



Representative of the Department Attended Meeting of WCO Europe Region National Contact Points for Capacity Building

On January 27-29, 2020 a representative of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Customs Service of Ukraine (the WCO RTC) took part at the third meeting of the WCO Europe Region National Contact Points for Capacity Building, organized by the WCO and the WCO ROCB Europe in cooperation with the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, (Baku, Azerbaijan). The WCO Secretariat delegation was headed by the Director of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate, Mr. Taeil Kang.

The event was aimed to improve and update the knowledge of participants on the WCO Capacity Building Model, to support the WCO and WCO ROCB European Region for customs reform and modernization

During the three-day meeting, the delegates were informed about the capacity building processes in their respective customs administrations and the progress achieved within the scope of Mercator Program. The meeting also served as a platform for enhancing the communication among the WCO Secretariat, ROCB Europe and participating member administrations.



Preventing the Illegal Movement of CITES-related Objects

On March 12, 2020, the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Customs Service, together with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF of Ukraine) held a workshop on Preventing the illegal movement of CITES-related objects on the basis of the Kyiv Customs of the State Customs Service of Ukraine.

The seminar was attended by officials of the territorial customs authorities, representatives of the departments of the central administration of the State Customs Service responsible for the implementation of the CITES Convention, representatives of the

Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine and the representative of caviar business.

A representative of the customs authority of Brussels Airport, Paul Melenier, who also attended the event, spoke about the use of the EU TWIX information exchange system and shared his experience on customs clearance of species of wild fauna and flora, as well as examples of detentions of their illegal movement.

The participants had the opportunity to discuss with experts the problems during the custom clearance of live animals, plants and derivatives, which are under the threat of extinction.

At the end of the event all participants received certificates.

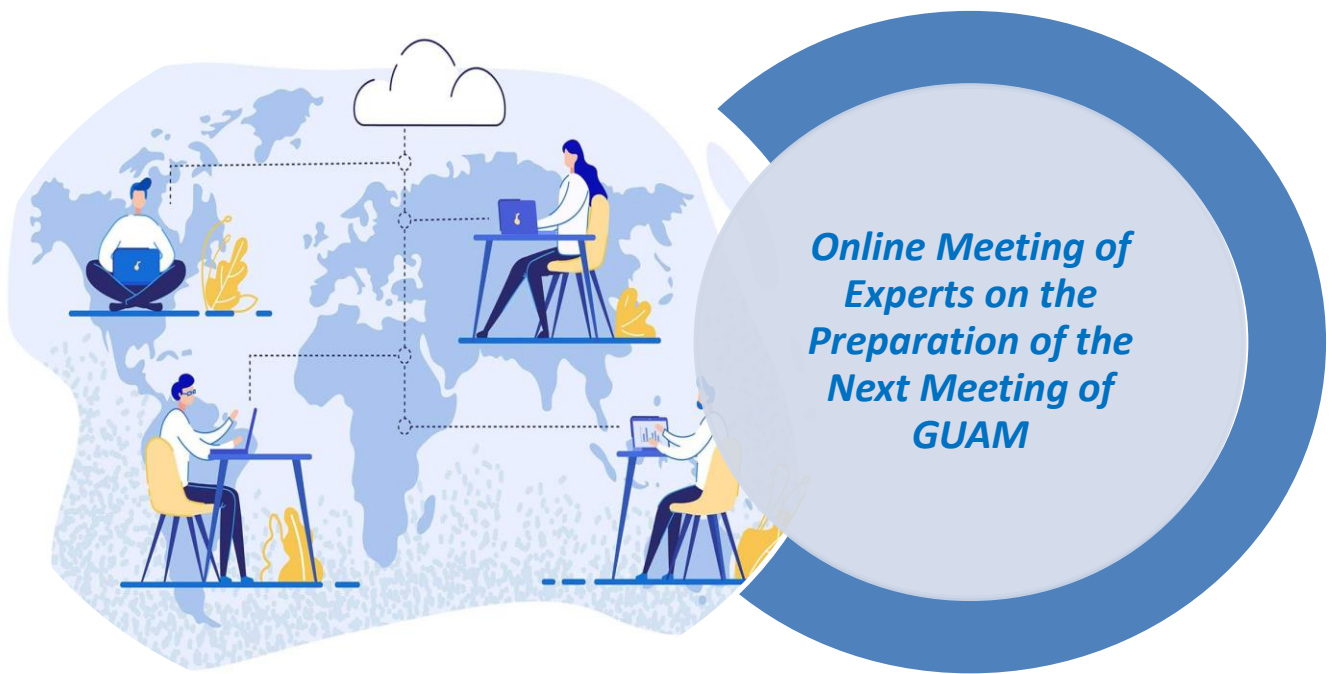


The tenth UNECE International Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation

On April 27-29, 2020 the tenth International Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation: Multimodal Transport Data Exchange, Digital Transport Corridors, and Trade Facilitation was held in Odesa.

During the workshop the participants got acquainted with the use of documents, data sets and schemas based on UN/CEFACT standards in the real business process. The following issues were considered during the seminar: how documents, datasets and schemes based on UN CEFACT standards are used in the real business process; electronic data

exchange on railway transport and integration of data exchange with other types of transport; the practical use of a standardized data set of multimodal transportation in the information systems of port communities, “single windows”, data pipelines and in the transport corridor Baltic Sea - Black Sea or GUAM. There was an exchange of data on the example of the road consignment note eCMR and the possibilities of practical application of the presented concepts were considered. Recommendations on how to involve the business community and regulators in the further development of the data exchange initiative were given.



On May 14, 2020, an online meeting was held to prepare the next meeting of the Supervisory Board of the GUAM project on Trade and Transport Facilitation of GUAM Member States on the mutual recognition of Authorized Economic Operators. The event was organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in cooperation with the Government of Ukraine.

During the seminar, the participants discussed the creating a Working Group on compliance with the requirements of the Protocols of intent

between the Customs Administrations of the GUAM Member States – on the use of blockchain technologies in verifying certificates of goods' origin transported across the state borders of the GUAM Member States and on the mutual recognition of Authorized Economic Operators. Moreover they exchanged their views on the implementation of the Advanced Transit System (TCB) and the general exchange of information between GUAM Member States.

Programme Coordinator of the GUAM Secretariat is Mr. Sabuhi Temirov.



Train- the- trainer on Analysis of Needs and Rationale for Improving Control over Flora and Fauna by the Customs Authorities of Ukraine

On May 21-22, 2020 an online train-the-trainer on Analysis of Needs and Rationale for Improving Control of Flora and Fauna (CITES Convention) by the Customs authorities of Ukraine for the officials of territorial bodies and specialized departments of the State Customs Service of Ukraine was delivered with the assistance of the Public Finance Management Support Programme for Ukraine (EU4PFM) and the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Customs Service.

International experts from the Republic of Lithuania were involved in the training, who shared their experience in conducting customs control of Lithuania (and the EU) in the direction of CITES.

During the event, the issues of the legal framework for the

implementation of CITES requirements in Ukraine; customs control at a border point, detention, investigation; disposal of confiscated products; international and interagency cooperation, cooperation with the private sector, travel agencies, the press, etc. were discussed. The emphasis was also placed on the issue of risk management of CITES objects, their detention and subsequent control over the detained goods (animals, objects).

During the training, the participants gained skills for conducting training on this topic; furthermore in future they can be involved in the process of advanced training of the customs officials in structural divisions and territorial bodies of the State Customs Service of Ukraine.

Analysis and Drafting of National Customs Audit Legislation. Compliance of Customs Audit Provisions with EU customs legislation

On May 20, 25, 26 and 28, 2020, within the framework of the implementation of the Public Finance Management Support Programme for Ukraine (EU4PFM), a series of seminars were held online on the topic “Analysis and drafting of the national customs audit legislation. Compliance of customs audit provisions with EU customs legislation”.

A number of important issues were discussed during the events, in

particular the customs legislation of the EU and Ukraine on customs audit; the basic principles for the implementation of customs audit in the EU; the organization of the work of the customs audit units; clarification of the translation of national legislation from Ukrainian into English / Russian; project recommendations based on an analysis of legislation, identified inconsistencies and gaps.

«Risk Management Potential for Customs Coordination and Monitoring Units. Organizational Features of Targeting»

On May 29 and June 1, 2, 2020, the representatives of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Customs Service took part in an online seminar on the topic “Risk Management Potential for Customs Departments for Coordination and Monitoring. Organizational Features of Targeting” as a part of implementation of the Public Finance

Management Support Program for Ukraine (EU4PFM).

During the seminar a number of issues, such as EU best practices in organizing targeting; identification and discussion of needs for new organizational procedures and structures; responsibility and rights, working methods, communication, dissemination of best practices and

experience; information and technical support for the organization of targeting in customs departments for coordination and monitoring;

sources of information and their use preparation of plans, determination of priorities, advantages and solutions to problematic issues were discussed.



The Virtual Intersessional Meeting of National Contact Points for Capacity Building under the theme of “Situation Update and the Road Ahead” was held on June 2, 2020.

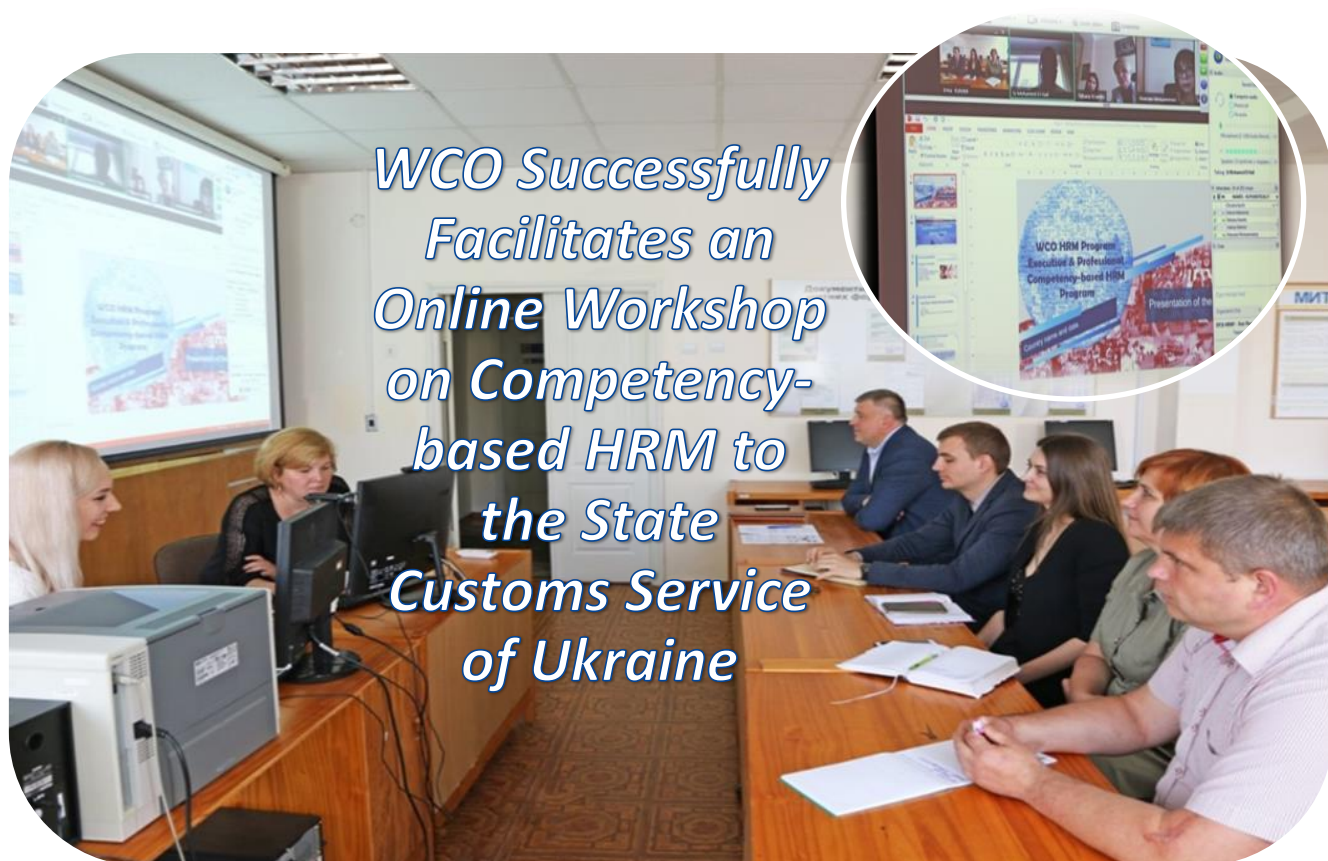
Welcoming remarks were made by the Director of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate, Mr. Taeil Kang, the Vice-Chair of the WCO Europe Region, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of

Azerbaijan, Mr. Igbal Babayev and the Head of the WCO ROCB Europe Region Mr. Eser Çengel. The event was attended by the representatives from 25 Member Administrations of the WCO ROCB Europe Region including the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Customs Service (the WCO RTC).

During the virtual meeting, participants were informed about how the WCO intends to move forward with regard to the mechanism for carrying out capacity-building activities. The participants were also briefed about the WCO instruments aiming for Customs administrations to continue facilitating trade to help minimize the overall

impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on economies and societies.

The arranged virtual meeting was the first-ever online session of the WCO Europe Region contact points.



The use of competency based HR management including training system produces significant benefits to any Customs Administration and their employees. Employee commitment, together with a competent workforce, seems to be of decisive importance for an organization to be able to compete

in quality and to go along with changes.

From the 9 to 12 June 2020 the WCO delivered a stimulating and interactive virtual workshop on competency-based HRM under the Executive and Professional

Competency Based HRM Programme – EPCA-HRMP.

A total of 14 participants (10 women and 4 men) from the HRM Department and Customs in Kyiv, Odesa and Volyn, as well as the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SCSU (the WCO Regional Training Centre, Ukraine) took part in this workshop.

This e-workshop aimed at equipping and empowering SCSU's

HRM department and HRM modernization working group with the competencies and tools to strategically manage human resources and promote the use of competency-based HRM within the administration. At the end of the workshop, participants committed to develop a realistic and measurable HRM modernization work plan and design competency-based HRM tools.

The WCO is looking forward to supporting SCSU achieve its HRM modernization goals.

Workshop on Distance Learning on Adult Learning Practices and Training Management

Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) and the OSCE Border Management Staff College (BMSC) together conducted series of webinar series on Adult Learning and Training Management



Methods for border and customs officials from across the OSCE area.

The events took place online from 9 to 11 June 2020 in English and from 16 to 18 June 2020 in Russian via the GoToWebinar software.

The webinar series were aimed at enhancing the capacity of both teachers and trainers to design, plan, organize, coordinate, deliver and evaluate training for border and custom

officials in respective countries, using modern adult learning practices.



Development of Cooperation with the Customs Training Centre of the Republic of Lithuania

Within the framework of the implementation of Public Finance Management Support Programme for Ukraine (EU4PFM), on 18 June 2020 the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Customs Service of Ukraine held an online meeting with the administration of the Customs Training Centre of the Republic of Lithuania.

The meeting was aimed at the development of further cooperation and exchange of experience in the field of innovative forms and methods of improving the skills of customs officials of Lithuania and Ukraine.

A number of important issues concerning further cooperation were discussed by the parties, in particular concerning ensuring the effectiveness of the process of improving the

customs officials' skills and training software products, training of practical skills in identifying risk operations, specifics of canine teams training, etc.

The participants agreed on further effective development of cooperation

within the framework of the implementation of Public Finance Management Support Programme for Ukraine (EU4PFM).



Representative of the Department is a Member of the Virtual Working Group on Integrity

The activities of the working group were organized on the WCO CLIKC! platform in the period from April 06, 2020 to June 28, 2020.

The purpose of the working group was to revise the WCO Integrity Development Guide. Each week, all members of the virtual working group were tasked with defining proposals for

change with the aim of further implementation in WCO member states.

The focus of the work was on the Revised Arusha Declaration “Declaration of the Customs Co-Operation Council Concerning Good Governance and Integrity in Customs”.

