

## Accession to/and Implementation by Ukraine of International Agreements and Conventions in Transport



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**Key Project Partner and Beneficiary:**  
Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine (MTCU)

### Project's Objectives and Tasks:

#### Overall objective:

To support Ukraine's aspiration to upgrade its competency and gain larger recognition internationally by means of adopting international norms and standards in the field of transport.

#### Specific objectives:

- To assist Ukraine to accede new international conventions and agreements in the field of transport;
- To strengthen the administrative capacity of the Ukrainian authorities responsible for implementation of relevant international conventions and agreements in the transport area.

#### Project components:

##### 1. Diagnostic & immediate measures:

- Defining a list of international conventions, agreements, *acquis communautaire* in the field of transport, which Ukraine has not joined yet;
- Analysis of political, economical and social benefits resulting from accession of Ukraine to above international conventions, agreements, *acquis communautaire* in field of transport;
- Analysis of compliance of the Ukrainian legislation with above conventions, agreements, *acquis communautaire* in field of transport;
- Defining a list of international organisations, which Ukraine is not member of;
- Analysis of political, economical and social benefits resulting from accession of Ukraine to above international organizations.

##### 2. Drafting a legislative action plan with regards to Ukraine's accession to international conventions and agreements.

##### 3. Preparation of the accession to the selected conventions and agreements:

- Prioritising the list of conventions, agreements, *acquis communautaire* in field of transport and defining those which Ukraine needs to join at the first turn;
- Preparation of necessary documents to start the process of accession of Ukraine to above conventions, agreements;
- Translation of the key conventions, agreements and *acquis communautaire* in field of transport, which Ukraine will join in nearest future.

##### 4. Capacity building of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine:

- Development of training programme to increase capacity of MTCU staff and other agencies dealing with implementation of international agreements, conventions in various fields of transport;
- Trainings to be organised on law drafting norms/ EU Member States techniques in law drafting in the context of approximation of Ukraine to the EU legislation.

#### Project's Achievements:

- Ukraine's level of compliance with applicable international and EU conventions, regulations and standards assessed. Some 1,500 pages-worth of international treaties and EU *acquis communautaire* acts necessary for Ukraine's legal approximation to EU's legal standards in the transport area translated;
- Documents prepared for Ukraine's expected accession to certain international conventions were delivered by the MTCU to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine for approval. Information on the legislation adaptation received under the capacity building component started to be immediately used and was incorporated in the MTCU's working documentation;
- Sectoral Action Plans prepared may be further used as indicators for the transport sector budget support planned for 2010-2012;
- A strongly-coordinated training programme on legal aspects of implementation of international transport conventions and regulations by Ukraine for the MTCU staff and other stakeholders prepared. The scope of training developed within the Capacity Building Component also included study tours abroad, workshops and training sessions;
- The Action Plan updated with the Communication Strategy;
- A web-site (<http://legal-base.in.ua/ua/>) is created with a legal database comprising translations of treaties and *acquis* acts made by the Project, MTCU and Ministry of Justice of Ukraine that will become part of the Communication Strategy.

### Project's Objectives and Tasks:

#### Overall objective:

To improve the transport sector in Ukraine through assistance to the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine in development and implementation of a coherent and comprehensive transport sector policy and strategy covering all modes of transport and such cross-cutting issues as logistics, intermodals, border crossing, etc.

Within this project, the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine will be supported in elaborating medium to long-term transport sector policy and strategy, making the necessary assessments, defining and prioritising the required investments, conducting the required pre-feasibility studies, and identifying and documenting the related funding mechanisms mainly in view of:

- contributing to a balanced growth of the different modes of transport through abolition of competitive distortions, promotion of intermodal transport solutions, infrastructure upgrade and institutional/administrative reforms,
- achieving increased transport efficiency and improved East-West transport network interoperability,
- increasing the administrative capacity of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine and related sector organisations/administrations,
- promoting transport technical modernisation, standardisation and harmonisation, proposing and implementing efficient monitoring and inspection procedures in order to guarantee application of the safety rules and fair competition,
- developing and adopting adequate analytical tools for transport corridor analysis and investment screening,
- assisting the successful preparation and promotion of priority investments in the Ukrainian part of the Trans-European Transport Network, and leveraging relating investment, especially from the international financial institutions, in the country,
- promoting the adoption of modern traffic management and information systems.

#### Project's expected results:

- To support Ukraine in defining national transport strategy based on a sector-wide analysis and including medium- to long-term expenditure framework.
- To identify organization measures and human resources for strengthening the transport sector management in areas of planning and policy making;
- To develop action plans and identify priority projects for all modes of transport;
- To define institutional and regulatory measures for establishing an efficient and sustainable demand-oriented transport sector;
- To identify innovative off-budget funding mechanisms for infrastructure projects, network development and maintenance.

The main deliverables of the Project will be the elaboration of the national long term transport strategy and the assistance in its implementation. The Project will also support the Government of Ukraine in the development of recommendations on minimising negative effects of the world economic crisis in the transport sector.

*Note: The Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) are part of the Trans-European Networks (TEN) created by the Maastricht Treaty (1992) to reinforce the internal market and economic and social cohesion. In January 2007, the EC adopted a document, which outlines EU policy in view of creating an effective transport market involving the EU and its neighbours (including Ukraine) and identifies the 5 most important transport axes for international trade between the Union and the neighbouring countries and beyond: Motorways of the Seas (to link the Baltic, Barents, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Sea areas as well as the littoral countries within the sea areas); Northern axis (to connect the northern EU with Norway to the north and with Belarus and Russia, to the east); Central axis (to link the centre of the EU to Ukraine and the Black Sea and through an inland waterway connection to the Caspian Sea); South Eastern axis (to link the EU with the Balkans and Turkey and further with the Southern Caucasus and the Caspian Sea as well as with the Middle East up to Egypt and the Red Sea); and South Western axis (to connect the south-western EU with Switzerland and Morocco, including the trans- Maghreb link connecting Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia and its extension to Egypt).*

## Support to the Integration of Ukraine in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)



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