in Turkey, the roads in Kyzylordinskaya and Jambylskaya oblasts in Kazakhstan of 971 km long were reconstructed.

The countries are also planning to implement infrastructure projects in 2010-2013 to be included in the following Report on the realization of the Action Plan for 2010.

### **2.2. Cooperation of the TRACECA countries with the EC Technical Assistance projects**

In 2009 the MLA participating countries worked via the National Commissions of the IGC TRACECA in close coordination with the EC Technical Assistance projects launched at that time. The relevant statistical and country information, including the required documents were provided. These countries took necessary arrangements within the framework of the Terms of Reference of TA projects to ensure the participation of the

representatives of ministries and departments of the TRACECA member-states in working groups, workshops and regional meetings.

### **2.3. Regarding transport development along the TRACECA corridor**

Taking into account the structure of freight traffic and the dynamics of freight turnover changes for the recent years it is necessary to emphasize the increased role of the pipeline transport. During 2009 around 64 million tons of various goods were transported along the ITC TRACECA through the area of the South Caucasus by all modes of transport, the share of hydrocarbons made in whole around 90% from the total volume of the carried goods. This is a maximal index since the beginning of the corridor operation.

For the purpose of ensuring the corridor competitiveness in 2009 there was carried out the analysis and developed a complex of recommended actions with a view to increase the competitiveness of the TRACECA corridor. The outcome of the fulfilled work was the signing in May 2010, in Antalya (the Republic of Turkey) of the Protocol of the meeting of the Working group on Elaboration of Common Competitive Tariffs in the TRACECA corridor.