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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

1. This submission provides an update of EC technical assistance and capacity building programmes in the field of Trade Facilitation, notably with regard to the information provided in document TN/TF/W/37 of 29 April 2005. Annex 1 sets out the projects financed at the EC level. Annex 2 gives examples of programmes by EC Member States. Some examples of broader infrastructure projects, notably those relating to the construction of port facilities and transit corridors, while not part of the WTO agenda, have also been included (annex 3) for information purposes since such projects can help maximise the benefits of Trade Facilitation reforms.

2. As noted in the document TN/TF/W/37, trade is a priority area for EC development policy and thus in EC technical assistance and capacity building programming. At the EC level, the European Commission negotiates multi-annual programmes with each partner country or region which set the priorities for the allocation of aid resources. The needs and priorities expressed by beneficiary developing countries, including in relation to Trade Facilitation, are central to this process. The next cycle of such aid programmes will run from 2007 through 2013, a timeframe well geared to supporting implementation of future WTO provisions on trade facilitation.

3. The list of projects linked directly to the Trade Facilitation negotiations is not exhaustive, at least in part as projects are continuing to develop. More projects are planned, in part in anticipation of the WTO outcome and the inclusion of Trade Facilitation and customs reforms in several bilateral or regional agreements. The EC has committed to increase its trade related aid by about thirty per cent, to €1 billion per annum, and expects a considerable part of this aid to be requested to support trade facilitation. EC Member States as part of their commitment to meeting the Millennium Development Goals have also committed to comparable increases of trade related aid.

4. EC technical assistance programmes at a regional level include projects with ASEAN, South Asia, Eastern Europe, Southern and Western Africa, the Caribbean, Central and Latin America, Oceania and the ACP region as a whole. Examples of projects with individual countries include Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, Moldova, Egypt, Rwanda and Argentina. Trade Facilitation is often a component of larger trade related assistance programmes, for example linked to institutional strengthening of trade-related institutions.

ANNEX 1

EC technical assistance and capacity building projects

Recipient country / region	Project title	Project description	Start	Amount committed (in € thousands)
Afghanistan	Needs Assessment of Trade and Trade Related Assistance	Establishment of a coherent trade strategy linked with the overall development plan of Afghanistan. Focus on trade development, regional trading system and trade EU-Afghanistan. Included input on trade reform impact, intra-government policy; donor coordination and trade facilitation.	2005	98
Afghanistan	Border crossing facilities Pakistan and Tajikistan borders	The main purposes are to facilitate legitimate cross-border trade and passenger travel, countering of illegal trade/smuggling plus emphasis on revenue generation for Afghanistan. The "Torkham Border" consists of setting up of all facilities [police, customs, controls, buildings and the transport corridor to Kabul etc.].	2005	25,000
Afghanistan	Border police deployment Afghanistan - Tajik border (Facilities, equipment, training)	To facilitate legitimate cross-border trade and passenger travel, countering illegal trade & smuggling & narcotic trafficking and better border control.	2006	7,000
Africa Union	Trade Facilitation workshop	World Bank activities financially supported by EC to help African countries identify their needs and priorities in relation to the DDA Trade Facilitation negotiations and to address cost concern issues.	2006	98
Albania	Customs and integrated border management programmes	To contribute to exercising effective border controls and facilitating trade. To ensure that customs systems in Albania remain effective to generate and improve revenue and to improve the ability of the Albanian customs services to detect and prevent illicit trafficking. Upgrading border management, border crossing points and border posts.	2001	20,500
Albania	2005 CARDS Action Programme for Albania	Customs and taxation improvement	2005	3,000

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All ACP Facilities	TRADE.COM	As a major general capacity strengthening measure it will fund among other a network of some 55 regional and national trade advisors throughout the ACP. Trade Facilitation is covered by this programme.	2005	50,000
Argentina	Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA) Programme	Facilitating Argentina's participation and implementation of new and on-going international trade agreements through policy-making support and capacity building activities (including one specific component linked to Trade Facilitation issues of €1 to 2 Mio)	2006	2,000
Argentina	Trade Related Assistance (TRA) Programme: Support to the institutional strengthening of SENASA	The overall objective of the programme is to promote trade and investment flows between Argentina and the EU through policy-making support and capacity building activities. The specific objective is to support the institutional strengthening of the "servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria" (SENASA) and to enhance its technical capabilities to respond to the challenges of today's international food markets. An element of the project relates to Trade Facilitation.	2006	9,800
ASEAN	Programme for Regional Integration Support	The purpose of the project is to support ASEAN integration and region-to-region contacts. It will cover customs and trade facilitation, along with a couple of other trade related issues.	2006	7,287
ASEAN	Trade Facilitation workshop	Trade Facilitation workshop - regional and multilateral focus	2006	50
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Trade Support Programme: Post Cancun	Assist Bangladesh in pursuing a trade and economic reform agenda in line with WTO agreements and build an enabling economic environment. The purpose is to strengthen human resources and institutional capacity of relevant Government Agencies and private sector parties in order to introduce trade reforms and remove barriers to trade, bearing in mind the links between trade and development, and poverty alleviation. An element of the project concerns Trade Facilitation.	2003	7,800

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Bénin	Support for the private sector	Overall objective: Increasing integration in the regional and global economy; strengthening of economic competitiveness and fight against poverty. Specific objective: Create a private sector friendly environment.	2006	5 000
Bhutan	Bhutan Trade Capacity Development & Export Promotion Project	Strengthening capacities of Bhutan in dealing with WTO issues with Trade Facilitation element.		1,200
Bolivia	Trade development investment promotion programme	Overall objective: To improve the flow of foreign trade and investment. The specific objectives include the strengthening of public and private sector institutions' capacity for technical and administrative management of activities relating to foreign trade and investments.	2004	6,300
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Annual Action Programme 2005 for Bosnia and Herzegovina: Integrated Border Management	To enhance trade facilitation through better cooperation and coordination between the different services involved in border management. To create open but controlled and safe borders, and ensuring efficient movement of goods and persons crossing those borders. A technical assistance project will assist in revising the existing legislation, training of Integrated Border Management related institutions, and the creation of a Joint Analysis Centre. The TA project will be supported by the supply of the necessary IT equipment.	2005	2,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Annual Action Programme 2005 for Bosnia and Herzegovina: Customs & Taxation	Customs & taxation improvements	2005	3,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Integrated border management and customs programmes	To ensure efficient movement of goods between BiH and neighbouring countries through design, construction, supervision and refurbishment of selected border crossing posts. Technical assistance and necessary expertise, training, equipment and logistical support, feasibility studies.	2002	3,450

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Cambodia	Cambodia Multilateral Trade Assistance	Multilateral trade negotiations. Support to trade negotiations, training, technical assistance and support in managing and implementing trade liberalisation and WTO commitments.	2001	2,080
Cambodia	TRA package	Assisting Cambodian developing, formulating and implementing policies for international trade and investment, with specific regard to international fora like WTO and ASEAN, with Trade Facilitation component	2007	7000 -8000
Caribbean	Caribbean regional Trade Development Programme	The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to the strengthening of the CARIFORUM member states, through support of overall trade diversification. The main components of the programme include: competitiveness and quality improvement; economic integration and trade policy formulation; trade information; trade promotion and institutional development. This includes customs.	2002	1,471
Caribbean	Trade Facilitation workshop	World Bank activity with EC financial support to help Caribbean countries identify their needs and priorities in relation to the DDA Trade Facilitation negotiations and to address cost concern issues.	2006	

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Caribbean	Caribbean Trade and Private Sector Development Programme	To address specific constraints to export development in the Caribbean countries and to provide support for business facilitation and trade development to assist with the further integration of the Caribbean region into the world economy. The Programme will provide trade policy and information services, business support services and services for business support organisations.	2006	13,400
Central America	Central American Customs Union	The overall objective is the regional integration of Central America through the creation of a Central American Common Market. The project's specific objective is the creation of a Central American Customs Union. This objective involves the following aspects: Telematic interconnection of the customs and fiscal environments of the recipient countries. Creation of a Central American Customs School with a view to training 360 officials from the customs and tax administrations of the Central American countries involved.	2001	8,000
Central Asia	Regional Action Programme: Border Management programme for Central Asia		2005	6,000
Central Asia	Central Asia Action Programme: Border Management in Central Asia (BOMCA)	Cross-border co-operation between border and customs guards of the 3 countries concerned (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan).	2003	4,800
Central Asia	Central Asia Action Programme: Customs Modernisation	Development of Central Asian Customs Administrations	2004	3,400
Chile	Customs modernisation	Strengthen national customs services in four areas including customs valuation, intellectual property rights, ATA (temporary admission) books and carnets.	2004	6,700
China	Workshop on Trade Facilitation (Beijing March 2006) and Trade Facilitation survey	Seminar	2006	

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Croatia	Croatia 2005 Phare National Programme	Interoperability of IT Systems with the EU Customs Systems	2005	7,075
Croatia	Croatia 2006 Phare National Programme	Integration of the Croatian Customs Information Systems with the EU Customs Information Systems	2006	5,275
Dominican Republic	Institutional Support to Regional Integration	Strengthening the Dominican Republic's capacity for greater trade integration with its EPA partners, both in Europe and the Caribbean region. It provides trade policy and implementation support, including customs reforms as required.	2006	5,000
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	TACIS 2005 CBC Action programme: Border Crossings	To facilitate the legal flow of people, goods and services across the European Union's external borders.	2005	4,000
Egypt	Trade enhancement programme (TEP-B)	The TEP-B programme aims at encouraging and accelerating the implementation of policies and reforms already decided and carried out in their essential principles by the Egyptian government, but still insufficiently implemented and deserving to be intensified and extended. These policies and reforms aim primarily at reducing the duration and the costs of foreign trade operations (esp. import, export and transit of goods).	2003	40,000
Egypt	Trade enhancement programme TEP-C	The programme supports reforms carried out by the Egyptian Customs authorities. The focus is on institutional capacity building, technical assistance and training of the Customs middle management.	2003	6,000
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Egypt	Trade enhancement programme (TEP-A)	Through a comprehensive Trade Enhancement Programme the EC supports Egypt in implementing trade liberalisation including with regard to Trade Facilitation.	2002	20000
El Salvador	Project for Competitiveness Strengthening for Micro and Small Enterprises, in El Salvador	The project will support El Salvador government for trade agreement negotiations at a macro level. The TRTA small component should strength negotiation capacities as well as compliance with commitments. There will be training and technical assistance in those fields.	2005	10000

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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Customs and integrated border management programmes	Technical Assistance in the area of custom. Upgrade of border management system, border crossing points and border posts.	2003	13,500
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	CARDS 2005 Action Programme for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Customs & Taxes improvements with regard to drawing legislation	2005	3,000
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Border control points: communication networks	The project activities will support: (i) the transfer of data between Border Crossing Points and the Ministry of Interior, and also the processing and analysis of such data; (ii) development and implementation of the local data collection, collation and primary processing systems of the Border Crossing Points and (iii) implementation of security features and procedures to enable secure data transfer.	2005	1,200
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Border police: equipment supply	The project will aim to improve the operational capacity of the border police service and its integration within the general police service, at an operation level. It will provide vehicles (CARDS 2003) and national digital radio communications system (CARDS 2004) in order to establish proper lines of communication between the border police and the in-land police.	2006	11,800
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Border police: Technical Assistance (twinning)	The project will provide Member State technical assistance to help with the approximation of border management functions.	2006	1,880

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Georgia	Statistics / Customs	Support to the Georgia State Border Guards	2002	2,400
India	EU-India Trade and Investment Development Programme	The objective of the project is to assist India in building an enabling economic environment and to improve economic governance with a view to enhancing trade and investment with the EU. Five components cover (1) improving Indian testing and certification facilities to match European standards in order to increase exports of Indian foodstuffs to Europe, (2) establishing investment facilitation desks in key Indian cities to assist European investors in making successful investments in India, (3) setting up a dedicated website giving comprehensive information on markets and regulations for both Europeans doing business in India and Indians doing business in Europe, (4) improving Indian customs controls in order to make exporting and importing quicker and cheaper and (5) supporting the enforcement of intellectual property rights legislation in India in order to better protect businesses.	2005	13,400
Indonesia	Customs project	Improve the capacity of the Indonesian customs administration in post-release audit, related intelligence functions and fight against fraud with specific attention towards the design and implementation of a new human resources development system.	2006	3,890
Indonesia	Trade support programme	Promote EU-Indonesia trade by tackling identified barriers. This has a Trade Facilitation component.	2005	8,500
Kosovo	2005 CARDS Action Programme for Kosovo	Integrated Border Management	2005	1,500
Kosovo	2005 CARDS Action Programme for Kosovo	Customs and taxation improvement	2005	1,500
Mercosur	EU-Mercosur Customs Co-operation	The project aims at contributing to customs integration and setting up a common market by introducing a second phase of customs EU and support market growth.	2001	5,300

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Mexico	Programme for the Facilitation of the EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement	The aim of the project is stimulate economic development via increased trade flows resulting from a better functioning of the EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement. The project is expected to improve the functioning of the free trade area between Mexico and the EU. The European Commission and the Mexican Government have tentatively identified a number of areas where they consider that enhanced cooperation could have a significant and positive impact for operators of both sides. Among them, customs co-operation.	2004	8,000
Moldova	Border management	Training to the customs and border guard service on the Ukrainian border.	2002	1,700
Moldova and Ukraine	Regional Action Programme: Support to border cooperation between Ukraine and Moldova	To facilitate goods and persons flows across some selected border posts on the Ukrainian-Moldovan border while increasing the capacity to detect and counteract illegal activities related to border crossing (smuggling, trafficking).	2005	6,600
Montenegro	Action Programme for Montenegro	Customs & taxes improvement	2005	1,000
NIS	Border crossing	Interventions at Suopera-Kortosalmi road borders.	2002	6,000
Oceania	Pacific ACP Regional Economic Integration Programme (REIP)	Regional programme that includes Trade Facilitation elements.	2003	9,200
Philippines	Trade-related technical assistance in the Philippines	Major activities under the Trade Facilitation component are: development, installation of and training on a risk management system; installation, customisation of and training on a valuation database; and Customs human resources development strategy upgrading, and development of the Customs Academy's courseware and training.	2005	1,300

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Romania	Phare National Programme for Romania 2005: Border Management Control,	Project 1: Optimisation of the Institutional System and of the System of Human Resources within the Border Police and National Customs Authority.	2005	7,500
Russia	TACIS 2005 Russia Action Programme	Promoting Cross-Border Cooperation	2005	3,500
Rwanda	Trade Facilitation - costs concerns and needs and priority identification	DG TRADE Funding for World Bank activity to help Rwanda identify its needs and priorities in relation to the DDA Trade Facilitation negotiations and to address cost concern issues.	2006	n.a.
Rwanda	Rwanda Institutional Support for Economic Management	Support to improve Rwanda's trade negotiation position and Rwandan private sector capacity.	2006	710
SACU (Southern African Customs Union)	Economic Integration Support Programme to SACU	Contribution Agreement (grant) and technical assistance to assist the SACU Member States in the implementation of the SACU Agreement (2002).	2005	6,000
SADC REGION	Support to SADC Member States on Customs Modernisation and Trade Facilitation towards the SADC Customs Union	The project purpose is to support and achieve closer regional integration and harmonisation of Customs legislation and procedures, including improved transit flows, and to prepare for the smooth transition to the proposed SADC Customs Union by 2010.	2005	18,000
Serbia	2005 Action Programme for Serbia	Customs & taxes improvement	2005	2,500
Serbia and Montenegro	Customs and integrated border management programmes	Modernisation and development of the Federal Customs Administration and customs area, support to the customs and taxation administration, improve the main border crossing, technical assistance and necessary expertise, training, equipment and logistical support, feasibility studies.	2002	41,200
Serbia and Montenegro	2005 Action Programme for Serbia and Montenegro	Customs & taxes improvement	2005	500

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Serbia and Montenegro/ Kosovo as defined by UNSCR1244	Customs & Taxation	Assist the local Authorities to complete a comprehensive programme of modernisation and development of the Customs Administration.	2002	2,500
South Asia	EU-SAARC programme of Economic Cooperation	The objective of the project is to support regional integration by providing assistance with the implementation of the South Asia Free Trade Agreement and building awareness of the benefits of regional integration. The project will target: customs reform and cooperation (including the establishment of a pilot modern transit corridor between India and Nepal), standards harmonisation and networking and awareness raising in the private sector and academia.	2007	3,000
Sri Lanka	Trade Development Project	Strengthening the capacity of the government of Sri Lanka and other stakeholders in understanding and managing WTO negotiations and meeting Sri Lanka's commitments from WTO agreements including in the field of Trade Facilitation.	2003	1,400
Syria	Institutional Sector Modernisation Facility - ISMF	Assist the Syrian Government in the formulation and implementation of a modernisation programme and in the preparation and implementation of the Association Agreement with the EU. Includes review of legislative and regulatory framework, e Government and assistance in streamlining the mechanism of granting import licences.	2003	21,000
Syria	Support to the Ministry of Finance - Syria	Modernisation of Ministry of Finance - customs, taxation	2004	8,000
Tajikistan	Central Asia 2003 Action Programme: Tajikistan Customs	Support to customs	2003	500
Thailand	Small Project Facility - Trade Development	This includes issues resulting from the WTO Doha Ministerial Declaration and trade policy issues including in respect to Trade Facilitation	2003	5,000

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the countries under the Stabilisation and Association Process	CARDS Regional - Action Annual Programme 2003: Integrated Border Management	Integrated Border Management strategies and action plans	2003	1,000
TRACECA	Regional Action Programme: TRACECA programme	Overall objective is to further harmonise trade and transport policy between the EU and the TRACECA countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Ukraine) along the TRACECA corridor, by facilitating regional cooperation, by capacity building and training measures, by feasibility studies and investment appraisals and through selected priority investments.	2005	10,000
Turkey	2004 National Programme for Turkey: Modernisation of the Turkish Customs Administration	The project aims at modernising the Turkish Customs Administration (TCA), in order that it: Among others, strengthens customs enforcement operations to meet the responsibilities for the protection and control of the external borders of the enlarged EU; strengthens the infrastructure of customs laboratories, and creates a centralised customs archive facility.	2004	22,550
Turkey	2003 National Programme for Turkey: Customs modernisation project	Strengthening the administrative and legislative environment of the Turkish customs administration and its capacity with regard to customs controls and laboratory tests.	2003	5,406
Turkey	Phare 2005 National Programme for Turkey: Establishing New Border Inspection Posts in the Republic of Turkey	The overall objective of the project is to set up a new regime of control at the external borders of Turkey, in compliance with EU directives, so as to improve animal and human health. The project addresses a medium term priority of the Accession Partnership to strengthen the food safety and control system. It will provide institution building support (including training) for control activities at the external borders, and it will co finance the building and equipping of 6 Veterinary Border Inspection Posts at the external borders of Turkey.	2005	10,000

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Turkmenistan	Central Asia 2003 Action Programme: Turkmenistan Customs	Improving customs and border controls	2003	500
Uzbekistan	Central Asia 2003 Action Programme: Uzbekistan Customs	Support to customs	2003	1,000
Viet Nam	Vietnam MUTRAP II - Multilateral Trade Assistance Project	Capacity Building WTO accession, research, co-ordination of WTO projects. Services, SPS, TBT, Trade Facilitation, agriculture and horizontal issues.	2003	5,100
Viet Nam	European Technical Assistance Project for Vietnam II, component 3: Customs	To support General Department of Customs in producing legislation to international standards, especially in the areas linked to WTO, Revised Kyoto and ITA Conventions, as well as development and implementation of planning systems, management, operational control, HR issues, communications and procedures.	2005	2,059
West Africa	Support for transport facilitation	Technical Assistance to ECOWAS to support the implementation of the regional road transport and transit programme.	2004	2,000
West Africa	Support for transport facilitation and trade	Improvement of the regional public transport facilities in order to cut costs and facilitate free movement of people and intra-regional trade flows(by elimination of non-tariff barriers). Facilitation of customs procedures for transit, enhancement of transport facilities, harmonisation of norms and procedures , particularly aiming at the elimination of NTBs and supporting free circulation.	2007	63,800
West Africa	Support to Regional Integration and to the EPA negotiations between the EU and the West African Region	Support to the West African region for the EPA negotiations with the EC. Coverage of needs in preparation by supporting the regional integration process and enhancement of capacities of all groups involved in the negotiation process.	2005	7,000

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West Africa	Support to Regional Integration in West Africa	This project aims at further integrating the West Africa region into the world economy, consolidating the economic space and accelerating their integration process. The main results expected are the achievement of the ECOWAS custom union, the consolidation of the WAEMU customs union and the removal of barriers to free movement of people, services and capital, reinforcing economic stability by enhancing the convergence of macro-economic policies, strengthening the WAEMU and ECOWAS institutional framework, reinforcing consulting and coordinating mechanism between the two regional bodies for West African integration and enhancing grassroots involvement in the integration process. Of 105 million euros, 76.4m will be under a centralised form through a contribution agreement (9 ACP ROC 16), 28.6 m under a decentralised form via a programme estimate (9 ACP ROC 15).	2006	105,000

ANNEX 2

Technical assistance and capacity building programmes in the field of Trade Facilitation

Finland

Recipient country /region	Project title	Project description	Start date	Amount (in €thousands)
CAFAO as a whole under <u>Eurocustoms leadership</u>	Building administrative capacity, prepare for EU accession	The aim is to modernise law, procedures and systems in order to build administrative capacity, commitment and governance	2006 - 2008	n.a.
Montenegro (as part of CAFAO programme)	Customs enforcement	As one area of the whole project customs enforcement actions, provision of customs expertise.	2006	n.a.
Russia (Barents region)	Barents area customs co-operation	The aim is to facilitate trade in the Northern region by targeted twinning actions in the region and by joint web pages, which gives information on customs issues to all 4 countries (Russia, Sweden, Norway, Finland) and also to economic operators.	2006 - 2007	85
Russia (mainly North West Customs Administration and Kaliningrad)	Customs co-operation in neighbouring area	The aim is to facilitate land and sea traffic at the border region (EU Eastern border) by clarifying processes used in customs procedures and clearance, by promoting electronic clearance systems and by changing information on current legislation of both parties. The main features of EU Customs legislation and Russian Customs legislation are compared through practical operations and consultations.	2006 - 2007	150
Sub Sahara region/Latin America, or some other area. to be defined together with WCO	Capacity Building	Capacity Building projects as <u>joint Nordic</u> projects in co-operation with WCO	2006	n.a.

Germany

Recipient country /region	Project title	Project description	Start date	Amount (in €thousands)
Serbia	Advice to the Commercial Sector of the Republic of Serbia in Customs related issues (GTZ)	<u>Objective:</u> The commercial sector is able to apply current and reformed customs rules and regulations adequately. The project provides assistance in the establishment of a comprehensive customs-related training system for the commercial sector and the establishment of an information system , containing all relevant export rules and regulations.	Jan-03	1.5
Palestinian Territories	Establishment of a Palestinian Customs Administration (GTZ)	The project aims to strengthen technical and operational customs capacities in line with international standards and best practice (as developed e.g. by the WCO). Transparent, streamlined and efficient customs services are important for the private sector, especially tourist industry, and for the government.	2003	1.8
Regional SADC	Governance and Reform Programme: Strengthening the SADC Secretariat (Component on Trade Facilitation and Customs) (GTZ, see also Inwent project with SADC)	The aim of the overall programme is that the SADC Secretariat competently promotes the regional integration process. The Component on Trade Facilitation and Customs supports the SADC Secretariat through the following results: 1. A strategic management vision in customs is agreed upon and Good practises of information exchange are established and applied in other SADC member states (Strategic Management Support); 2. A communication strategy is developed and functions effectively and a partnership forum at the regional level with respect to customs issues is established (Institutionalised channels of communication)	2004	2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Reform of the Macedonian customs administration (temporary working title) (GTZ)	The project aims at strengthening the Macedonian customs administration in line with standards of the European Union. The project supports the Macedonian government in the field of organizational development and human resource management. The objectives of the government are a improved positioning on the international market in the short-run and the integration in the European Union in the long-run.	under preparation	n.a.

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PR China	Strengthening the Implementation Capacity for WTO related rules and regulations in the PR China (Inwent)	The focus of this programme is to strengthen institutional and personal capacities which are important to support the further integration of the PR China into the world trade system.	2005	210
Lao PDR	Supporting the WTO-Integration Process in Lao PDR (Inwent)	The overall objective of this project is to offer qualified assistance for policy-making officials of various Laotian institutions who actually affect the integration of Lao PDR into the world trading system, aiming at improving the knowledge about updated WTO issues related to Laos initial position and about the implementation effects of various policies, and at improving coherence and inter-ministerial cooperation.	2005	270
Cambodia	Requirements arising from WTO Membership for the Economic Policy in Cambodia (Inwent)	The overall objective of this project is to offer qualified assistance for policy-making officials of various Cambodian institutions who actually affect the integration of Cambodia into the world trade system. Hence aiming at improving the knowledge about updated WTO issues related to Cambodia's WTO-Membership and about the implementation effects of various policies, and further at improving the coherence and inter-ministerial coordination. This is also important for the further integration of trade policy into the national development strategy. The project shall utilize local expertise where possible and complement it with international expertise.	2005	235
EAC	Promotion of the East African Community (Inwent)	This programme in cooperation with the EAC Secretariat shall contribute to the strengthening of management capacities with regard to a EAC customs union. Participants will be accustomed with the challenges of WTO-requirements for the EAC customs union. Exchange of experiences is also one important aspect of the project.	2005	400

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SADC / EAC	Global Trade – New challenges for customs policy and customs administration (Inwent)	The objective of this one-year programme in Germany is to increase the professional know-how and practical expertise of officials so that they may assume responsible tasks at a later stage in modern customs policy and administration, in international and regional negotiation teams on trade and customs, regional and international institutions respectively and last but not least to serve national interests at their home organization.	2005	2.05

Italy

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Jordan	Twinning	Support to the customs department in the implementation of the EU Jordan association agreement	2006	1000
Lebanon	Twinning	Capacity building and modernisation of the petroleum warehousing operations	2006	125
Morocco	Twinning	Facilitation of the external trade procedures in order to increase the commercial exchanges at the borders within the framework of the implementation of the association agreement	2005	690
Tunisia	Twinning	Strengthening of the customs services capacities as regards the suspension schemes the rules of origin and communication	2006	240

Lithuania

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GUAM countries (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova)	Euro-Atlantic technical assistance programme	The Lithuanian Customs officer is assigned as Customs Adviser at the Euro-Atlantic Advisory Team supporting the GUAM states (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova) to implement the GUAM Trade and Transport Facilitation Project and the GUAM Virtual Law	2005	n.a.
Kazakhstan	Reform and Modernization of the Customs Control Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan (TACIS programme project, Eurocustoms implementation)	Assistance of Lithuanian experts in the fields of Customs legislation and training.	2006	n.a.
Kyrgyz	Reform and Modernization of the Department of the Customs Service of the Kyrgyz Republic (TACIS programme project, Eurocustoms implementation)	Assistance of Lithuanian experts in the field of appeal procedures, and possibly in the other areas of customs legislation.	2006	n.a.
Moldova and Ukraine	Border management	Within the framework of the EU initiative to assist Moldova and Ukraine for establishing an international customs control on the Transnistrian segment of the common border, 4 Lithuanian Customs officials participate in the EU Mission on the border of Moldova.	2005	n.a.

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Tajikistan	Reform and Modernization of the Customs Department of the Republic of Tajikistan (TACIS programme project, Eurocustoms implementation)	Assistance of Lithuanian experts in the field of training.	2006	n.a.
Turkmenistan	Modernisation of the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan (TACIS programme project, Eurocustoms implementation)	Participation of the Lithuanian Customs Officials in the implementation of Legislation sub-project.	2006	n.a.
Uzbekistan	Reform and Modernization of the Department of the Customs Service of the Kyrgyz Republic (TACIS programme project Eurocustoms implementation)	Planned assistance of the Lithuanian experts in the fields of customs legislation, international cooperation and anticorruption.	2006	n.a.

Netherlands

Recipient country /region	Project title	Project description	Start date	Amount (in €thousands)
ACP	DDE International Lawyers and Economists against Poverty	ILEAP Trade negotiations, to enhance negotiating capacity of ACP countries in global and regional negotiations, Trade Facilitation being a main focus	2005	819
Bulgaria	DZO Non-ODA Macro-steun	Support for the purchase of customs equipment	2003	2200

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Georgia, Moldova, Armenia	EBRD Trade Facilitation GAM	Contribute to EBRD Programme on Trade Facilitation in Georgia, Moldova and Armenia	2004	9500
Ghana	In preparation: Support to Ghana Trade Sector Support Programme	Adequate and efficient facilities at ports, customs clearance	2006	500
Macedonia	Twinning Customs	Technical Assistance on customs modernisation	2005	418
Rwanda	Cold storage	Construction and management of cold storage facility at border	2005	543

Portugal

Recipient country /region	Project title	Project description	Start date	Amount (in €thousands)
Angola	Bilateral Customs Administration assistance	Auditing on Angola's after customs clearance operations	2006	n.a.
Angola	Bilateral Customs Administration assistance	Analysis of Angola's customs legislation	2006	n.a.
Cape Verde	Bilateral Anti-Fraud assistance	Local evaluation of anti-fraud measures (based on inquiries made)	2006	n.a.
CPLP – Community of Portuguese Language Countries	Multilateral Kyoto Protocol assistance	Meeting in Lisbon for translation reviewing and terminology harmonisation, followed by final draft and subsequent adoption	2006	n.a.

Spain

Recipient country /region	Project title	Project description	Start date	Amount
				(in €thousands)
Interregional Global African & Latin-American countries	Capacity building in developing countries & LDC to support effective participation in the WTO negotiation process on trade facilitation	To assist developing countries members of WTO in better understanding the issues at stake, in defining their position regarding the treatment of trade facilitation with the context WTO negotiations in TF and in formulating the modalities for an effective implementation of the negotiated commitments.	2005	Multi donors/
				total :458
				Spain: 117

Sweden

Recipient country /region	Project title	Project description	Start date	Amount Committed by Sweden (in €thousands)
Global WTO/DDAGTF		Activities in the area of trade facilitation is a priority to the WTO	2005	169
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Global WCO	New directorate for capacity building	Capacity building including diagnostic studies	2005	212
South-east African WCO-region	Establishment of a capacity building centre in Kenya		2005	212
Global Swedish Customs	Capacity building	Transfer of knowledge about modern customs procedures	2005	160
Global World Bank	Trade Facilitation Negotiations Support Project	Capacity building in the relation Geneva negotiations and capitals	2005	87

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Global UNCTAD	Trade Facilitation Framework	A number of activities such as workshops and technical notes with LDC focus	2004	426
Global OECD	A number of studies on implementation costs and the study "To identify good practices for development cooperation in the area of trade facilitation"		2005	138
Timor Leste	Support for Automation of Customs Process in Timor-Leste (ASYCUDA II)	The aim of the project is to enhance the effectiveness and transparency of customs management and control by expanding and deepening the use of ASYCUDA++.	2005	404

United Kingdom

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Africa Regional	G8 Preferential Access Scheme Study		2003	98
Global	Boksburg roundtables 05-06	To fund the Administration and Organisation of Roundtable meetings around the theme of trade facilitation for developing countries representatives	2003	474
Global OECD	OECD Trade Facilitation Study	Trade Facilitation: A Study to Identify Good Practices for Development Co-operation, in Support of the 2005-6 Development Assistance Committee Work on Trade and Development	2005	49
Global OECD	OECD Trade Facilitation Study companion report on UK assistance	Companion report to OECD study	2006	49

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Global OECD	OECD Global Trade Forum Oct. 05	To enable the participation of developing country delegates from LDC's and low income countries to the OECD Global Forum on Trade Facilitation in Colombo, Sri Lanka to discuss, in particular the context of WTO negotiations: the benefits of trade facilitation at country level	2005	63
Global World Bank	Trade Facilitation and Growth: the Development Dimension	To advance the understanding of the linkages between trade facilitation, private sector-led growth and poverty reduction. This includes: 1) Investigating how to increase trade opportunities by lowering of trade transaction costs, through regulatory and administrative reform, in particular with respect to customs, and other border agencies. To provide assistance to developing countries in WTO trade facilitation negotiations.	2005	1,100
Malawi	Malawi Trade and Poverty Programme 2		2002	973
Mozambique	Integration of Customs into Revenue		2004	3,263
Mozambique	Integration of Reformed Customs		2004	441
Rwanda	Rwanda Revenue Authority V		2004	6,335
St Helena	St Helena Access		2003	2,425
Sthrn Af Dev Coord Ctte	Regional Trade		2003	16,287
Tanzania	Support to Tanzania Revenue Authority		2001	6,118
Yemen	ASYCUDA Phase II		2003	838
Zambia	Zambia Trade Policy Support		2004	147

ANNEX 3
Examples of Infrastructure Projects

Recipient country / region	Project	Amount (in €thousands)
Afghanistan	Road construction and transport facilities	80,000
Africa (Northern Corridor)	Northern Corridor rehabilitation	78,184
Africa (Southern Corridor)	Southern Corridor rehabilitation	32,000
Africa (West African highway)	Freetown-Conakry Highway	17,800
Caribbean	Improvement in Road infrastructure - Northern regions of Haiti and Dominican Republic	45,000
Chad	Doba-Sahr route – technical studies, etc	747
Comoros	Study on maritime access at Moheli	41
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Assessment, design and construction of border crossing points	17,000
Benin	Road rehabilitation Banikoara-Kandi, - corridor « route inter états n°7 »	23,000
Benin	Road Godomey – Cacaui (exit Cotonou west) – future project, connection for the port Cotonou	40,000
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Support programme for transport rehabilitation	80,000
Guinea	Conakry autonomous port	12,000
Malawi	- Feasibility study on the Shire-Zambezi Waterway	135
	- Malawi Backlog Maintenance and Rehabilitation Programme	38,000
Mauritania	Study for tanker port	700
Morocco	Budgetary support programme for transport sector reform	96,000
Republic of Congo	Study on the rehabilitation of the port of Brazza on the Congo river	200
Rwanda	Northern Corridor rehabilitation - route Ruhengeri-Gisenyi - project is still under the feasibility study phase	31,000
SADC region	Lubango-Sta. Clara road (Angola)	40,000
SADC region	Milange-Mocuba road (Mozambique/Malawi)	30,000
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Rehabilitation of the Windward Highway – Whyrehab	6,400
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Reception and Palletisation Centre 2	810

Recipient country / region	Project	Amount (in €thousands)
Suriname	Rehabilitation, upgrading and institutional strengthening of the Nieuwe Haven Terminal, Paramaribo	29,800
Tanzania	Rehabilitation of Zanzibar port	709
Tunisia	Port sector modernisation	20,000

Examples of Infrastructure Projects - Sweden

Recipient country / region	Project	Amount (in €thousands)
Mozambique	Support to Maputo port improvement	1,274
Nile Basin Countries	Regional Power Trade Project within the Nile Basin Initiative	1,805
Southern Africa: Botswana, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Malawi and Tanzania	Southern African Power Pool	1,062
Sub-Saharan Africa	Sub-Saharan African Transport Policy Programme	2,017