



International Transit Systems and Turkey's Position

- **TIR Convention**
- **Common Transit Convention**

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TURKEY'S POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Turkey is an important transit country because of its strategic geographical position
One of the biggest beneficiary country of the transit systems.

- 8 neighbouring country
- **2949 km** land frontier
- **8333 km** maritime boundaries
- Border gates:
 - 43 sea,
 - 26 land,
 - 11 air,
 - 7 railway





TURKEY'S POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

1984-became party to the Revised TIR Convention

1996-preparation works started for accession to the Common Transit Convention with the establishment of EU-Turkey Customs Union

01.01.2012-NCTS (New Computerised Transit System) has been implemented for domestic transit operations

01.12.2012-was acceded to the Common Transit Convention



TIR CONVENTION

Turkey:

- is the biggest beneficiary country of the TIR System (68 Members) (555.136 TIR Carnets issued for TIR Operations of Turkish Transporters in 2014 (totally 1.900.000 TIR Carnets issued)
- 75 billion US \$ guaranteed by National Guarantee Institution in Turkey in 2013: (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey)
- TIR-EPS (TIR Electronic Prearrival Declaration) has been implemented since 2013



TIR CONVENTION

NUMBER OF TIR CARNETS ISSUED IN TURKEY (2011-2014)

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
TURKEY	674.439	654.750	555.136	385.500
TOTAL	3.074.500	3.158.300	2.920.150	1.945.050
PERCENTAGE	%22	%21	%19	%20



NUMBER OF TIR CARNETS ISSUED IN TURKEY, RUSSIA, UKRAINE, POLAND, BULGARIA (2011-1014)

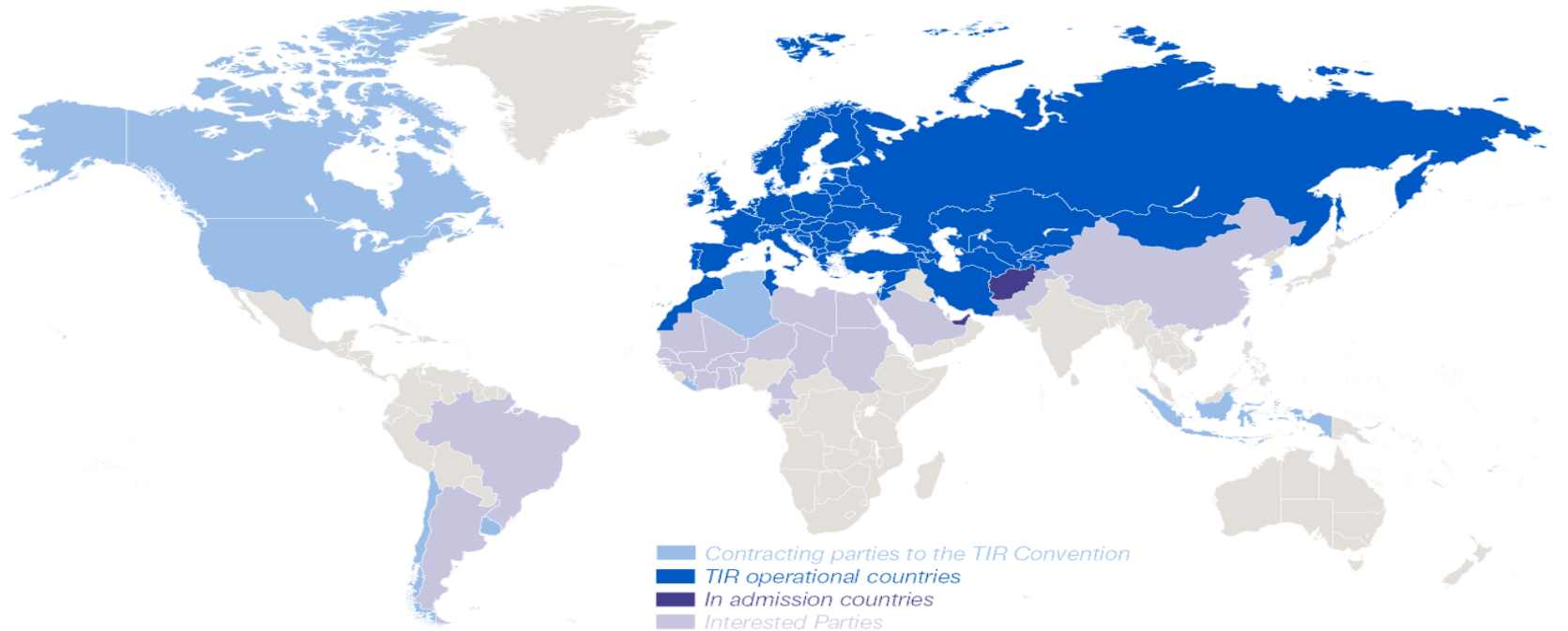
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
1)	Turkey (%22)	Turkey (%21)	Turkey (%19)	Turkey (%20)
2)	Russia (%19)	Russia (%19)	Russia (%18,1)	Russia (%15,4)
3)	Ukraine (%12)	Ukraine (%12)	Ukraine (%14,8)	Poland (%14,5)
4)	Poland (%10)	Poland (%10)	Poland (%9)	Bulgaria (%6,4)



FUTURE OF THE TIR SYSTEM

HOW TO ENSURE FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS?

1) GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENSION (China, Pakistan, African States etc.)





FUTURE OF THE TIR SYSTEM

HOW TO ENSURE COMPETITIVENESS?

2) COMPUTERIZATION:



Integration of Computerized TIR Procedure in International Transport, Trade And Customs Procedures

- **International Cooperation Partnership:**

C2C - Turkey / Italy (UNECE)

C2C - Turkey / Georgia (UNDA)

C2B2C - Turkey / Islamic Republic of Iran (UNECE-IRU)



THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS are **REQUIRED** to ensure:

- Rapid, transparent, predictable Customs Procedures in compliance with major international conventions facilitating trade
- Border Crossing Points with modern infrastructure
- Use of Modern IT techniques
- Risk Analysis based controls
- Active and effective cooperation among the Customs Administrations
- Integrity at Customs practices



Common Transit Convention

Motivation elements for TURKEY

- Facilitation of border crossing
- Time and Cost saving
- Efficient controls
- Balance between the economic interest of operators and the interest of customs (simplified procedures, modulation of guarantee, authorised consignor/consignee, etc.)
- Alignment of legislation, formalities and procedures
- Safety/Security declaration can be combined with transit



Comparison Between TIR & Common Transit System

TIR SYSTEM

- 68 Members (58 Active)
- Single amount of guarantee (60.000 Euro in Turkey)
- Mode of transport (for multimodal transport, one of them at least must be realised by road)
- Paper based TIR Operations
- Inefficient Cost and Time
- Limited Loading and Unloading

Common Transit System

- 28(EU)+4(EFTA)+Turkey= 33
- Comprehensive guarantee (100% of potential debt or reduced to 50% or 30%) or guarantee waiver (depending on specific criteria such as risky of the goods or trustability of transporter)
- Open to all modes of transport
- Computerized TIR Operations (NCTS)
- Efficient use of time and cost
- Unlimited loading and unloading



Common Transit System

Gains and Expectations

- decrease costs of traders (More than 57 million Euro saving for traders per year)
- cut down delays of transit activities,(3 days saving for transit operations to EU and EFTA)
- efficient border control and risk analysis, (contributing decrease in smuggling)
- Increase in TIR operations (154.000 operations from EU+EFTA to Turkey, 163.000 operations from Turkey to EU and EFTA Countries)
- Uninterrupted transit to EU and EFTA (with the accession of Serbia and FYROM to Convention)



THANK YOU!

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