

His Excellency
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Prime Minister of Ukraine
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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA) may I take this opportunity to present our compliments to Your Excellency and to express our strong support to Your Excellency in the development of the Single Window environment in Ukraine.

IPCSA's mission is to influence public policy at the international level, principally by lobbying, in order to promote the adoption of e-logistics as the key element in the development of international maritime, shipping and logistics sectors.

In order to achieve its mission IPCSA has agreed the following objectives:

- To ensure that the importance of Port Community Systems Operators is recognised internationally and in the EU and its member States and that the sector is consulted substantively on any measure likely to affect it;
- To ensure that Port Community Systems Operators play their full part in delivering e-services internationally;
- To promote the highest possible standards in European and International Port Community System Operators;
- To encourage all port communities to be proactive in Port Community System development.

In 2013 I had the honour to take part in the International Workshop on implementation of "Single Window-Local Solution" project in Odessa, held in Ukraine. The Project, aimed at acceleration and trade facilitation in the Black Sea ports of Ukraine, was launched on the basis of UNECE Recommendations No 33, 34 and 35 with the support of UNECE under the auspices of the Interagency Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Logistics in Ukraine, comprising representatives of various Governmental agencies as well as the Business community. Further development of the project within Ukraine has led to the emergence of an automated system for stakeholder collaboration within the Port environment called a Port Community System.

The development of a national Single Window environment requires strong political will and leadership, and full engagement by the Governmental agencies to guide the development of a favourable environment for the Single Window and stakeholder platforms including policies, legislation, standards, change management and connectivity to platforms.

Ukrainian company "PPL 33-35" LLC who has been a member of IPCSA since 2013 has made significant progress in Ukraine's implementation of Single Window particularly within the seaports of Ukraine, and it highlights the importance of Ukraine's further cooperation with other international organizations and countries for promoting regional and global connectivity.

The launch of information exchanges between Government agencies from August 1, 2016 demonstrates a strong political will and has great importance for further development of Single Window to improve competitiveness of cross border trade and an increase of regulatory compliance through better management of information.

On the one hand, these steps will inevitably lead to the development of a Single Window Environment with the objective to provide a framework for collaboration and information exchange between Single Windows and Stakeholder platforms, such as Port Community System, within a country and across borders.

However, on the other hand it can also lead to misunderstandings, oppositions and reluctances from 'grey' businesses. Such a reaction is typical for most countries. It is based on the unwillingness to abandon outdated paper schemes in place, used in their favour, and to avoid transparency.


Given the above, at this time of challenge and renewal, we hope that your strong political support will give new impetus to the functioning of the Intellectual Center – the Interagency Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Logistics in Ukraine.

We reaffirm our commitment to continue further support with our experience and expertise to the development of the Single Window in Ukraine and of the Port Community Systems PPL33-35.

Whilst writing I would also like to inform Your Excellency that I have the honour to be UN/CEFACT Project leader on the development of a potential new UNECE Recommendation entitle “Core Principles of Single Window Operations”. This project focuses on critical systems which have the characteristic that a failure could potentially endanger the operation of trade across the whole economy of country and creates the potential that the trade facilitation measures put in place could be unable to function. Participation of Ukrainian specialists in this Project beneficial to the project and ultimately to your country.

Your Excellency, please accept assurances and my highest consideration, and wish you all the success in the fulfilment of your noble and important mission.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of the International Port Community Systems Association

Richard Morton
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