



# Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia

## CASPIAN PORTS AND LOGISTICS 2025 EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE

Session 1: The Middle Corridor: Aktau Hub's 2025  
Achievements and Vision for 2026

10 December 2025, Aktau



# About TRACECA



## KEY DATES

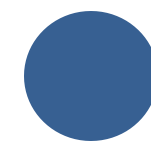
**May 1993**  
Initiating the TRACECA Programme

**September 8, 1998**  
Signature of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia corridor (MLA)

**March 10, 2000**  
The First Annual Meeting (Conference) of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on the transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia"

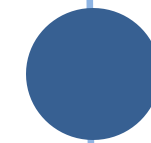
**February 21, 2001**  
Official opening of the office of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA in Baku (Azerbaijan)

Development of economic relations, trade and transport communication in the regions of Europe, the Black Sea, the Caucasus, the Caspian Sea and Asia is one of the main objectives



### Intergovernmental Commission

Decision-making structure – Competent Ministries

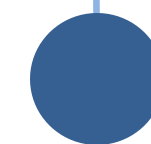


### Permanent Secretariat

Executive structure – Implementation and Monitoring



An official opening ceremony of the office in Baku (left-right) *Minister of Foreign Affairs and representative of Swedish presidency in EU Anna Lindh*, *the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev*, *Commissioner for External Relations Christopher Patten*, *Secretary General/ High Representative of CFSP Javier Solana*



### Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) in 13 member states

National structure – Focal and Coordinating point between national competent authorities/organisations and the Permanent Secretariat

Rotating  
Chairmanship

III.2018 – XII.2019



XII.2019 – V.2021



V.2021 - II.2023



II.2023 – II.2025



II.2025 – V.2026



V.2026







# TRACECA PROJECTS



Investment projects

Intermodal/  
Terminal equipment  
(Shymkent, Aktau)

Supply of navigation  
equipment for ports –  
Aktau, Baku,  
Turkmenbashi

Container Services  
Between the Caspian  
Ports of Baku and  
Turkmenbashi

Cargo and Container  
Handling Equipment for  
the ports of Baku/  
Turkmenbashi

Rehabilitation of the  
railway and ferry terminal  
in Aktau

Technical assistance projects

Aktau Port  
development, general  
planning and  
feasibility study

Motorways of the Sea  
for the Black Sea and  
the Caspian Sea

Logistics Processes  
and Motorways of the  
Sea II

Development  
of Common Security  
Management Systems  
(SASEPOL-I)

Maritime Safety and  
Security II (MSS)

Ferry Terminals: Baku  
& Turkmenbashi

Traffic Forecasting  
and Feasibility Studies

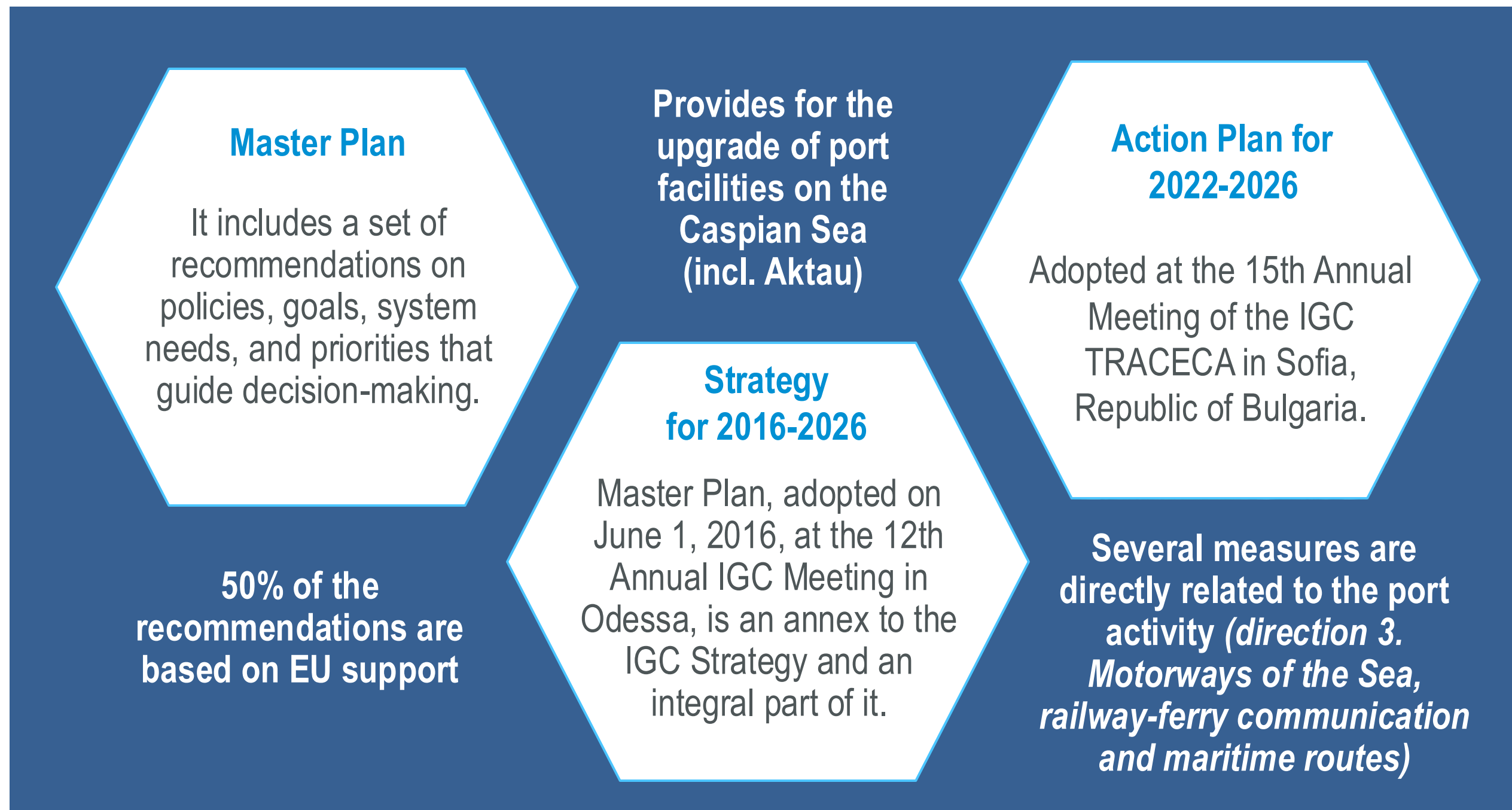
Supervision and  
Training for the Supply  
of Navigational Aid  
Equipment



# STRATEGIC GUIDANCE



Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea II project, funded by the European Union, has become a long-term guideline for the development of the corridor



## Key highlights from the Action Plan for implementing Kazakhstan's Concept for the Development of Transport and Logistics Potential until 2030:

### Construction of a new Container Hub

- Phase 1 to be completed by the end of this year
- Full operational capacity: up to 200,000 TEU per year

### Implementation of a Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS)

- To be introduced in Aktau by the end of 2025
- Subsequent integration with VTMS of Kuryk and Bautino
- Establishment of a unified control centre in Aktau

# DIGITALIZATION

## Digital Concept of the IGC TRACECA

Objective of Concept  
is to create a digital  
ecosystem of TRACECA

## Working Group on Digitalization

Includes representatives from 14 TRACECA member-states  
Issues discussed at the WG Meeting:

Report on the legal status of digital transport  
documents in the Middle Corridor

UN/CEFACT Standards and Reference Data Models  
for multimodal data and electronic documents

Concept of the WB platform and  
digital hubs for the Middle Corridor

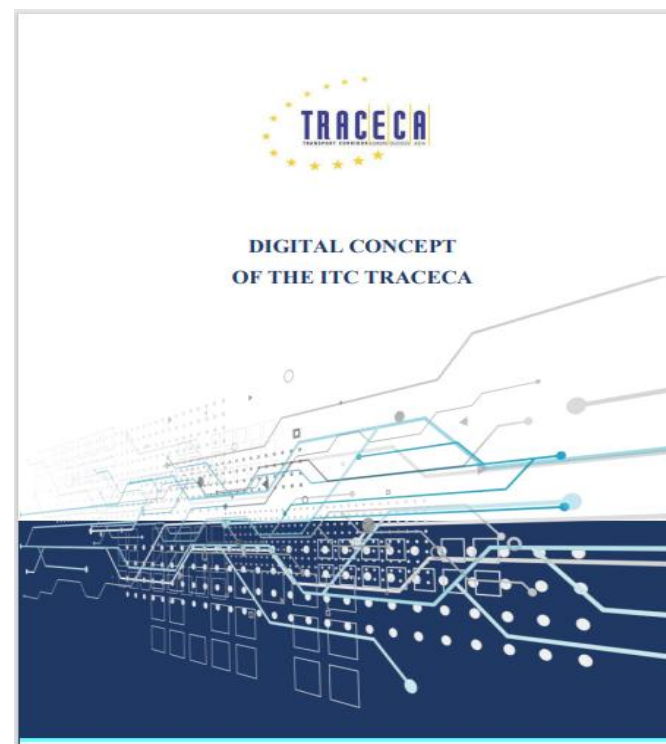
EU eFTI Regulation

Draft TRACECA Agreement on the Application of  
Electronic Documents along the ITC TRACECA

## Draft Agreement on the application of electronic documents along the ITC TRACECA

The purpose of the draft Agreement is

- ❖ to promote the development and provision of paperless cross-border transportation by road, rail and sea between the Parties;
- ❖ ensuring the legal force of electronic documents and signatures.



## Plans for 2026 – Maritime Single Window (MSW) Initiative

The requirement under  
the FAL Convention  
requires Governments to  
use the Maritime Single  
Window to share and  
exchange information  
with ships when they call  
at ports



TRACECA plans to launch the MSW initiative along  
the Caspian Sea ports

## Seminar on Trade Facilitation and Digital Transformation of multimodal information exchange in Eastern Europe and SPECA, using UN Standards

11-12 December 2025

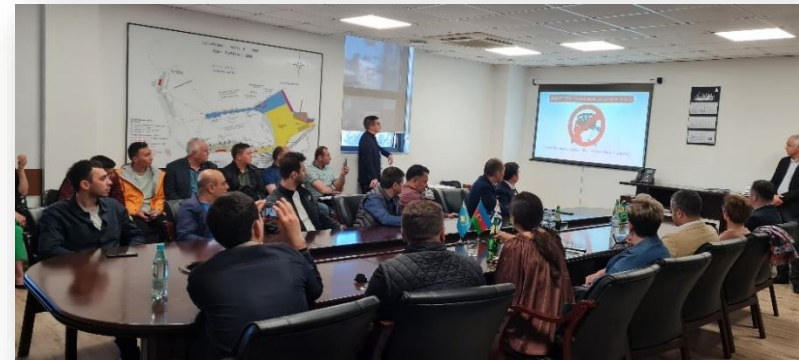




# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE



## MEETINGS WITHIN PORTS AND BCPs



## CONFERENCES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES



## THREE-DAY TRACECA TRAINING FOR PORT COUNTRIES (BARCELONA, 2023)



From the Latest to the Next...

## VISITS TO INFRASTRUCTURAL OBJECTS (FIELD TRIPS)



TRACECA will continue organising specialised training and capacity-building activities in 2026.





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