



## Central Asia Trade Forum

### Central Asia Trade connectivity under TIR

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WE ARE THE VOICE  
OF MORE THAN

**3.5**  
**MILLION**

COMPANIES WORLDWIDE

# The world road transport organisation

IRU is the global voice of companies providing commercial road transport, mobility and logistics services.



**160+**  
members



**80+**  
countries

**60%**  
logistics



**40%**  
mobility

## Impact of COVID-19 on road transport sector

The road passenger transport industry has to cope with a revenue loss of **-51% equal to 447 Bn€ in 2021**

The road freight transport industry has to cope with a revenue loss of **at least -13% equal to 286 Bn€ in 2021**

**Transport connectivity as basis for economic growth**

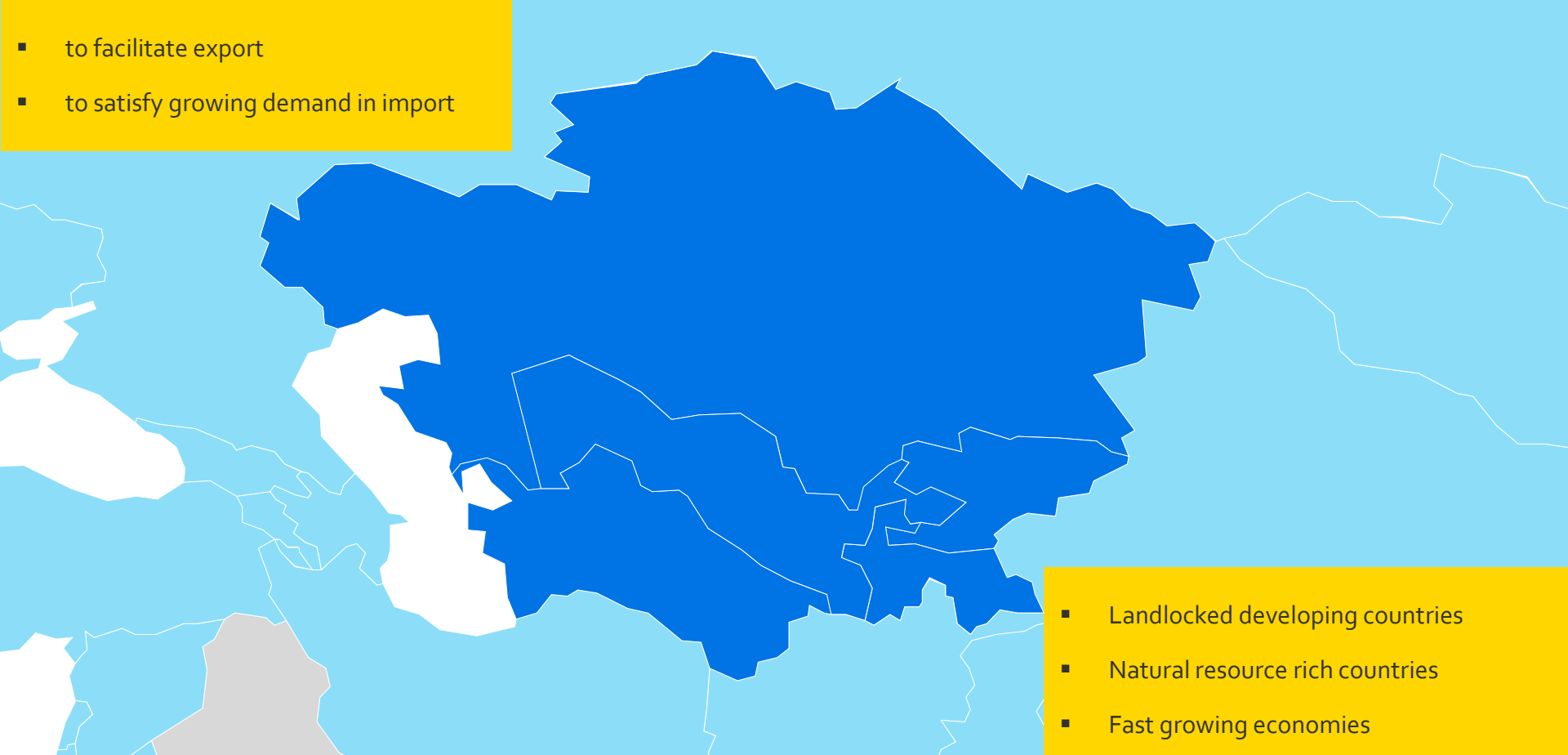
**Connectivity is a cornerstone of regional economic cooperation and integration**

Particularly in the context of fastest economic recovery after the pandemic

And for finding new drivers of regional economic growth

## Need for reinforcing intra and interregional trade and transport connectivity

- to facilitate export
- to satisfy growing demand in import



- Landlocked developing countries
- Natural resource rich countries
- Fast growing economies



## Connectivity via developing hard and soft infrastructure



- Geopolitical cooperation
- Cross-border regulatory and policy coordination
- Efficient customs procedures
- Strong public-private partnership



# FACILITATING AND SECURING TRADE AND TRANSPORT



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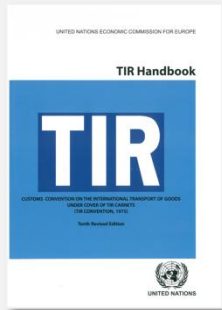
## Role of UN Conventions in fighting COVID-19



UN Secretary General António Guterres stressed the **vital contribution of TIR to global trade**, particularly during the time of COVID-19 as it facilitates the flow of goods across borders without physical human contact.



# What is TIR?



Harmonised  
procedures and  
documentation



Security



Mutual recognition  
and trust



Transparent trade



Facilitation



# WITH eTIR

Annex 11, the legal basis for eTIR, entered into force in May 2021

Seamless, contactless border crossing operations

Electronic exchange of data

Protects drivers and customs officers

No disruption of supply chains

Border crossing facilitated

No cargo handling en route



# TIR use in Central Asia & Digitalisation projects

## Operational



- Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan digital TIR project launched in November 2020
- Tajikistan expressed its interest to join project in December 2020, implemented in March 2020
- Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan digital TIR project extension towards Tajikistan on 4-5 May 2021

## To come



- Kyrgyzstan extension is foreseen by October/November 2021



# Call for action



Coordinate cross-border issues at global and regional level

Quickly move towards digitalisation of transport documents and procedures

Use best practices and global standards to solve other border crossing issues



For the world **in motion**

