

CAPACITY BUILDING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF FORWARDERS ASSOCIATIONS IN CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

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IN FOCUS

Summary of recent project progress towards support the development of transport and freight forwarders industry in Central Asian countries

Capacity building workshops and round tables 7-13 September 2009 in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the third edition of CA FORWARDERS NET Newsletter describing the implementation of the third Working Package of the project. The main purpose of all events was to bring together the main stakeholders from public, transport and forwarding sectors in order to analyze the problems, to identify the opportunities and to promote synergy and integration, which would help contribute to the transport and trade facilitation in the region.

Capacity building workshops and round tables in Uzbekistan

Place of venue and date: Hotel Tashkent Palace, 7th-8th of September 2009

Main topics on the agenda:

- Exchange of experience in terms of services rendered by the European business associations and improvement of services provided;
- Introduction of the current situation and the opportunities for supporting development of transport-forwarding and logistics services in Uzbekistan;
- The benefits from widening the cooperation in Central Asia Region and Balkan countries;
- Role, significance and importance of application of



International systems for quality management ISO 9001/2008; connections between Europe and Asia;

- Discussion on the problems and opportunities to the small and medium enterprises in private transport sector.

Main topics on the agenda:

- Problems, challenges and opportunities to freight forwarders in Kyrgyzstan in their collaborative work with national state rail carrier;
- European model and legal status of the freight forwarder as an agent of the rail carrier;
- Legal, organizational and in-

Round table in Almaty, Kazakhstan

Place of venue and date: Hotel Remier Malau, 9th of September 2009

formational prerequisite for forwarders status in conditions of economy globaliza-



tion and Asian-European integration;

- Prerequisite for formation of new rail corridor China – Kyrgyzstan – Uzbekistan, passing from the South European countries and near East in China The necessity of analysis of transport costs for different route .



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Direct results and benefits:

There were clear indications for foundation of strategic basis for regional cooperation between freight forwarders associations of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, respective their members and railway’s administrations of both countries.

Presents adopted unanimously joint Resolution with focus on four main pillars:

- Utilization of opportunities given by CA FORWARDERS NET project as favourable platform for building up a network of

regional partnerships for improvement transport and trade connections;

- Development of freight forwarding sector through rising competitiveness of transport companies and quality of forwarding services for guaranteeing more secure and efficient transport of goods in central Asian countries;

- Activation the participation of business organizations in national and regional committees for facilitation of transport and trade;

- Establishment of regional centre for vocational training of freight forwarders in Kazakhstan.

CA FORWARDERS NET stakeholders’ regional Conference in Kyrgyzstan

Place of venue and date: Hotel Solnyshko resort Issyk Kyl, 10 – 13 September 2009

Main topics on the agenda:

- Presentation and analysis of multimodal and transit corridors crossing Kyrgyzstan;
- Review on current problems and potential opportunities to transport-forwarding sector in central Asian countries;
- Presentation of USAID for multimodal corridors in central Asian countries;
- Presentation of TRACE-CA for international logistics centers in CA region;
- Analysis of opportunities for establishment and development of contemporary logistics’ centers in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan;
- Exchange of experience and discussion on the questions for voluntary certifications of forwarding services aiming increasing of their quality;

- Presentation of teaching curriculum and syllabus of centre for vocational training of freight forwarders of Association of freight forwarders of Republic of Kazakhstan – KFFA;
- Establishment of Central-Asian transport borse



Direct results and benefits:

The conference turned out successful regional event during which was raised the awareness how EU and project partners work together to support sustainable development of freight forwarding associations and logistics and transport operators. It promoted cooperation between the states within the region by

stimulating and intensifying of cooperation activities of similar professional organization in the field of transport. The thematic key issues, analysis of transport corridors and the needs of transport operators eventually would result in improvement the efficiency of transport and forwarding sector. Establish-

ment of Central-Asian transport exchange would help to contribute to stronger regional and international integration. The private companies in the transport industry in CA region addressed crucial challenges in terms of developing of shortest transit corridors via Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and are looking increasingly into the potential for improvement of interaction and connections of road and rail transport along the multimodal transport corridors between west China and Europe.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Training sessions and capacity building of SMEs

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