



# GIZ regional project “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia” (TFCA)

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# Project “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia”

## Commissioning Ministry:

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## Political Partners:

Kazakhstan - Ministry of Trade and Integration

Kyrgyzstan - Ministry of Economy

Tajikistan - Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

Uzbekistan - Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade

## Duration:

From 01/2020 until 12/2022  
(3 years)

**Budget:** 7 Million EUR



# Project “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia”: Objective & Structure

## Project Objective

Improve implementation of trade facilitation measures in Central Asia

Improvement of risk management systems for border clearance

Improvement of application of simplified transit procedures

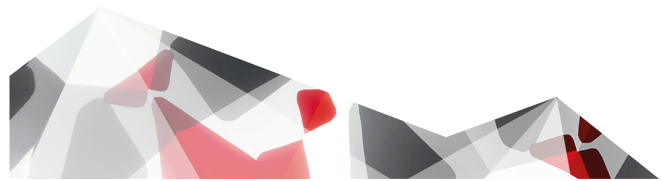
Increased involvement of the private sector in policy making for trade facilitation

Piloting innovative measures for trade facilitation



## Why we support RMS:

- A balance between customs controls and supporting legitimate trade
- Improved efficiency while maintaining high level of security – focus on high risk
- Better compliance and increased revenues
- Lowering transaction costs for legitimate traders



# TFCA Experiences in RMS with customs in Central Asia

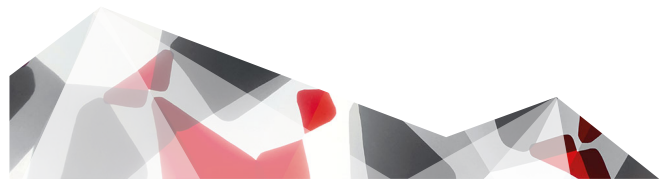
- Analysis of RMS in CA done in 2016 with recommendations for improvement
- TFCA Supporting implementation and development of RMS for border agencies in Central Asia
- Awareness-raising and fostering political will
- Conduct capacity building measures:
  - ✓ National, regional and international seminars, workshops, experience exchange and round table events,
  - ✓ Study tours in the region and to the EU countries,
  - ✓ IT security trainings



# Pilot Measure: Implementation of IS “Sanarip Tamga” in Kyrgyzstan

Will make it possible to share preliminary information (PI) submitted to the State Customs Service database with authorized state bodies at the border, to process information about goods and vehicles.

- ✓ The border agencies have access to preliminary information provided by the participants of foreign economic activity,
- ✓ Used by customs, Phyto, veterinary and transport control agencies,
- ✓ Benefits (receive the information in advance),
- ✓ First piloted at Kyrgyz/Uzbek border BCP “Dostuk”.



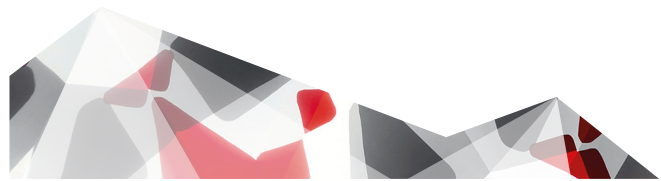
# Our Experiences with Customs now:

- Customs still the most developed and digitalized border agency at the border
- Centralized Risk Management System
- Customs are using Pre-Arrival Information (PI) in three out of four partner countries
- Implemented selective corridor system
  - For analysis and profiling using:
    - ✓ Customs databases
    - ✓ State tax authorities databases
    - ✓ Law enforcement agencies databases
    - ✓ Information from the government departments and public institutions
    - ✓ Transport, real estate registers
    - ✓ Information from commercial and trade organizations
    - ✓ Reports, websites, webpages



# TFCA engagement with RMS for SPS in Central Asia

- Exploratory study in 2020 to support interventions:
  - Lack of information systems and low level of digitalization
  - Weak interaction between HQ and regions/border check points
  - Cooperation (intra-service, interagency and international) should be improved
  - Lack of qualified employees
  - Tajikistan in need of additional support
- And generally: low awareness and political attention





# TFCA activities in SPS in Central Asia

## Capacity building

- ✓ Build up a unit of service dogs for plant quarantine inspection in Uzbekistan
- ✓ Work on improving the phytosanitary system in accordance with international standards,
- ✓ Work on improving risk analysis and risk profiling
- ✓ (Virtual) Study tours

## Technical infrastructure (exception):

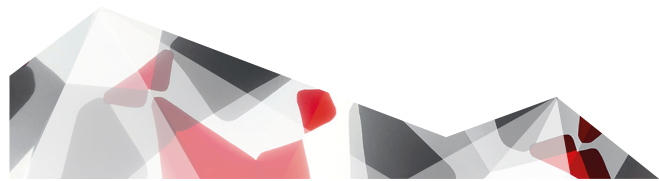
- ✓ Procurement of servers
- ✓ Development of IT programs



# Border agencies risk management system in Central Asia

## Lessons learnt:

- Customs administrations tend to be the most developed agencies
- The selection/corridor system is implemented mostly in customs
- Risk reducing/minimization measures are implemented in customs
- SPS needs strong support both regarding human capacities and technical infrastructure
- Time consuming process to do the legislation amendments
- Need support on digitalization and automatization processes
- Lack of knowledge on risk management
- High staff turnover in border agencies
- Inconducive incentive structure for employees



# *One Region, One Objective – Trade Facilitation in Central Asia*



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