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I. FOREWORD

Acknowledging the fact that the progress so far recorded in the implementation of CEFTA has been built over the contributions of each and every CEFTA Party to the work of CEFTA Structures and strong cooperation in the Region, Bosnia and Herzegovina in its Chairmanship of 2013 will be committed to advance that success for the sake of further liberalisation of trade and trade facilitation.

The year 2013 is also of critical importance as our Region has now been preparing the South East Europe Strategy 2020 and our Chairmanship both in CEFTA and the South East Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC) put on us such a significant responsibility. We are therefore very aware of that critical responsibility, and ready to steer both structures with an aim to have them contributed to the preparations of the Strategy in the very best way to reflect the trade and investment related priorities of our region.

It is of absolute certainty that any Chairmanship cannot reach success unless the whole CEFTA structures do work in harmony and share the very same priorities of the Chair. Bosnia and Herzegovina has thus far attached utmost importance to ensure transparency in all means so as to construct its Chairmanship priorities over the objectives shared by all CEFTA Parties. In that respect, we consider that the success of our Chairmanship will again be the outcome of the joint efforts of all CEFTA Parties which have hitherto been proven since the CEFTA has entered into force.

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II. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Bosnia and Herzegovina will take over the Chairmanship of CEFTA in 2013 based on the Decision No. 1/2007, Rules of Procedure (Article 3).

In 2012 the CEFTA Ministers welcome the initiative of the South East Europe Investment Committee to agree on key indicators for the regional economic growth to be accomplished by 2020, and emphasize the importance of trade policy, as a core component to achieving economic growth in an integrated and inclusive manner.

Perceiving CEFTA as a genuine regional forum for all trade related discussions, the CEFTA Ministers have supported active involvement of the CEFTA Structures and their cooperation with other regional actors and with the European Commission in relevant regional programmes and initiatives.

In particular, CEFTA Structures are to contribute to programming the two dimensions of the integrated growth component of the South East Europe Strategy 2020, which are related to trade liberalisation and trade facilitation.

The Chair in Office therefore considers that a stronger emphasis should be put on the interaction between the implementation of CEFTA and the trade related dimensions of the SEE 2010.

Thus, as an overall objective of its Chairmanship, Bosnia and Herzegovina will be committed **to promote intra-CEFTA trade, as an important component of the economic growth in the Region, through facilitating trade in goods, and liberalising trade in services to the possible extent with an increased transparency in all areas having an impact on trade.**

In the framework of this objective, Bosnia and Herzegovina has determined the following as the priorities of its Chairmanship in 2013.

- i) Further liberalisation of trade,
- ii) Facilitating the regional trade through simplifying trade related procedures and regulations, and eliminating unnecessary barriers to trade,
- iii) Increasing the transparency in the areas with direct or indirect impact on trade,
- iv) Active participation of CEFTA Structures in the regional economic development agenda
- v) Monitoring the implementation of CEFTA Ministerial Decision 2/2012 regarding Article 52 of CEFTA

III. PRIORITIES

The Chair in Office will follow up on the initiatives from the previous chairmanships and is fully committed to pay special attention to the following priorities:

Priority 1: Further liberalisation of trade

- **Gradual liberalization of trade in services**

The Chair in Office is willing to support the negotiating process on the liberalisation of trade in services as of January 2013 to comply with Article 27 and 29 of the Agreement. The final objective is to have Additional Protocol on Trade in Services endorsed at the seventh Joint Committee meeting in Sarajevo in November 2013. During its Chairmanship, Bosnia and Herzegovina will dedicate its work on further upgrading of the regulatory database created together with the OECD team of experts in 2012 and deepening cooperation among the regulatory bodies, governmental agencies and professional associations in the region. The special attention will be given to the upgrading of trade in services statistics.

- **Boosting regional trade of agricultural products**

Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue with monitoring of the economic effects of achieved liberalisation of trade in agricultural products and will urge the Parties to remove remained tariffs and quotas in order to reach fully liberalised agricultural market. Furthermore, the emphasis will be put on the enhanced regional cooperation among the agricultural ministries by participating in projects and endeavours that have mutual benefits.

Priority 2: Facilitating the regional trade through simplifying trade related procedures and regulations, and eliminating unnecessary barriers to trade

- **Enhancing cooperation in SPS matters**

Bosnia and Herzegovina will engage efforts to implement the recommendations of the Multilateral Monitoring Framework on Elimination of NTBs that relate to the sanitary and phytosanitary measures, in order to reduce negative effects on regional trade. A part of the activity of the Chair in Office will be dedicated to the development of technical assistance projects that deal with region's most important issues in this field and require joint actions of all Parties.

- **Promoting free trade without barriers**

Recognizing the importance of trade without barriers, Bosnia and Herzegovina as the Chair in Office of 2013 together with the Chair of the Subcommittee on NTBs and TBT is ready to work on creating conditions for eliminating any non-tariff barriers that diminish the positive

effects of regional trade on economic markets. Full support will be given to the next cycle of assessment of identified NTBs and the implementation of the Multilateral Monitoring Framework on Eliminating the NTBs (MMF) jointly steered by the CEFTA Parties and the OECD team of experts.

- **Reducing technical barriers to trade**

Under the scope of NTBs, Bosnia and Herzegovina together with the Chair of Working Group on TBT will continue to work on eliminating the identified technical barriers to trade. The recommendations of the last cycle of MMF assessment will be integrated in the joint plan that will give a framework for set of action to be undertaken in year 2013. Furthermore, the special emphasis will be given to the implementation of the Ministerial recommendation on recognition of test report of CABs as well as on concluding the agreements on conformity issues.

- **Developing regional non-risk profiles in customs**

The possibilities of having joint actions related to the customs risk management at the regional level, as far as possible, will be considered through using the existing electronic exchange of data capabilities with an aim to facilitating the regional trade while improving the overall quality and deterrence of customs, security and safety controls and inspections.

The Chair in Office also regards exchange of data necessary to effectively implement the CEFTA diagonal cumulation. In addition, data exchange through using the existing tools will allow the Parties to coordinate their risk assessment and develop, as far as possible, joint identification of risk or non-risk profiles in the future

- **Elimination of redundant or duplicate data submission requirements**

In consistency with the above, the Chair in Office considers that the Parties would have a list of redundant and duplicate data submission requirement once the non-risk profiles are determined at the regional level. In that context, the Parties will be encouraged to eliminate those data requirement for the sake of further facilitation and simplification.

- **Encouraging simplification of customs procedures**

Having fully taken into account the level of trade liberalisation between the Parties, existence of the joint borders, and the shared objective for the EU accession, and the importance of regional cooperation in the field of customs, the Chair in Office underlines the necessity to develop joint actions in the areas where the regional action and projects are fully justified on the grounds of trade facilitation and simplification customs procedures, and economically feasible.

Priority 3: Increasing the transparency in the areas with direct or indirect impact on trade,

- **Increasing the level of transparency in SPS measures**

During its Chairmanship, Bosnia and Herzegovina expects that the CEFTA SPS Database will become fully operational. Based on the principals of transparency and comprehensiveness, the database will provide with information on the key laws, bylaws and measures in three relevant fields (sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary) in the CEFTA region. The online notification of the SPS measures will be added in the later stage. The easily accessible database will significantly contribute to the reduction of SPS related non-tariff barriers to regional trade.

- **Increasing transparency in TBT**

In order to improve transparency of technical barriers to trade, the new format of notification of national standards developed during last year will be implemented started from 1 January 2013. In addition, the so-called TBT platform, which will comprise online notification on TBT as well as other relevant information on quality infrastructure, will be developed together with the external partners including IPA Quality Infrastructure Project.

- **Keeping CEFTA Trade Portal fully functioning**

Bosnia and Herzegovina will invest efforts in ensuring the full functioning of the CEFTA Trade Portal in its first year of a region-owned operation.

- **Enhancing transparency in state aid schemes**

Bosnia and Herzegovina will be the second chairmanship following the adoption of Ministerial Decision on State Aid Reporting Scheme. This would be used as an occasion to organize an event where some highlights of the CEFTA State Aid Report can be displayed and the relevant authorities in each Party can meet to discuss further cooperation.

- **Strengthening the involvement of private sector in CEFTA through CEFTA Forum in the activities of CEFTA Subcommittees**

Bosnia Herzegovina will enhance further involvement of private sector in the activities of CEFTA Subcommittees.

Priority 4: Active participation of CEFTA Structures in regional economic development agenda

The Chair in Office considers necessary to initiate the preparatory work within the CEFTA Structures which would take up a leading role in programming and implementing the

dimensions related to liberalisation of trade and trade facilitation within the integrated growth component of the South East Europe Strategy 2020.

- **Improving intra-CEFTA coordination**

It is therefore required to improve coordination between CEFTA Subcommittees, as they might be required to prioritize some of their activities towards a number of economic growth related targets in the future.

As a sub-objective of that priority it is also aimed at further strengthening links between the Chairmanship work programme and the work programmes of CEFTA Subcommittees.

- **Generating synergies from CEFTA related actions**

Bosnia and Herzegovina considers an utmost necessity to map the existing and expected outputs of all CEFTA related actions with a view to generating synergies through displaying possible interactions that might be established with each other. Mapping those interactions and determining synergies would also help the CEFTA Structures to define how to maximise the benefit expected from CEFTA related actions.

Priority 5: Monitoring the implementation of CEFTA Ministerial Decision 2/2012 regarding Article 52 of CEFTA

The CEFTA Joint Committee adopted a decision regarding the implementation of Article 52 regarding the depositary of the Agreement following the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union by 1 July 2013.

The Chair in Office is to initiate the negotiations as stipulated by the above mentioned Ministerial Decision, so as to amend Article 52 of the Agreement without delay.

The Chair in Office is committed to facilitate fulfilling any procedural steps that to be required for transferring depositary from the Republic of Croatia to the Republic of Albania which has been assigned as the acting depositary, in case the relevant amendment of Article 52 of the Agreement does not enter into force on 1 July 2013.

IV. ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Under this part, besides each activity and its corresponding expected result, the Chair in Office informs about the means identified to realise them from financial and technical assistance perspectives.

Priority 1: Further liberalisation of trade

- Gradual liberalization of trade in services

Activity 1.1: Administering the trade in services negotiations

Bosnia and Herzegovina as Chair of the Working Group on Trade in Services will undertake all the necessary steps to provide the favourable environment for facilitating the negotiation process among the interested Parties. This will include organizing the additional meetings on top of the regular ones in order to meet the needs of the Parties and provide technical assistance, if requested.

The pace and dynamics of the negotiation is up to the interested Parties and may not necessarily coincide with the regular activities of the Working Group.

Activity 1.2: Updating of regulatory data on trade in services

The further work on building of regulatory database on services will be continued in cooperation with the OECD team. The calculation of the final STR Indices for professional services are expected to be completed by the end of January and will be presented at the Regional Roundtable organized in Budapest on 8 February 2013.

The final Report on the Restrictiveness of Trade in Professional Services among CEFTA Parties will be presented by mid 2013 by the OECD team. This report will include the analysis of the regulatory framework and the STR indices and will serve as a basis for the negotiations.

The other services such as construction, distribution and transport services might be included in the regulatory database and subsequently the STRI can be calculated for the purpose of using them in the negotiations.

The research work of the World Bank on the market structure analysis of the selected professional services is expected to complement the activities on building up the comprehensive database on services in the CEFTA region.

Activity 1.3: Improving the quality of the trade in services statistics

Having in mind the complexity of the issue of recording data in trade in services, the several activities such as workshops and other forms of technical assistance will be organized during the course of 2013 in order to help the Parties to exchange the experiences and learn from best practice cases of other developed economies.

The tailor made workshop on trade in services statistics with the assistance of TAIEX is expected to be organised in the last quarter of 2013 and will include the experts from the EU member states and relevant international organizations (such as WTO, UNCTAD, etc).

- **Boosting regional trade of agricultural products**

Activity 1.4: Monitoring the implementation of the Additional Protocol and Annex 10

Acknowledging the positive effects of the liberalisation of the trade in agricultural products done in 2012, Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue to monitor the implementation of the Additional Protocol and Annex 10 and to assess the impact of such liberalisation on the CEFTA Economies.

The assessment of the effects of the liberalisation will be reported to the Joint Committee at its annual meeting in November 2013.

Activity 1.5: Promoting a zero-tariffs zone in trade of agricultural products

Bosnia and Herzegovina will invite CEFTA Parties to consider removal of the remaining tariffs and quotas, in order to achieve full liberalisation of agricultural products, thus contributing to the creation of a free regional agricultural market.

The Chair will undertake necessary steps in order to facilitate the potential negotiations in the course of 2013. The results of the negotiation will be reported at the Joint Committee meeting in November 2013.

Priority 2: Facilitating the regional trade through simplifying trade related procedures and regulations, and eliminating unnecessary barriers to trade

- **Enhancing cooperation in SPS matters**

Activity 2.1: Strengthening cooperation in the SPS area

The Chair recognizes the need for closer regional collaboration of the national agencies in the sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary area.

The areas of joint collaboration include (i) institutionalized transfer of knowledge and joint training; (ii) increasing the transparency of legislation on SPS across the region; (iii) coordinating the actions in the process of transposition of EU legislation; (iv) identifying areas where the CEFTA SPS agencies can jointly participate in international organisations and forums.

All these activities will be coordinated and monitored through the Subcommittee on Agriculture and SPS. Regular and expert meetings are scheduled in the course of 2013 and will tackle the specific issues of concern of the SPS experts. In addition, a number of workshops are envisaged to be organized in cooperation with TAIEX and other interested international partners.

- **Promoting free trade without barriers**

Activity 2.2: Implementation of the Multilateral Monitoring Framework on NTBs

The following activities will be organized to support the implementation of this priority in the course of 2013:

- (i) Finalisation of the NTBs reports on TBT and SPS
- (ii) Revision of the MMF indicators on administrative barriers to trade
- (iii) Launching of the second assessment cycle on the administrative barriers to trade
- (iv) Elaboration of the Report on the NTBs based on the second cycle of assessments

In addition, the set of concrete recommendations on how to reduce the NTBs in all three identified areas (SPS, TBT and administrative barriers) on a short and a long run will be developed and presented to the Parties at the Joint Committee meeting scheduled for November 2013.

- **Reducing technical barriers to trade**

Activity 2.3: Conclusion of the Agreement on conformity assessment issues and on easing access of industrial products to the markets of other CEFTA Party

The working group on TBT will provide the forum for the negotiations and the Chair will take all the necessary steps with the aim to conclude the negotiations as soon as it is possible.

The work on the conclusion of the Agreement will be followed by the training of the interested CEFTA Parties and will involve the regional partners such as IPA Quality Infrastructure Project.

Activity 2.4: Implementation of the Joint Committee Recommendation on the recognition of test report by CABs

The Parties are expected to regularly inform each other on the implementation of the relevant Recommendation adopted at the sixth Joint Committee meeting held in 2012. The report on the implementation will be prepared and presented at the annual JCM scheduled for November 2013.

The Chair of the Working Group will take additional efforts to encourage the rest of CEFTA Parties to join the Recommendation thus benefiting from the joint recognition system.

Activity 2.5: Enhancing the regional cooperation among National Accreditation bodies and other national institutions that deal with TBT

The Chair of the Working Group will encourage those CEFTA Parties National Accreditation bodies who are not yet signatories to meet requirements for signing EA MLA for specific accreditation scope and participate in specific EA technical committees, working groups and task force groups.

The further activities of the Working Group will include the exploring the possibilities to conclude multilateral/plurilateral Agreements or Memorandums of cooperation in the field of standardisation, accreditation and metrology among the national bodies of the CEFTA Parties, and preparing a list of already concluded bilateral ones.

- **Developing regional non-risk profiles in customs**

Activity 2.6: Initiating the discussion of developing joint non-risk profiles in customs

In the CEFTA Joint Committee of 2012, Ministerial decision was adopted establishing the working group on Customs Risk Management. The Chair in Office will support the activities of that working group and will encourage the Parties to initiate discussions on elaborating joint profiles, particularly in low risk areas. In this context, the Chair in Office will also be ready to take any initiative in coordination with the Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin to enhance the efficiency of exchange of data capabilities, related directly to customs risk management.

The activity will be carried out through the work of CEFTA Working Group on Customs Risk Management. It is expected that the IFC Trade Logistics Project will provide expert support to the work of the Working Group, if deemed necessary.

- **Elimination of redundant or duplicate data submission requirements**

Activity 2.7: Reviewing existing data submission requirements

The Chair in Office will support the activities of the Subcommittee on Customs and Working Group on Customs Risk Management related to the elimination of redundant and duplicate data submission requirements. The Chair in Office will particularly encourage the coordination between three Subcommittees in order to review the existing data submission requirements during customs clearance with a view to determine a list of redundant or duplicate ones.

The activity is expected to receive expert support of the IFC Trade Logistics Project. The IFC may organise a trade facilitation task force which may be a suitable joint platform for the discussion of customs, SPS and TBT experts.

- **Encouraging simplification of customs procedures**

Activity 2.8: Initiating networking of customs procedure experts in CEFTA

The Chair in Office will support the activities of Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin planning to call for a network of customs procedure experts in CEFTA in order to discuss simplification of customs procedures for the sake of facilitating trade. The Chair in Office will be ready to provide all available facilitating means which would be considered necessary by the Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin.

If deemed necessary by the Subcommittee, the activity can be realised in cooperation with the IFC Trade Logistics Project or TAIEX.

Priority 3: Increasing the transparency in the areas with direct or indirect impact on trade

- **Increasing the level of transparency in SPS measures**

Activity 3.1.: Establishing the CEFTA SPS Database

Based on the principals of transparency and comprehensiveness, the database will provide with information on the key laws, bylaws and measures in three relevant fields (sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary) in the CEFTA region. The online notification of the SPS measures will be added in the later stage.

The activities on the establishment of database include (i) collecting of information on food safety, plant and animal health measures; (ii) establishing of the information platform to support the uploaded data; (iii) employment of the search engine that will provide with the easy finding of the necessary information; (iv) promotion of database to the wider circle of

users.

- **Increasing transparency in TBT**

Activity 3.2: Establishment of CEFTA TBT Platform

The Parties will continue with regular notification of the technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and standards in accordance with the Article 13.3b of the CEFTA Agreement. The specific formats have been developed in notifying the national standards during the previous Chairmanship and its notification will start with implementation as of 1 January 2013. The Platform will encompass the notification on TBT and the information on quality infrastructure across the CEFTA region.

The specific activities will include (i) developing the system on recording the regular TBT notifications, (ii) uploading of the additional important information on quality infrastructure, such as conformity assessment, standardization, accreditation, metrology, market surveillance, etc.

This platform will be developed and established in assistance with various partners, including the GiZ and the IPA Quality Infrastructure Project.

- **Keeping CEFTA Trade Portal fully functioning**

Activity 3.3: Monitoring the functioning of CEFTA Trade Portal

The Chair in Office will monitor the functioning of CEFTA Trade Portal through the Subcommittee on TBT and NTBs for the sake of having the Portal updated and functioned smoothly.

Regular updating and upgrading of the structure such as improved search engine, and content e.g adding new features, of the Trade Portal is scheduled for 2013. An Editorial Body will be established with the main role to discuss the updating of the content and future developments of the Portal.

- **Enhancing transparency in state aid schemes**

Activity 3.4: Organisation of Regional Workshop on State Aid Reporting

Following the adoption of the Ministerial Decision on State Aid Reporting Scheme by the 2011 CEFTA Joint Committee, the Chair in Office regards necessary organising a regional workshop to discuss the state aid reporting with a view to assist in enhancing transparency on state aid schemes.

It is considered that the workshop would be organised by the support of EUTTP Project and TAIEX.

- **Strengthening the involvement of private sector in CEFTA through CEFTA Forum in the activities of CEFTA Subcommittees**

Activity 3.5: Enhancing the involvement of CEFTA private sector in the activities of CEFTA Structures

The Chair in Office will encourage all the CEFTA Subcommittees to facilitate the representation of positions and views of CEFTA private sector through CEFTA Forum in a way which has been deemed by the Subcommittees appropriate.

The activity is carried through CEFTA Subcommittees.

Priority 4: Active participation of CEFTA Structures in regional economic development agenda

- **Improving intra-CEFTA coordination**

Activity 4.1.: Initiating the preparations of integrated growth component by the SEE 2020

The Chair in Office will utilise CEFTA Deputy Ministers and CEFTA Strategic meetings to steer the contribution of CEFTA Structures to the preparation of integrated growth component of the SEE 2020. In addition, the Chair in Office expects all CEFTA Subcommittees to pay particular attention in planning their activities to the trade liberalisation and trade facilitation related dimensions of the component. Furthermore, the Chair in Office considers necessary to have a number of analytical studies in order to support the CEFTA Structures in the preparation of the relevant part of the SEE 2020. The Chair in Office through CEFTA Secretariat will do its best endeavour to mobilise external technical and financial assistance to carry out such preparatory analytical studies.

The activity will be carried out by CEFTA Structures.

- **Generating synergies from CEFTA related actions**

Activity 4.2.: Preparation of a map on the existing and expected outputs of CEFTA related actions

The Chair in Office is to make an effort to prepare a map that would compile the existing and expected outputs of all CEFTA related actions in order to display interactions among each other. It is considered that that map can be prepared through a workshop as part of the

preparation process of Strategy 2020 in which international organisations who run CEFTA related projects would be present.

Priority 5: Monitoring the implementation of CEFTA Ministerial Decision 2/2012 regarding Article 52 of CEFTA

Activity 5.1.: Transferring the depositary from the Republic o Croatia to the Republic of Albania

The Chair in Office is to prepare a draft additional protocol regarding the implementation of Article 52 of the CEFTA in line with the Decision 2/2012. The Draft Protocol will be circulated to the Parties in early 2013. Depending on the progress with regard to signing the Additional Protocol of Article 52, the Chair in Office will monitor all necessary procedural steps for transferring depositary from the Republic of Croatia to the Republic of Albania. The Republic of Albania will take over the depositary as acting, in case the relevant amendment of Article 52 of the Agreement does not enter into force on 1 July 2013.

The activity will be carried out by the Chair in Office.

V. RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The Chair in Office foresees the following issues out of its control in the implementation of its Chairmanship priorities but assumes that any development that might endanger the smooth functioning of the Agreement will be prevented by the joint effort of each CEFTA Party:

- 1) Each CEFTA Party keeps committed to the CEFTA process and its provisions;
- 2) Bi-lateral problems between the CEFTA Parties which do not have any direct relevance to the implementation of the Agreement do not affect the smooth functioning of the Agreement;
- 3) International donors keep committed to support financially the CEFTA.

VI. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The tentative calendar for the year 2013 is as follows:

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	PLACE
6 st Meeting Working Group on TBT	1 February	Brussels
6 st Meeting Subcommittee on NTBs and TBT	7 February	Budapest
7 th Meeting Working Group on Trade in Services	8 February	Budapest
5 th CEFTA Secretariat Steering Committee Meeting	25 February	Brussels
CEFTA Strategic meeting	March	Sarajevo
CEFTA AEO Workshop together with Customs Procedures	28 - 29 March	Skopje
CEFTA Network of Customs Procedures Experts Meeting	28 - 29 March	Skopje
6 st Subcommittee on Agriculture and SPS Meeting	April	Sarajevo
1 st Meeting of the SPS experts	April	Sarajevo
1 st Meeting Working Group on Customs Risk Management	25 April	Skopje
7 th Meeting Subcommittee on NTBs and TBT	End of May	Skopje
7 th Meeting of the Working Group on TBT	End of May	Skopje
6 st Meeting Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin	6 – 7 June	Skopje
CEFTA Origin Network Meeting	6 – 7 June	Skopje
Deputy Ministers Meeting	June	Sarajevo
8 th Meeting Working Group on Trade in Services	June/September	Sarajevo
2 nd Meeting of the SPS experts	September	Sarajevo
2 nd Meeting Working Group on Customs Risk Management	1 October	Skopje
7 th Meeting Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin	24 – 25 October	Skopje
Joint Committee Meeting	October/November	Sarajevo
CEFTA Week 2013	October/November	Sarajevo

ANNEX 1: Logical framework matrix

LOG FRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR CEFTA CIO PRIORITIES		Period: January - December 2013	
Overall objective	Indicators of Achievement	Sources of verification	
to promote intra-CEFTA trade, as an important component of the economic growth in the Region, through facilitating trade in goods, and liberalising trade in services to the possible extent with an increased transparency in all areas having an impact on trade.	Involvement of CEFTA Structures in the preparation of the South East Europe Strategy 2020 integrated growth component and its future implementation	CEFTA Structures Reports The European Commission Reports	
Priorities	Indicators of Achievement	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
1) Further liberalisation of trade 2) Facilitating the regional trade through simplifying trade related procedures and regulations, and eliminating unnecessary barriers to trade 3) Increasing the transparency in the areas with direct or indirect impact in trade 4) Active participation of CEFTA Structures in regional economic development agenda 5) Monitoring the implementation of CEFTA Ministerial Decision 2/2012 regarding Article 52 of CEFTA	- Zero tariffs zone in trade of agriculture products - Same level of openness in trade in services across the region - The number of NTBs significantly reduced - The number of notified TBT increased - Efforts of simplification of customs procedures in CEFTA Parties to promote CEFTA Trade are supported	CEFTA Structures Reports The European Commission Reports	1) Each CEFTA Party keeps committed to the CEFTA process and its provisions. 2) Bi-lateral problems between the CEFTA Parties which do not have any direct relevance to the implementation of the Agreement do not affect the smooth functioning of the Agreement. 3) International donors keep committed to support financially the CEFTA.
Activities	Results	Means	Assumptions
Priority 1: Activity 1.1: Administering the trade in services negotiations Activity 1.2: Updating of regulatory data on trade in services Activity 1.3: Improving the quality of the trade in services statistics Activity 1.4: Monitoring the implementation of the Additional Protocol and Annex 10 Activity 1.5: Promoting a zero-tariffs zone in trade of agricultural products	- The Additional Protocol on Trade in Services is negotiated and concluded - The regulatory database on services is updated and STRI calculated for professional services - The STRI for transport, construction and distribution services calculated - The implementation of the Additional Protocol and Annex 10 monitored and the results are reported to the JC - The zero tariffs zone in agriculture trade is created	-CEFTA Working Group on Trade in Services -CEFTA Subcommittee on Agriculture and SPS	4) Each CEFTA Party keeps committed to the CEFTA process and its provisions. 5) Bi-lateral problems between the CEFTA Parties which do not have any direct relevance to the implementation of the Agreement do not affect the smooth functioning of the Agreement. 6) International donors keep committed to support financially the CEFTA.

<p>Priority 2:</p> <p>Activity 2.1: Strengthening cooperation in the SPS area</p> <p>Activity 2.2: Implementation of the Multilateral Monitoring Framework on NTBs</p> <p>Activity 2.3: Conclusion of the Agreement on conformity assessment issues and on easing access of industrial products to the markets of other CEFTA Party</p> <p>Activity 2.4: Implementation of the Joint Committee Recommendation on the recognition of test report by CABs</p> <p>Activity 2.5: Enhancing the regional cooperation among National Accreditation bodies and other national institutions that deal with TBT</p> <p>Activity 2.6: Initiating the discussion of developing joint non-risk profiles in customs</p> <p>Activity 2.7: Reviewing existing data submission requirements</p> <p>Activity 2.8: Initiating networking of customs procedure experts in CEFTA</p> <p>Priority 3:</p> <p>Activity 3.1: Establishing the CEFTA SPS Database</p> <p>Activity 3.2: Establishment of CEFTA TBT Platform</p> <p>Activity 3.3: Organisation of Regional Workshop on State Aid Reporting</p> <p>Activity 3.4: Enhancing the involvement of CEFTA private sector in the activities of CEFTA Structures</p> <p>Priority 4:</p> <p>Activity 4.1: Initiating the preparations of integrated growth component by the SEE 2020</p>	<p>-The intraregional cooperation among CEFTA SPS agencies is improved through joint trainings, joint representation at the international fora</p> <p>-Final Reports approved by the members of the SC on NTBs and TBT, revised indicators for administrative barriers endorsed, concrete recommendations on elimination of NTBs are developed and approved by the JC</p> <p>-The Agreement on conformity assessment issues and on easing of industrial products is concluded</p> <p>-The implementation of the Recommendation is regularly monitored and reported to the Joint Committee</p> <p>-The methodologies of creating joint non-risk profiles in customs are considered.</p> <p>-All the data submission requirements are reviewed and a list of redundant and duplicate data requirements is created.</p> <p>-CEFTA Customs Procedure experts started to meet with a view to discuss facilitation of trade</p> <p>-The SPS Database established and functional</p> <p>-The TBT Platform developed and user friendly, the online notification mechanism in place</p> <p>-CEFTA requirements in state aid reporting are discussed by the State Aid Monitoring Authorities of CEFTA Parties.</p> <p>-The analytical studies in which CEFTA Structures needed for the integrated growth component of the SEE 2020 are determined and their activities to the maximum extent</p>	<p>-CEFTA Subcommittee on Agriculture and SPS</p> <p>-CEFTA Experts meeting on SPS</p> <p>-CEFTA Subcommittee on NTBs and TBT</p> <p>- CEFTA Working Group on TBT</p> <p>-CEFTA Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin</p> <p>CEFTA Working Group on Customs Risk Management</p> <p>-Network of Customs Procedures Experts of CEFTA Parties</p> <p>-CEFTA Parties</p> <p>-CEFTA Parties</p>	
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<p>Activity 4.2: Preparation of a map on the existing and expected outputs of CEFTA related actions</p> <p>Priority 5:</p> <p>Activity 5.1: Transferring the depositary from the Republic of Croatia to the Republic of Albania</p>	<p>possible are initiated. -Mapping of CEFTA related actions are prepared.</p> <p>-Depositary is transferred to the Republic of Albania according to the Decision 2/2012 following the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU.</p>	<p>-Short term technical assistance projects financed EU and other international donors</p>	
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