I. Challenges
The EU Customs Union

- 66 years of customs history
- 27 EU Member States
- More than 2000 customs offices open to transit
- More than 150,000 customs officers
- 33 billion of customs duties collected per year
40 YEARS OF EU ENLARGEMENTS

WHO HAS JOINED THE EU SO FAR?

1958
FOUNDATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC)

1973
FIRST ENLARGEMENT

1981
GREECE JOINS

1986
IBERIAN ENLARGEMENT

1995
TO THE NORTH

1995
MAASTRICHT

2004
THE EU AFTER THE FALL OF THE WALL

2007
MORE TO THE EAST

2013
CROATIA

SOURCES
European Parliament
European Commission
Union Customs Code

- Entered into force 2013 and implementation of most substantive provision 2016
- Harmonized customs regulation and digital customs
- In addition 18 customs agreements/Conventions
- Complementary national rules
IT environnement of the EU Customs Union

CDS - CUSTOMS DECISIONS SYSTEM

EORI - Economic Operators Requiring Identification

REX - Registered Exporter system

ICS2

Binding Tariff Information

NCTS

Automated Export System (AES)

COPIS

UCC INF SP

European Commission
EU preparation to eTIR International system

- **EU coordination** at Commission and Council level for the legal changes
- **Active participation** in UNECE fora (ex GE.2, ex GE.1, TIB, WP.30 and AC.2)
- Preparation of a **Proof of concept document** for interconnection of NCTS and eTIR International system with involvement of TIR Secretariat
- **Inclusion of eTIR International** system in the EU’s Multi-Annual Strategic Plan for Electronic Customs (MASP-C)
Focus on the proof of concept

1. Description of Business processes

2. Mapping of messages

3. EU’s technical specifications proposals

→ TIB discussions on eTIR specifications version 4.4
Next steps

• Adoption of version 4.4 of eTIR technical specifications
• Preparation of NCTS specifications for eTIR International system
• Inclusion of necessary amendments in UCC legal framework for eTIR Implementation
• Draft of guidance for harmonized implementation in the EU
II. Opportunities
Trend of TIR in the EU

NCTS: Evolution of the number of TIR movements in EU – 9/20 - 9/22

Number of TIR movements in 2022, per Country of Departure

Evolution of number of TIR movements for last 24 months (Movements with Safety & Security data + Movements without S&S data)
eTIR International system - Opportunities

• The eTIR International system lead to the digitalization of TIR carnet
  ➔ It may be a new opportunity for EU traders to increase the use of TIR
  ➔ It may be an opportunity to receive in the EU more TIR transports

• It will avoid two procedures in parallel
  ➔ Limitation of time consuming paper process
  ➔ Limitation of error or gaps between paper and IT data

• Facilitation of the use of simplifications for TIR
  ➔ Authorised Consignee
  ➔ Multimodal transport