

Second local workshop – Albania

Introduction of working meeting

On Monday, July 06, 2020, at 10:00 (Albanian time zone), was held virtually via CISCO Webex platform in Tirana, at the headquarters of Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, the meeting of the partners of the SCOPE project with relevant stakeholders who were invited to participate and submit their views regarding the proposed architecture of the freight exchange platform as presented by the project partners.

The host partner of the workshop was MIE, Albania.

Other partners and stakeholders who attended the meeting: Lead Partner CERTH Greece, AuTh Greece, RIA Smolyan, Bulgaria CCIT, Albania, representatives of MIE, from Association of Albanian Enterprises for International Road Transport (ANALTIR), from General Directorate of Customs, from Shega Trans SH.A, Albania, Albania

In detail, the participant in the workshop are as follow:

1. Afroditi Anagnostopoulou from CERTH/ HIT, Greece
2. Attila Akac from CERTH/ HIT, Greece
3. Dimitrios Nalmpantis from AUTH, Greece
4. Ivo Tsarev from RIA Smolyan, Bulgaria
5. Adela Myftari from CCIT, Albania
6. Majlinda Lila from MIE, Albania
7. Edesa Gega from MIE, Albania
8. Pervin Pasholli from MIE, Albania
9. Erina Hima from MIE, Albania
10. Nevila Drishti from MIE, Albania
11. Endri Hobdari from MIE, Albania
12. Zamira Tutulani from MIE, Albania
13. Desantila Vatnikaj from MIE, Albania
14. Eduart Kasa from ANALTIR, Albania
15. Naum Dushku from Customs Procedures, Albania
16. Bisina Palaj from Shega Trans SH.A, Albania

The aim of the meeting was to exchange views and record feedback and remarks of the participants regarding the basic operation of the platform and the critical issues related to functions and services of the platform. The above will be the basis for the restructuring and completion of the basic architecture of the platform which will be presented to the interested representatives in the next working meeting.

Results & comments of working meeting

MIE (PP8) presented the SCOPE project and description of the proposed online platform & platform capabilities in order that all participant and stakeholder to get to know the project in deep, its objectives and expectations.

During the presentation one of the stakeholders raised the concern that Albanian Carriers are is time to address the problems of competition and data protection. The stakeholder directed the questions:

- About the issue of data protection, how data protection is technically intended and how the exchange of information between Albanian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Greek carriers will take place. Will there be any way for carrier data to be protected?
- Are there will be criteria for people who will have access to the platform, if they are certified persons, how this certification will be obtained? Which are the criteria, what conditions have been taken into account to determine the criteria?

LP presented the general architecture of the proposed platform & description of the tools of the proposed platform.

Regarding the questions asked by LP during the presentation, Transport Operators sent their concerns and recommendations on the platform:

- Cooperation, in between all actors in the project;
- Data protection, risk of unfair competition due to circulation of shipment, company, fees info on the platform;
- Criteria to be defined (by whom?) on access to the platform;
- Selection of trustworthy actors- shippers, transport operators, availability to check on their professionalism and activity history;
- Costs on using the platform (membership fees, free of charge etc..).

The procedures and innovations for the declaration and movement of transport goods at customs, based on the new customs legislation adapted according to the EU, were presented by the representatives of the General Directorate of Customs in Albania. One of the main innovations is the fact that the waiting time at customs for the transfer of goods has been significantly reduced, in contrast to what happened before. The participants were introduced to the registration the online TIR system that Customs is using in Albania.

Regarding the question of how the Albanian Customs Administration operates with the TIR Carnet, the stakeholder explained that the Albanian Customs Administration in cooperation with UNCTAD has developed in the asycuda world system the TIR Carnet module (see fig) which serves as documents for the transit regime. The use of this module is conditioned if the carrier together with the TIR Carnet that

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