

# Cross-border Transport and Logistics Facilitation



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- Border crossing facilities, ports, logistics centers and industrial zones – improvement of facilities, technologies and procedures
- Corridor monitoring (CPMM and other tools)
- Transit guarantee systems (TIR and alternatives)
- Digitalization, Single Window for trade and transit
- Multimodal operations and documentation
- International, regional and bilateral cross-border transport facilitation agreements



# Border Crossing Points (BCP)

- Several Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) projects are implemented (new BCPs have been constructed, were scoped and will be scoped for the new projects)
- Improvement of BCPs for a long time remained incremental, without proper conceptualization (role in the transportation network, business processes, long-term investment focus), in the last decade some shift to the better has been made but a lot remains to be done in the coming years
- Investment projects are supported by the broader trade and transport facilitation initiatives within the CAREC Trade and Customs domain and under the Economic Corridor (EC) development programs (such as Almaty-Bishkek EC, Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand EC, etc)

# Selected ongoing and planned BCP projects

BCPs	Key features, status of the projects
Torkham, Chaman (PAK, border with AFG)	Full modernization under the Regional Improving Border Services (RIBS) project, financed by ADB. BCPs are being constructed, more than 65% of civil works completed. Estimated completion time – 2024
Ak-Tilek, Karkyra, Kichi-Kapka (KGZ, border with KAZ)	Full modernization is planned under the new project, to be financed by ADB. Contracting of the detailed engineering design firm is ongoing.
Three BCPs (MON/PRC border)	The project is being processed by ADB for lending to the MON government. The estimated cost of developing 3 land ports is \$100 million.
Abreshumis Gza – Ipek Yolu (GEO/AZE)	The Georgian and Azerbaijan governments and ADB completed first draft assessment report and design concept of the BCP



# National Single Window (NSW) for Trade

- NSW of Tajikistan became fully operational on 1 January 2021. The facility was established within the CAREC RIBS project. The project delivered: (i) software and hardware; (ii) consulting services for the legal foundation and business processes of NSW; (iii) capacity development.
- NSW of the Kyrgyz Republic was launched in February 2023.
- Deployment of the ICT hardware and software (around \$10 Million) for the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) is ongoing under the Pakistan RIBS project. The contract was signed in March 2023



# Logistics Centers and Industrial Zones

- Development of a logistics center in **Zamiin-Uud**, financed by ADB. The first project has been completed. Further works and consulting services are being financed by the second ADB loan and grant
- The **Developers Guide** on Planning and Design of Logistics Centers was published. The guide is available on the ADB and CAREC websites
- Feasibility studies for the **KAZ-UZB Industrial Cooperation Center** and a **Logistics Center in Sughd** oblast under the Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor development program
- Detailed assessment of the border crossing procedures between KAZ and KGZ completed, the pre-feasibility study for the **KAZ-KGZ Joint Border Crossing Point** is planned in 2023

# Multimodal transport, Ports and Shipping

- The Middle Corridor (CAREC Corridor 2, aka TRACECA) rapid assessment examined impact of COVID-19 and Russian invasion in Ukraine on the deep ocean freight and on the multimodal Middle Corridor traffic and rates.
- It concluded that soft measures to improve operational efficiency of the corridor are required, while long term investment decisions can be paused till ocean rates get back to normal.
- More studies of the Middle Corridor by were recently completed or ongoing. CAREC Transport program will facilitate dissemination of findings among member countries and will help prioritize future actions.

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