



Response to Regional Transport Challenges – TSCC meeting

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Response to regional Transport challenges:

Agenda

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TIR digitalization in Central Asia

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Our efforts to make TIR restart in China
Recent China TIR operations overview

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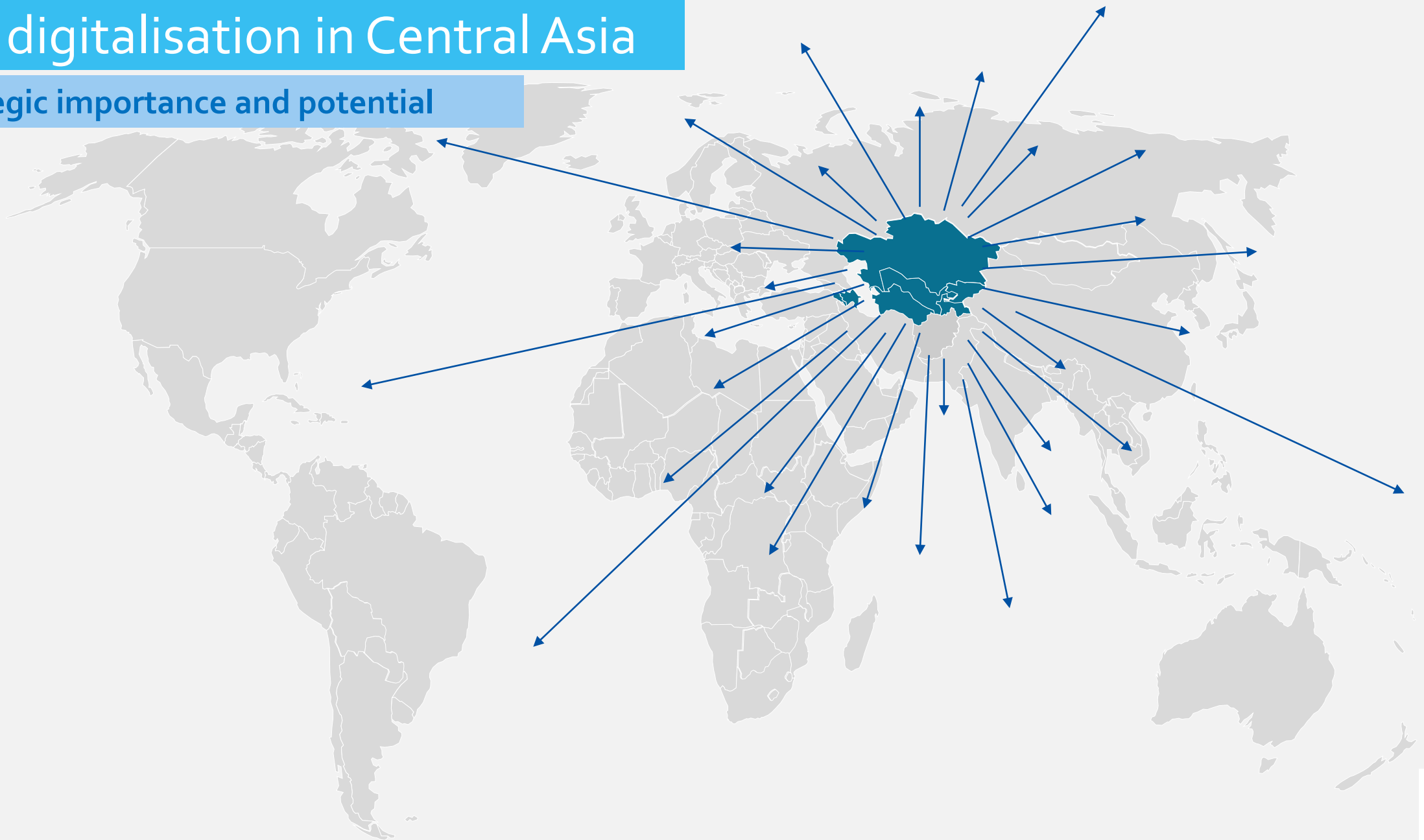
The importance of the middle corridor

5. Conclusion



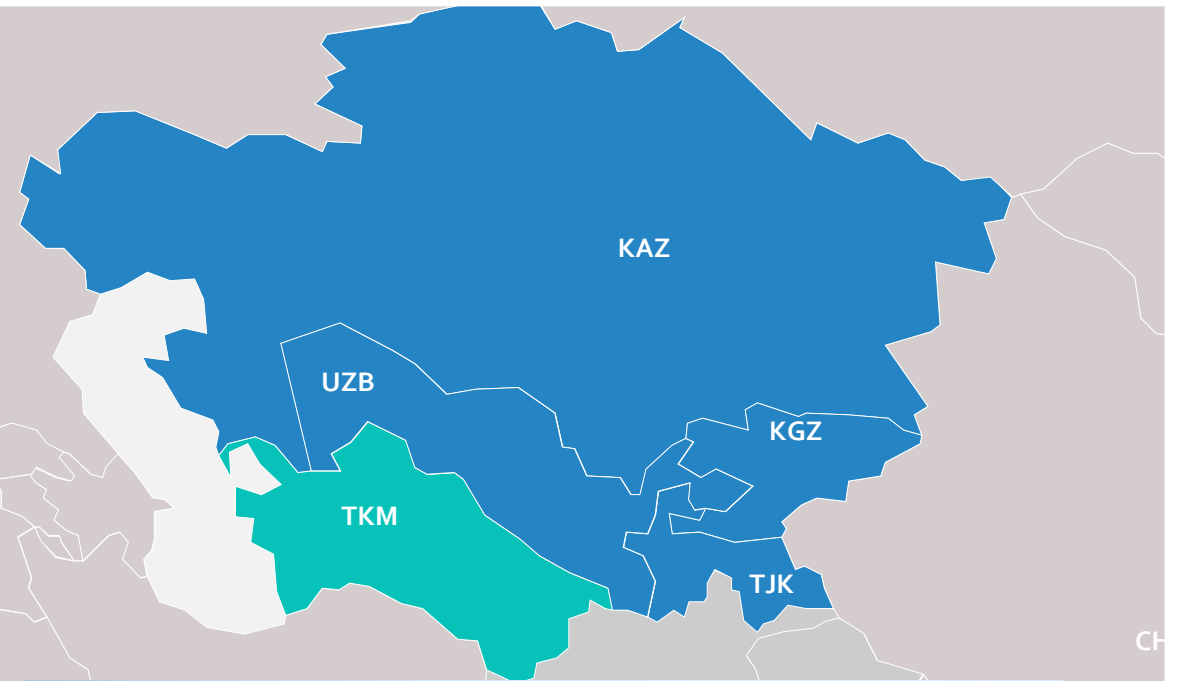
TIR digitalisation in Central Asia

Strategic importance and potential



Turkmenistan

- Digital TIR transports continue to be carried out on a regular basis in four Central Asian countries
- Turkmenistan's customs expressed their interest to further digitalise TIR procedures
- Customs authorities are working on the enhancement of their IT system, required for further TIR digitalisation
- A digital TIR knowledge sharing session between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan customs on 26-27 April 2023 in Tashkent
- Launch of TIR digitalization in Turkmenistan (June 2023)



Border crossing facilitation

TIR-EPD Green Lanes



TIR-EPD green lanes at 10 BCPs in Turkmenistan (April 2023)



Konysbaeva – Yallama (TIR-EPD Green Lanes)

TIR RESUMED IN CHINA AS COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

- China lifted Covid restrictions on 08 Jan 2023

- resume normal cross-border operations
- allow foreign trucks to enter
- relax Covid health restrictions

- TIR resumed in China at major borders with:

- Kyrgyzstan (Irkeshtam)
- Mongolia (Erenhot)
- Russia (Manzhouli)
- Inland cities: Kashgar, Zhengzhou,...



OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE TIR RESTART IN CHINA

- Support national and local customs, TIR associations and business to ensure smooth TIR resuming and operations at inland and border customs offices
- Promote TIR advantages and TIR resuming progress in China to attract wider interest from both public and private sectors to drive further TIR resuming
- Ensure TIR-EPD timely sent to facilitate TIR efficiency from China side
- Act as the focal point to solve ad-hoc issues



RECENT CHINA TIR OPERATIONS OVERVIEW



- Jan 2023: Kashgar (China) – Irkeshtam – Kyrgyzstan



- Feb 2023: Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) - Erenhot (China)



- Feb 2023: Zhengzhou (China) - Manzhouli – Moscow (Russia)



ADVANTAGES OF TIR FROM CHINA

- The only option for foreign trucks to load/unload cargo in inland cities in China, which can simplify procedures at the borders
- Suitable for special cargo types which have high market demand between China and Europe (e.g., dangerous, cold chain, and high value cargos)
- TIR-EPD is mandatory in China to support customs risk management
- 1 transit system cover the whole journey, no transit deposit requirement among different customs regimes

Conclusion

A group of four business professionals (three men and one woman) are gathered in a modern office environment, looking at a smartphone held by one of the men. They appear to be in a collaborative meeting or discussion. The background shows large windows and office furniture, creating a professional and bright atmosphere.

- Continue supporting public and private sectors in the use and expansion of digital TIR solutions in Central Asian, notably in Turkmenistan, and beyond, recognising such digitalisation projects as precursors for eTIR.
- Call upon Central Asian countries' customs administrations to ensure full implementation and maintenance of digital TIR message exchange.
- Support the establishing of new TIR-EPD green lanes in Central Asia.
- Supporting capacity building activities for a wide range of private and public sector participants in the Central Asian region, China and beyond in order to develop and strengthen participants' skills in TIR processes.



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