



# CEFTA Week 2014

Central European Free Trade Agreement  
CHAIRMANSHIP OF MACEDONIA 2014

## AGENDA

### SESSION III

Global and Regional Aspects of Trade Facilitation in CEFTA

20 November 2014 (Thursday), 9:30 – 15:00

**OBJECTIVE:** To discuss the trade facilitation initiatives currently implemented by CEFTA in regional and national context. Presentations will address the compliance of CEFTA Parties with the new WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and present the efforts for enhancing the implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator concept in the CEFTA region. With a goal of achieving better coordination and synergy, all donors implementing trade facilitation activities in the CEFTA region will present their work at a separate round table discussion.

**Moderator:** Dimce Adzioski, Head of Unit for Border and Transit Formalities, Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia

### Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation in the CEFTA region

**9:30 – 9:50**      **Multilateral Rules and Minimum Standards for Trade Facilitation Equally Relevant for Both WTO and Non-WTO CEFTA Parties**

Sheri Rosenow, Councillor, World Trade Organization

**9:50 – 10:10**      **Compliance of CEFTA Parties with the Agreement: Presentation of the Regional Findings of the WTO TF self-Assessments Carried Out in CEFTA Parties by USAID, Conclusions of that Regional Analysis and Recommendations on Path Towards Compliance**

Paul Fekete, Senior International Trade Advisor, USAID Washington

**10:10 – 10:50**      **Panel Discussion**

Violane Konar-Leacy, Manager, IFC Western Balkans Trade Logistics Project, World Bank Group  
Dimce Adzioski, Head of Unit for Border and Transit Formalities, Customs Administration of RM  
Ministries of economy from CEFTA Parties  
Customs administrations from CEFTA Parties

Topics for Discussion

- Implementation of outstanding issues in CEFTA Parties: Status and progress
- Possibilities for cooperation between the countries in the region in tackling compliance with the WTO TF Agreement.
- Ongoing regional activities that contribute to WTO compliance.

**10:50 – 11:00**      **Conclusions and Recommendations**

**11:00 – 11:15**      **Coffee break**



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## Regional Coordination of Trade Facilitation Efforts

### 11:15 – 12:45 **Round Table Discussion**

Moderated by Umut Ergezer, CEFTA Secretariat

#### Topics for Discussion

- Coordinating Trade Facilitation Through CEFTA: Presenting the CEFTA Trade Facilitation Concept
- Donor Support to Trade Facilitation in CEFTA: Cooperation, Coordination and Synergy

#### Participants

- Alberto Costa, EU Commission
- David Cowles, Senior Private Enterprise Advisor, USAID Washington
- Violane Konar-Leacy, Regional Manager, Trade Logistics Project, IFC/World Bank
- Susanne Hartmann, Sector Fund Manager, Open Regional Fund for SEE – Foreign Trade Promotion, GIZ
- Katarina Djermanovic, Policy Analyst, OECD
- Bismark Sitorus, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief of Department for Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business

### 12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

## Facilitation of Trade in CEFTA Through Implementation of the Authorised Economic Operators Programmes – AEO

### 13:45 – 14:00 **Contributing to the Development of CEFTA AEO Strategy: Goals, Scope, Adoption, Implementation**

Michael Praschak, Austrian Customs Authority

### 14:00 – 14:25 **Implementation of the AEO Concept in the Republic of Macedonia: Public and Private Sector Perspective**

Biljana Gadzovska, Head of the Excise Department, Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia

Ilija Mukaetov, Supply Chain Manager, Visteon Electronics Macedonia

### 14:25 – 14:40 **Open Floor Discussion**

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### 14:40 – 14:45 **Conclusions and Recommendations**

### 14:45 – 15:00 **Coffee Break**