

# CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (ICE) - Activity Plan 2025

5th Technical Working Group Meeting on CAREC Advanced Transit System and Information Common Exchange: Pilot Phase Implementation

12-13 March 2025, Baku, Azerbaijan

# Proposed CATS/ICE Activity Plan - January 2025 to December 2025

The following activities are proposed to be undertaken in support of CATS/ICE Development from January 2025 to December 2025

Activity	
<b><i>Regulatory and Policy Framework: Update national laws and regulations to align with CATS implementation requirements.</i></b>	
A.1 Support for domestic reviews and ratification of the multicounty CATS/ICE Agreement and implementing customized training programs on legal and regulatory issues for smooth implementation of CATS/ICE.	April 2025 to September 2025

# Proposed CATS/ICE Activity Plan - January 2025 to December 2025 (cont.)

<b><i>CATS/ICE Technology: Enhancement of Prototype system software based on updated User Requirements.</i></b>	
B.1 Complete development of Version 2 of CATS/ICE.	January 2025
B.2 Carry out a virtual system test of CATS/ICE Version 2 with nominated countries.	March 2025
B.3 Finalise Version 2 CATS/ICE software, taking into account any final change requests arising from the B.2 activity.	April 2025
B.4 Undertake a parallel test of TIR transit cargo movements through the CATS/ICE Version 2 system with involvement of Customs and Trade Stakeholders.	June to July 2025
B.5 Undertake test processing of real transit cargo movements through the CATS/ICE Version 2 system.	November to December 2025

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<b><i>Stakeholder Consultation: Engage with stakeholders (Customs, insurers, freight forwarders) to secure support and establish the CATS insurance, cross-country fronting and re-insurance mechanisms.</i></b>	
C.1 Provide virtual presentations on the Version 2 CATS/ICE prototype to individual CAREC countries who have expressed an interest in joining the piloting of the system.	January 2025
C.2 Hold a CATS-ICE Working Group meeting to review progress, address updated implementation issues and strengthen working relationships.	March 2025
C.3 Visit pilot countries to discuss the establishment of the CATS/ICE re-insurance chain mechanisms and related domestic regulatory requirements to support CATS (meetings with customs, freight forwarders and insurers) and establish a trade working group (or consultation group) as part of the institutional mechanism on insurance related issues under CATS.	April to May 2025
C.4 Establish separate formal networking mechanisms with NCTS and ACTS, as well as other transit arrangements (e.g., those originating from China), to support the development of synergies between systems and share technical knowledge of regional transit system development.	April 2025 to June 2025
C.5 Hold a CATS-ICE Working Group meeting to review progress, address updated implementation issues and strengthen working relationships.	June 2025

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C.6 Hold a consultation group meeting with nominated trade stakeholders to finalize the fronting and re-insurance mechanisms.	June 2025
C.7 Reporting on CATS/ICE progress to CCC meeting.	July 2025
C.8 Hold a CATS-ICE Customs Working Group and Stakeholder meeting to review progress and plan the live test.	September 2025

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<b><i>Training and Capacity Building: Provide regular training to support the development of the system</i></b>	
D.1 Develop technical user guides and SOPS for Customs staff for the CATS/ICE Version 2 prototype.	January to February 2025
D.2 Provide training for customs officials on the CATS/ICE Version 2 prototype and brief them on virtual test procedures.	March 2025
D.3 Develop technical user guides and SOPs for trade stakeholders for the CATS/ICE Version 2 prototype.	March 2025
D.4 Organize training sessions for trader stakeholders on the CATS/ICE Version 2 prototype and brief them on the test procedures for the parallel cargo movements trial.	June 2025
D.5 Provide training for customs officials on CATS/ICE Version 2 and brief them on the test procedures for the real transit cargo movements trial.	October 2025
D.6 Organize training sessions for trade stakeholders on the CATS/ICE Version 2 prototype and brief them on the test procedures for the real transit cargo movements trial.	October 2025

# Proposed CATS/ICE Activity Plan - January 2025 to December 2025 (cont.)

<b><i>Assessment and Analysis: Reporting of key Activities and system testing</i></b>	
E.1 Produce virtual CATS / ICE Version 2 prototype test report.	April 2025
E.2 Produce parallel transit trial CATS / ICE Version 2 prototype report.	August 2025
E.3 Produce real transit trial CATS / ICE Version 2 prototype report.	December 2025
E.4 Preparation of the CATS/ICE 2025 progress report and PPPs and engaging in dissemination efforts in individual (CATS participating or none participating) countries and at CCC/CAREC levels.	December 2025



# Questions?