



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE FIRST INFORMAL VIDEO-MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
ON FACILITATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN THE BSEC REGION
(10 June 2020)

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak, the BSEC *Permanent International Secretariat* (PERMIS), in consultation with the **Romanian BSEC Chairmanship** and with the support of the *International Road Transport Union* (IRU) and of the *Union of the Road Transport Associations* in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), undertook the initiative to organize an informal **video-meeting of the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region**, which was held online on 10 June 2020.

The purpose of this initiative was to discuss urgent issues related to the negative impact of Covid-19 on the road transport of goods, as well as to exchange views on possible short- and mid-term financial and non-financial measures for the economic recovery of the road transport industry.

40 experts from the respective Authorities responsible for Transport and Customs Matters from **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine**, as well as from the BSEC transport partner organizations IRU and BSEC-URTA took part in the event.

Participants had the chance to discuss and exchange views and good practices on the negative impact of the pandemic and on the urgent and other measures that could be taken in the regional context, in order to address the serious consequences facing the sector in the most effective way.