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## Harmonizing and simplifying procedures to promote trade facilitation- role of the UNECE

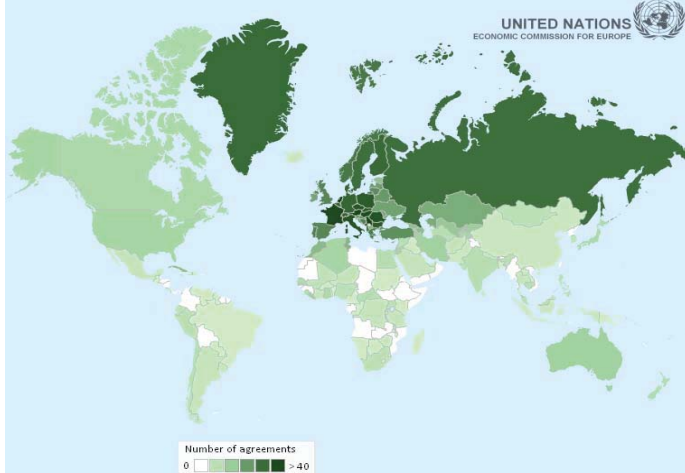
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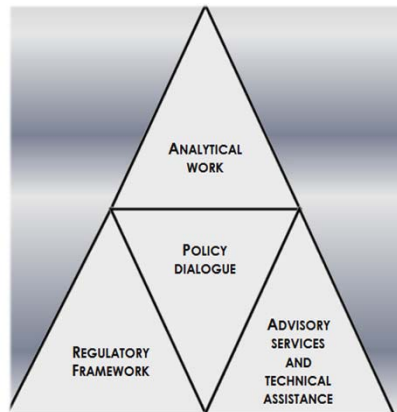
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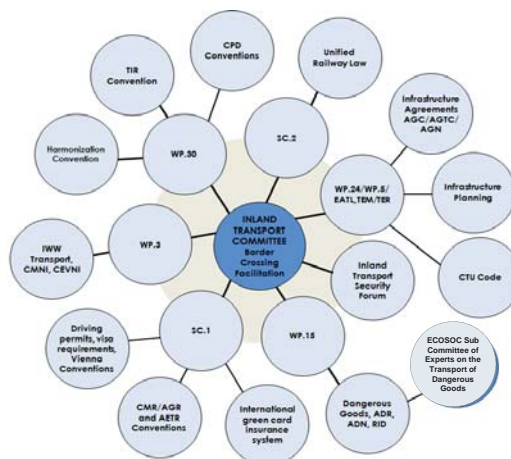
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## The core areas of UNECE work



## UNECE's 360° approach to Border Crossing Facilitation





## Sustainable Transport and the UNECE Conventions

Crossing borders requires:



- Appropriate and resilient **infrastructure**
- Reliable and harmonized international **legal framework**
- Harmonized or at least aligned **procedures**
- International **cooperation** and exchange of best practices



## Sustainable Transport and the UNECE Conventions

- TIR Convention, 1975
- Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982
- Customs Convention on Containers, 1972
- Temporary Importation of Private and Commercial Road Vehicles, 1954 and 1956





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### TIR Convention, 1975

- Secure vehicles/containers
- Controlled access to the procedure
- Mutual recognition of customs controls
- International guarantee coverage
- Single document, the TIR Carnet



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### Adapting to modern needs:

- Electronic risk management tools
- Discussions on additional facilities such as authorized consignor/consignee
- Computerization process (eTIR) under way





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### Harmonization Convention, 1982

*A comprehensive package for border crossing facilitation*

- Regulates procedures, services, infrastructure, vehicles et al.
- Covers all services at the border, e.g. phytosanitary, veterinary inspections
- Encourages national coordination and international cooperation
- Reduces formalities, delays and costs



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### Container Convention, 1972



- Rules for temporary importation of containers
- Rules for the identification of containers
- Technical regulations for containers for carriage under customs seal





## What can OSCE do

- **Encourage accession** to UNECE Border Crossing Facilitation Conventions
- **Support capacity building activities** for proper implementation of UNECE Conventions
- **Support projects** such as *Computerization of TIR system* which will strengthen stability and security in border crossing

*Thank You*

