



Session 5: Presentation of the Proposed CATS-ICE Workplan (September 2025 – June 2026)

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Workplan in Summary (June 2025 – August 2026)

**Finalize
Prototype
Version 2
(June – August
2025)**

**CATS/ICE Pilot
Progress
Report
(September
2025)**

**Liaison with
Insurers and
Guarantors
(September
2025)**

**Parallel Test
with Trade
Operators and
Insurers
(October 2025)**

**Develop
Prototype
Version 3 and
Perform
Conformity Test
(November 2025
– May 2026)**

**Signing and
Ratification of
Multi-county
Agreement
(January – June
2026)**

**Live
Operational
Trial
(July – August
2026)**

**Technical Working Group (TWG) Meetings, Liaison Meetings,
Capacity Building Sessions, Accession of Non-member Countries
(September 2025 – on-going)**

Regulatory and Policy Framework

A. Regulatory and Policy Framework: sign and ratify Multi-Country Agreement and update national laws and regulations, where necessary

A.1 Support for domestic legal reviews (*June 2025 – June 2026*)

- Support domestic legal reviews of the Multi-Country Agreement.
- Provide tailored training on legal/regulatory issues.
- Provide technical assistance for aligning national legal texts with agreement provisions.

A.2 Signing and ratification of the Multi-Country Agreement (*January – June 2026*)

- Raise awareness among policymakers to accelerate signing and ratification.
- Support securing of the parliamentary/cabinet approvals in at least Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Uzbekistan.
- Monitor signing and ratification timelines.

CATS/ICE Technology

B. CATS/ICE Technology: enhancement of prototype software based on updated user requirements

B.1 Finalize Prototype Version 2 (*June – August 2025*)

- Incorporate planned change requests from testing.

B.2 Parallel Test of Prototype Version 2 with TIR cargo (*September – October 2025*)

- Use real TIR movement data in CATS/ICE.
- Engage customs, insurers/guarantors, and trade operators in testing.
- Validate procedures, information exchanges, and system performance.

B.3 Finalize Prototype Version 3 (*November 2025 – May 2026*)

- Prepare Common System Specifications.
- Incorporate lessons/change requests from Prototype Version 2 testing.

B.4 Conformance Test of Prototype Version 3 (*April – May 2026*)

- Test against Common System Specifications.
- Involve customs and private sector stakeholders.
- Perform stress testing to measure system performance under peak loads.
- Confirm compliance and operational readiness.

B.5 Real cargo testing (live operational trial) using Prototype Version 3 (*July – August 2026 – dependency on signing and ratification of Multi-Country Agreement*)

- Process live transit movements under CATS/ICE.
- Collect feedback from all stakeholders for next wave of enhancements.
- Assess system effectiveness, efficiency, reliability, and security.

Stakeholder Consultation

C. Stakeholder Consultation: engage customs, insurers, and trade operators

C.1 Stakeholder consultation (Face to Face and Virtual) *(September – October 2025)*

- Consult nominated trade stakeholders.
- Finalize reinsurance and fronting mechanisms.
- Demonstrate CATS/ICE functionality.

C.2 Working Group meeting (Face to Face) (September 2025)

- Review progress and discuss implementation issues.
- Strengthen coordination of customs administrations.

C.3 Report progress to CCC meeting (Face to Face) *(September 2025)*

- Provide official update on pilot implementation.
- Inform on 2025-2026 workplan and long-term roadmap.

C.4 Working Group and stakeholder meeting (Face to Face) *(March 2026)*

- Review progress and assess readiness for final conformance test and live operational trial.
- Plan live operational trial.
- Identify and resolve legal/technical/operational gaps.

C.5 Networking with NCTS, ACTS, and others (April 2026 – on-going)

- Establish formal cooperation with EU/ASEAN and other transit systems.
- Share technical knowledge and best practices.
- Explore synergies.

Training and Capacity Building

D. Training and Capacity Building: provide regular training

D.1 Prepare/update training materials (*September 2025 & March 2026*)

- Develop manuals on legal framework, CATS procedures, and IT operations.
- Target customs officials and private sector users.

D.2 Training on Prototype Version 2 (Virtual) (*September – October 2025*)

- Train customs officials and private sector stakeholders on Prototype Version 2 and Parallel Test procedures.
- Build confidence in system usage.

D.3 Training on Prototype Version 3 (Virtual) (*April 2026*)

- Brief customs officials on Common System Specifications and Conformance Testing.
- Train customs officials and private sector stakeholders on Prototype Version 3 and Conformance Test procedures.

D.4 Training on Prototype Version 3 (Virtual) (*June 2026*)

- Conduct practical training on live operational trial procedures to customs and trade stakeholders.
- Strengthen stakeholder readiness for live operations.

Assessment and Analysis

E. Assessment and Analysis: reporting of activities and testing

E.1 Parallel Test report (Prototype Version 2) (October 2025)

- Document results/lessons and highlight strengths/weaknesses.
- Record change requests.

E.2 Conformance Test report (Prototype Version 3) (May 2026)

- Report findings from conformance testing.
- Recommend fixes before live operational trial.

E.3 Live Operational Trial report (Prototype Version 3) (August 2026)

- Assess live data processing and performance.

E.4 Progress report & dissemination (January 2026 & August 2026)

- Compile progress results and lessons learned.
- Disseminate to CAREC member states, TWG meeting, and CCC meeting.

CATS/ICE Expansion

G. CATS/ICE Expansion: promote CATS/ICE to remaining CAREC countries

G.1 Introduce CATS/ICE (*September – December 2025*)

- Awareness and demonstration sessions for non-participating states.
- Prepare Accession Handbook / Guideline.

G.2 Training for new members (*November 2025 – March 2026*)

- Deliver legal, procedural, and IT training to candidate countries.

G.3 Support formal accession (*January – August 2026*)

- Guide / assist countries through accession steps, based on Accession Handbook / Guideline

