

# The GIZ Regional Project “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia” (TFCA)

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# Programme Overview

## Trade facilitation in Central Asia

Name	<i>Trade Facilitation in Central Asia (TFCA)</i>
Commissioned by	<i>The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</i>
Budget	<i>6,500,000 Euro</i>
Duration	<i>01/2024 - 12/2026</i>
Target group	<i>Private sector actors involved in trade in the Central Asian region</i>
Region	<i>Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</i>
Key partners	<i>Political partners: national ministries in five Central Asian countries responsible for trade policy</i>



*Implementation partners: executive authorities of five partner countries responsible for customs, transport and logistics, as well as phytosanitary and veterinary border control authorities*



# Achievements Previous Project phase (2020-2023)



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Kyrgyz border control agencies

exchange preliminary information and data for risk management systems through 'Sanarip Tamga' information system



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fold decrease in border crossing time

due to the 'E-Transit' automated information system at Uzbekistan border crossing point\*



>2,100

representatives of public and private sectors

from Central Asia improved their skills and knowledge



30%

reduction of queues

for export in Uzbekistan due to the 'E-Navbat' electronic queue booking system



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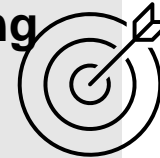
4 countries – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan -

are among the top 8 reformers in Europe and Central Asia (as per the 'OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators')



# Trade Facilitation in Central Asia GIZ Programme

**Central Asian countries have regional approaches and knowledge, especially in the field of digitalization, to facilitate cross-border trade along regional trade routes**



Development of digital competencies to enhance regional standards for trade facilitation

Implementation of the best practices in trade facilitation, including digital solutions

Development of regional trade facilitation solutions at the Regional Network of NTFCs

Enhancing the competencies of transport and logistics companies in Central Asia

# Coordination

- Regional NTFC platform, 2 meetings per year
- Donor coordination group, organized by GIZ
- New EU TCTC Coordination Platform



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Central Asian countries

have officially signed a Statement on cooperation in the field of trade facilitation



# EU Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor Programme



- EU-funded Regional Transport Programme that will be adopted in 2025. With this new programme, the EU will offer **technical assistance** to advance existing and future **transport-related projects**.
- Financed with **EUR 30 million**.
- Overall objective: to advance the **green development** of seamless transport connections between Europe and Central Asia and within the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor.

Specific objectives	Outputs
Improve <b>soft connectivity</b> and <b>gender-responsive</b> regulatory frameworks in Central Asia and along the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced government capacity for development of a simplified, harmonised, paperless and gender-responsive environment for <b>customs and trade</b> in line with international transport and logistics Conventions and relevant EU standards.</li> <li>• Improved mechanisms for <b>sustainable transport connections</b> and for interoperability across the various modes of land and sea transport.</li> <li>• Improved government capacity for <b>policy development</b> and implementation relevant for public-private partnerships that incorporate gender principles (PPP)</li> <li>• Improved government capacity for <b>gender-responsive reforms</b> and <b>liberalisation</b> of the transport market.</li> <li>• Improved <b>tariffs setting mechanisms</b> along the TCTC.</li> <li>• Improved capacity of government and transport asset owners for <b>optimisation of transport asset management</b> and related funding mobilisation.</li> </ul>

Specific objectives
Improve effectiveness of <b>intra-regional cooperation</b> and coordination in the field of transport, connectivity and trade with a focus on the TCTC – through a <b>Coordination platform</b>
Increase investments in <b>green</b> and climate-proofed key infrastructure of the TCTC.

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