

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 50% of civil works completed. Estimated completion time – end of 2023
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 has started.
Guliston (TAJ) and Karamyk (KGZ)	Two facilities completed within the CAREC RIBS project, financed by ADB, in 2016 and 2020 respectively
Patar, Gissar, Kushtegirmon, Madaniyat (TAJ)	Conceptual design and preliminary cost estimates were completed within the scope of the CAREC RIBS project, financed by ADB
Kordai (KAZ) and Ak-Jol (KGZ)	Full modernization of the facilities by the Governments of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic. Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) development program provided some recommendations to improve the design.
Abreshumis Gza – Ipek Yolu (GEO/AZE)	Azerbaijan and Georgia reached an agreement to develop a joint BCP. The Georgian government and ADB started consultations for conceptualizing and designing 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 pilot operation in May 2022. Its full operational launch is expected within 2022. Full design of the Kyrgyz NSW was done under the CAREC RIBS project
- Procurement of the ICT hardware and software for the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) is ongoing under the Pakistan RIBS project

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 being finalized for publication. Ignasi Ragas will present the guide.
- 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, including the pre-feasibility study for the KAZ-KGZ Trade and Logistics Center at BCP Ak-Tilek

Multimodal transport, Ports and Shipping

- Ports and Logistics Scoping Study, completed in 2021, published in 2 Volumes and discussed in 2 webinars:
<https://www.carecprogram.org/?event=ports-and-logistics-scoping-study-in-carec-countries>
- The Middle Corridor (CAREC Corridor 2, aka TRACECA) rapid assessment examined impact of COVID-19 and Russian-Ukrainian war on the deep ocean freight and on the multimodal Middle Corridor. The study will be presented by Adrian Sammons
- Aviation Cargo assessment is the spin-off of the COVID-19 Aviation study. It compares aviation freight with other modes and suggests strategic choices for the sector. The study will be completed in 2023.

Thank you