UN Legal instruments supporting sustainable transport connectivity

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UN Transport Conventions & SDGs

- Vehicle Regulations: 6 SDGs
- Road traffic and safety: 4 SDGs
- Infrastructure: 3 SDGs

- Dangerous Goods: 5 SDGs
- Border Crossing Facilitation: 3 SDGs
Transport & Border Crossing Facilitation

- TIR Convention
- Harmonization Convention
- In total: **16 UNECE conventions** directly related to border crossings + indirect links with many others
A reliable transit system is crucial for the development of landlocked countries.
TIR transit system

Customs duties and taxes of cargo in transport are covered by an international guarantee system.

National road carrier association acts as guarantor during transit operations.

Usable across all modes of transport.

Up to 100,000 euros per TIR Carnet.
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TIR transit system - Geographical expansion

- Recent accession of China, Pakistan and India to the TIR Convention
- TIR test run between China and Russian Federation & Iran and Pakistan (forthcoming)
eTIR - digitalization

Increased levels of digitalisation & computerisation!

✓ TIR & eTIR
✓ TIR Database (ITDB)
✓ TIR EPD
**eTIR application**

- **Guarantee chain**
- **Transport operator**
- **Central customs authority**

Successful E-TIR pilots:
- **Iran - Turkey**
- **Georgia - Turkey**
CMR & eCMR

Advantages include:
✓ Handling cost reductions
✓ Administrative simplification
✓ Increased data accuracy
✓ Real-time information on progress of shipments

• UN Convention on the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)

• CMR Additional Protocol concerning the use of the Electronic Consignment Note (eCMR)

• eCMR pilots: France, Spain, Belgium, Benelux
Euro-Asian rail facilitation

- CIM-SMGS common consignment note
- E-common consignment
- Creation of a Unified Railway Law
Questions/ feedback

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