



Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
of the Republic of Moldova

## AEO PROGRAM REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA EXPERIENCE



# REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

- Landlocked country in Eastern Europe
- Border with EU (Romania) and Ukraine
- Population - 2.6 million people
- capital - Chisinau.
- [www.moldova.md](http://www.moldova.md)

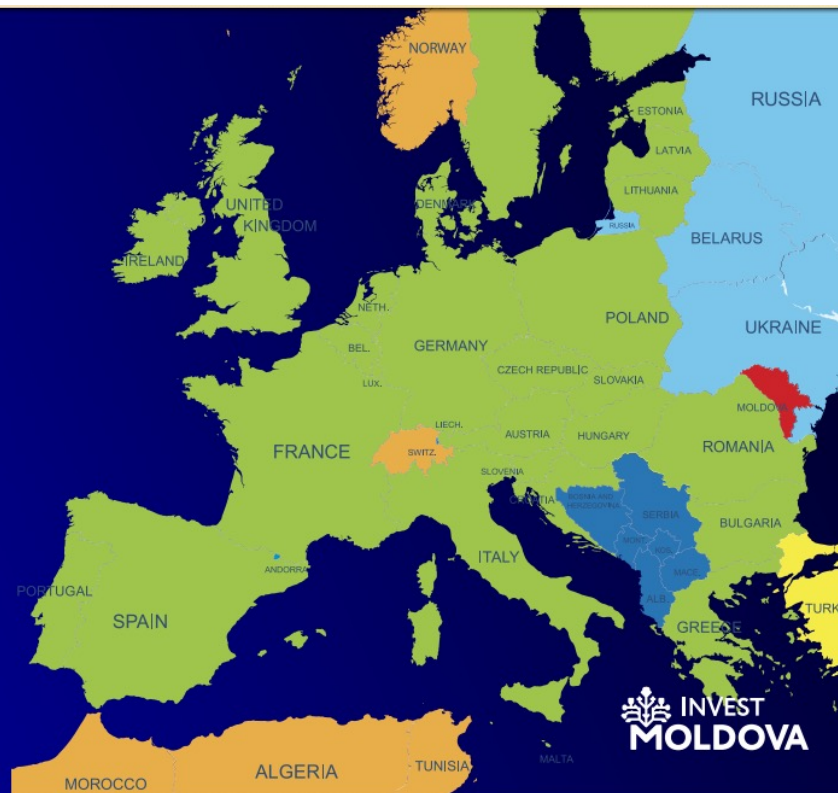


## FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH:

- European Union – Moldova Association Agreement (DCFTA) – 2014
- Community of Independent States (CIS) (2012)
- Turkey (2017)
- CEFTA countries (2007)
- GUAM countries (2002)
- Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) – 2001
- Agreements on mutual promotion and protection of investments (34 countries)



Launched negotiations with China  
Consultations with EFTA member states & Egypt



# MOLDOVA AEO PROGRAM

## Main Achievements

➤ **Launched in 2014 – (New Chapter in Customs Code)**

✓ **Based on WCO SAFE Framework and Harmonised with the EU**

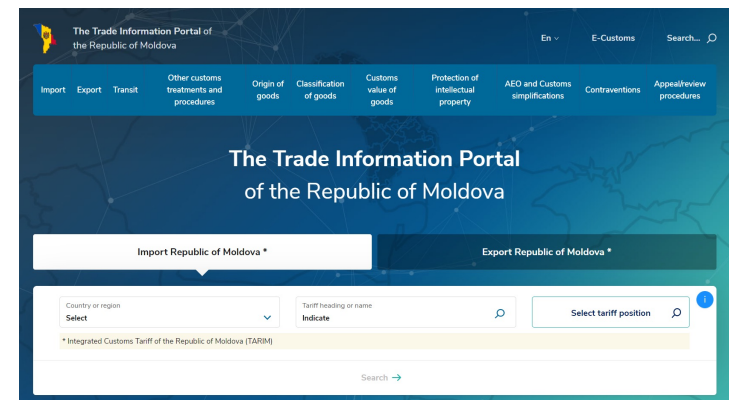


✓ **November 2022 – MOU AEO Moldova and EU**

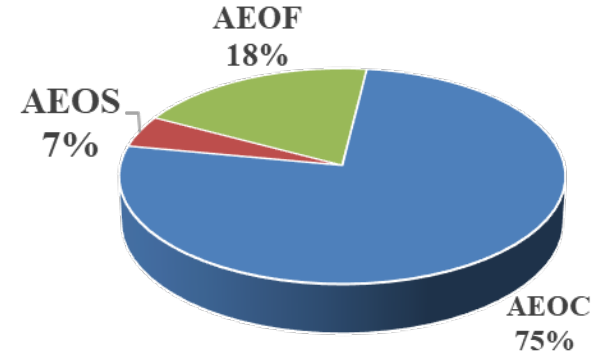


✓ **2024 – launch of new AEO portal (digitalization of certification and monitoring)**

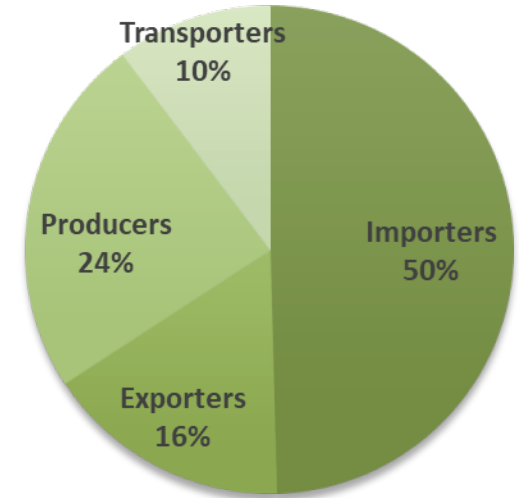
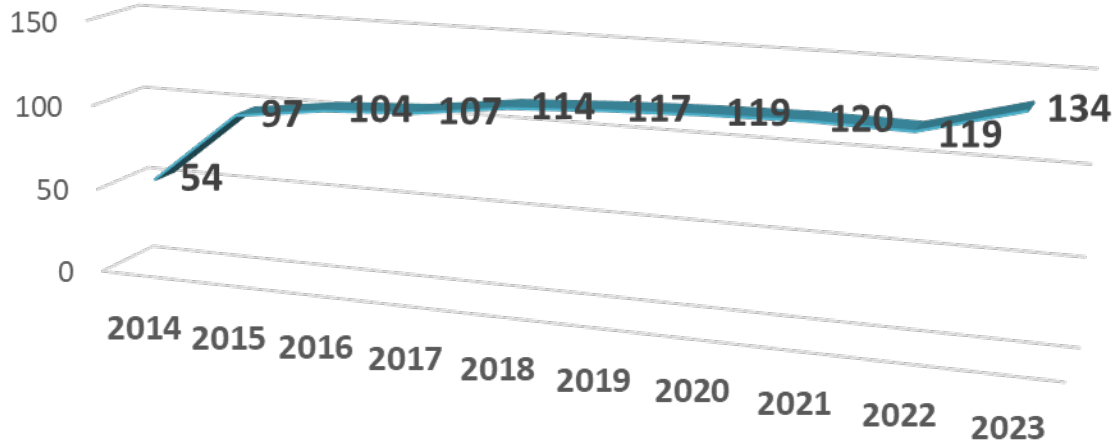
✓ ***NEW CUSTOMS CODE as from 2024***



# AEO STATISTICS



**number of companies**





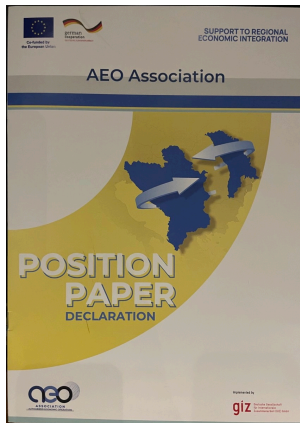
# AEO Association

2017 – CCI RM set up AEO Network platform among AEO in Moldova

## MOU and exchange of experience Moldova-Romania AEO



## CEFTA Regional Association



## PROMOTION OF THE AEO

## Trainings



# AEO MUTUAL RECOGNITION MOLDOVA - EU



## Main phases:

- July 2015 – pilot project on 1 BCB on unliteral recognition by Moldova of the AEO form EU
- 2017 - EU-Moldova road map on legal approximation
- 2019-2021 Audit – validation missions
- 2022 – Decision on MOU





# AEO MUTUAL RECOGNITION MOLDOVA - EU



- DECISION No 1/2022 OF THE EU-REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA CUSTOMS SUB-COMMITTEE of 3 October 2022 concerning the mutual recognition of the authorised economic operator programme
- Recognition applicable only in case of Security and Safety Standards (AEOS or AEOF)
  1. Each Customs Authority shall provide benefits to Programme Members of the other Customs Authority that are comparable to the benefits that it provides to its Programme Members.
  2. The benefits referred to in paragraph 1 include:
    - (a) fewer security- and safety-related controls: each Customs Authority takes the status of a Programme Member granted by the other Customs Authority favourably into account in its risk assessment in order to reduce inspections or controls and in other security- and safety-related measures;
    - (b) the recognition of business partners during the application process: each Customs Authority takes the status of a Programme Member granted by the other Customs Authority into account with a view to treating the Programme Member as a secure and safe partner when assessing the business partners' requirements for applicants under its own Programme;
    - (c) priority treatment at customs clearance: each Customs Authority takes the status of a Programme Member granted by the other Customs Authority into account in ensuring priority treatment, expedited processing, simplified formalities and expedited release of the shipments where the Programme Members are involved;
    - (d) business continuity mechanism: both Customs Authorities endeavour to establish a business continuity mechanism to respond to disruptions in trade flows due to increases in security alert levels, border closures or natural disasters, hazardous emergencies or other major incidents by which priority cargos related to Programme Members should be facilitated and expedited to the extent possible by the Customs Authorities;
    - (e) the giving of priority to the inspection of consignments covered by exit or entry summary declarations lodged by a Programme Member, if the Customs Authority decides to proceed with an inspection.

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4. Each Customs Authority:

- (a) may suspend the benefits provided to Programme Members of the other Customs Authority under this Decision;
- (b) shall, within a reasonable time, communicate the suspension described under point (a) and the reasons for the suspension to the other Customs Authority;
- (c) may only proceed with a suspension pursuant to point (a) for reasons equivalent to those for which it would suspend the Programme Members from its Programme.

5. Each Customs Authority shall, when it deems appropriate, report irregularities involving Programme Members of the other Customs Authority's Programme to that Customs Authority for the purpose of ensuring immediate analysis of the appropriateness of the benefits and status granted by the other Customs Authority.

6. For greater certainty, this Decision does not limit a Party or a Customs Authority from requesting information pursuant to the mutual administrative assistance referred to in Article 198 of the Agreement or other applicable instrument between the Parties, or between the Customs Authorities.

## **Other provisions:**

Exchange of information and communication  
Treatment of information (confidentiality)  
Consultation, monitoring and review



# AEO MUTUAL RECOGNITION MOLDOVA - EU



## Mutual recognition principals:

- Political will
- Reciprocity
- Compatibility of the programmes
- Coordination – joint road map
- Use of information technology systems
- Transparency





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