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Support to Facilitation of Trade between CEFTA Parties

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<p>“Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit” (GIZ) GmbH and the International Trade Centre (ITC) have been commissioned by the European Commission to jointly implement the Action “Support to Facilitation of Trade between CEFTA¹ Parties” in support of the implementation of the <i>CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 on Trade Facilitation</i>.</p> <p>Action objective: <i>To facilitate trade in the CEFTA region through the reduction and eventual removal of the most distortive non-tariff measures to trade for two selected supply chains, and through the simplification of trade related procedures</i></p> <p>Duration: 2017-2020 (36 months) Budget: EUR 3,05 mln.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: CEFTA Committee of Trade Facilitation, ministries responsible for trade and agriculture, customs administrations, technical agencies and private sector across the CEFTA region</p> <p>Approach: The Action takes a product oriented approach (focusing on two selected supply chains) and examines the three main dimensions that affect free trade of goods in the CEFTA region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Non-Tariff Measures stemming from non-harmonized legislation and practices → Redundant and overlapping document and data submission requirements for traders → Excessive and redundant physical inspections at the border. <p>Impact on CEFTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of clearance time required for selected supply chains (days) • Reduction of number of documents/information required for selected supply chains. • Reduction of frequency in physical controls for selected supply chains. 	Project Components	
	<p>Component 0: Horizontal support and private sector involvement Component 1: Harmonisation of norms and practices Component 2: Streamlining of document and data submission requirements Component 3: Simplification of customs clearance procedures</p>	
	Specific Actions and Activities	
<p>Component 0 - Horizontal support and private sector involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising within the private and public sectors on how to best address non-tariff measures impacting business competitiveness in the region • Establish effective communication channels with business by launching Regional Business Advisory Groups for two selected supply chains (RBAGs) • Strengthening public-private dialogue for trade facilitation in CEFTA <p>Component 1 - Harmonization of norms and Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse trade related legislation and practices in all clearance stages against the EU Acquis and international rules • Identify measures that are in contradiction and provide a set of country-specific recommendations • Provide assistance for implementation of the recommendations 	<p>Component 2 - Streamlining of document and data submission requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic mapping of documents and data required by each of the CEFTA Parties for selected supply chains • Cross-checking between the Parties and benchmarking with EU and international standards • Identify redundancies and overlaps in data submission requirements with and provision of assistance for streamlining the documentary requirements <p>Component 3 - Simplification of control clearance procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the implementation of the mutually recognized CEFTA Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme through regional piloting • Support implementation of validation methods for mutual recognition of AEO in CEFTA • Enhancing cooperation and data exchange between Customs and OGAs. 	
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