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Boosting capacities and partnerships for implementation

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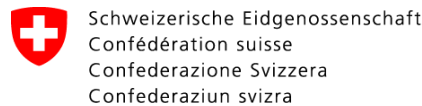
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WCO Mercator Programme

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World Customs Organization (WCO)

- ✓ **Only International Organization exclusively focused on Customs matters**
- ✓ **The international house of Customs...**



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Customs Cooperation Council (CCC)



Inaugural Session CCC

2016

World Customs Organization (WCO)



The WCO, an organization with global reach...

180* Members
international trade

Divided into 6 regions

Responsible for processing 99% of



* Since July 2007, the **European Union** has rights akin to those of a WCO Member for matters falling within its competences as an interim measure



Harmonized implementation based on the WCO's global standards



Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building



Effective coordination among all stakeholders

Principles and Objectives



Mercator Programme
A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

The Mercator Programme was launched at the WCO Council in June 2014 as a strategic initiative to support the sustainable and effective implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

Donors, Supporters and Partners



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United Kingdom



Leading supporter of Mercator implementation with activities in seven countries to date, leading source of Mercator Programme Advisors

Finland



Upcoming support for Mercator implementation in Eastern and Southern Africa

Japan



Support to TFA awareness-raising events for Customs officials

Rep. of Korea



Support to TFA awareness-raising events for Customs officials

China



Support to further development of Mercator Programme Advisor cadre

Germany



Supporting TFA implementation in the Europe region, focusing on risk management, RKC, post-clearance audit



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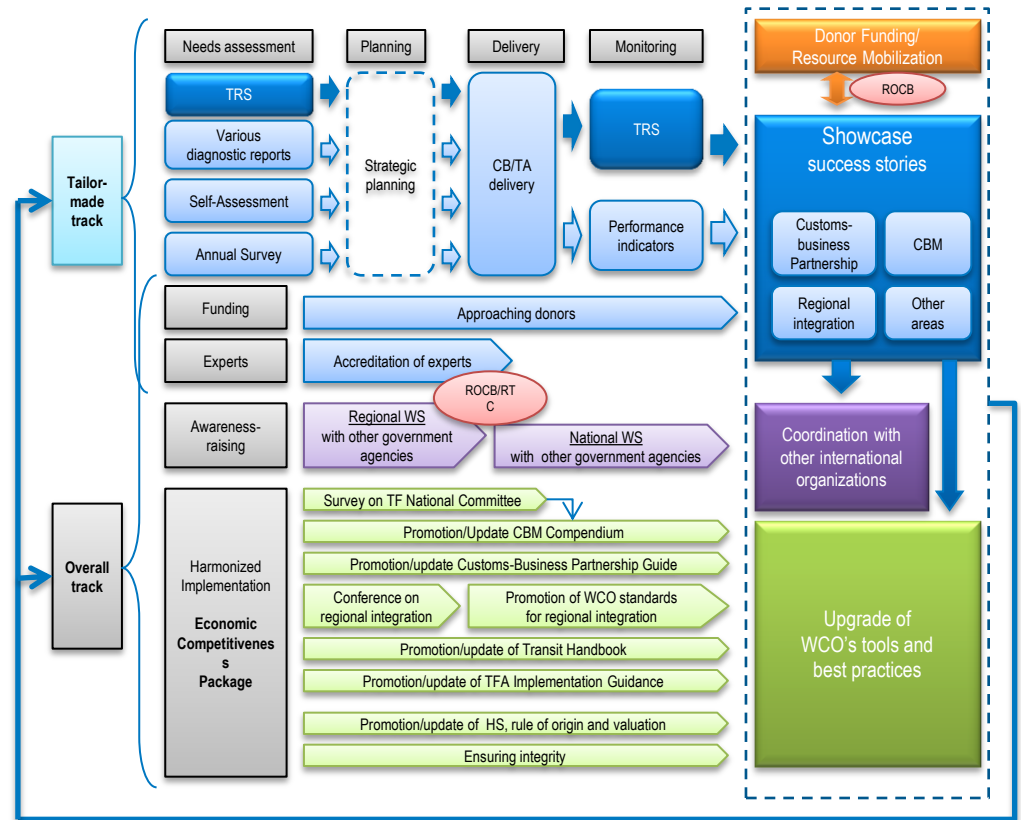
UNITED NATIONS
UNCTAD



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Framework

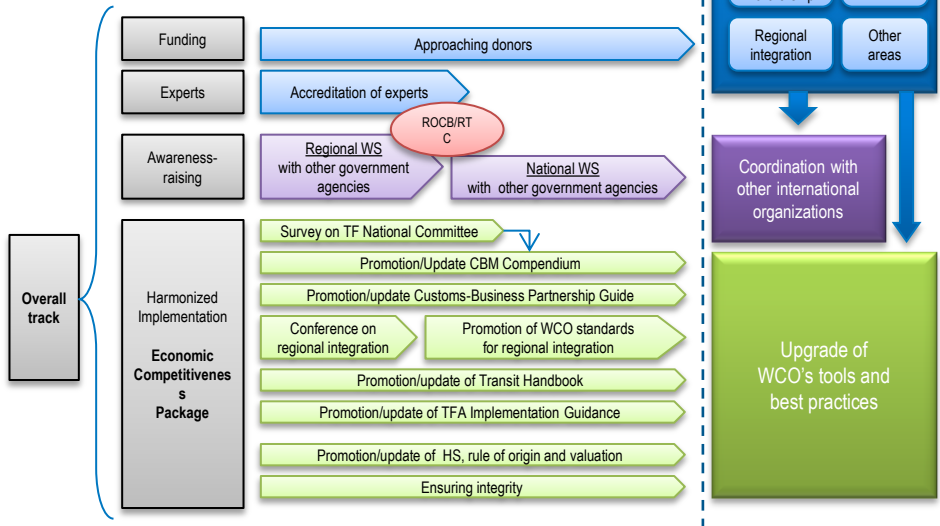


Overall Track

The overall track is designed to encompass the full suite of WCO instruments and tools, while building global awareness of the TFA in concert with donor and implementation partners.



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1 Implementation partnership

Implementation partnerships with bilateral and multilateral actors (UNCTAD, World Bank, Asian Development Bank)



2 Regional-level Awareness Raising

Workshops in all WCO regions in 2015 - 2016



3 WCO Instruments and Tools

Ongoing development / refinement of WCO instruments and tools, WCO e-learning platform and content



4 TFA Implementation Guidance

TFA-specific implementation guidance for Customs

Tailor-Made Track

The Tailor-made track is designed to identify and support individual countries needs, leveraging existing diagnostic and capacity building efforts, while coordinating with other development partners. It is premised on a Customs-to-Customs partnership model.



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1 Country-level engagements

Needs assessments, planning and delivery

2 Monitoring

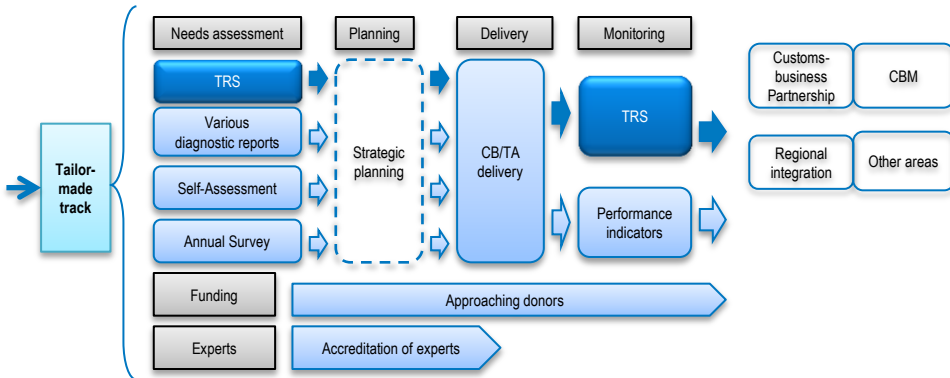
Time-release study and other indicators

3 Donor engagement

Growing suite of TFA-specific programmes (HMRC, Finland), partnerships with other development partners

4 Accreditation of Experts

Growing pool of MPA s from developed and developing countries



Mercator: Unique Features



Accredited Experts

WCO accredited experts are active Customs officers, contributed on an in-kind basis from WCO member administrations



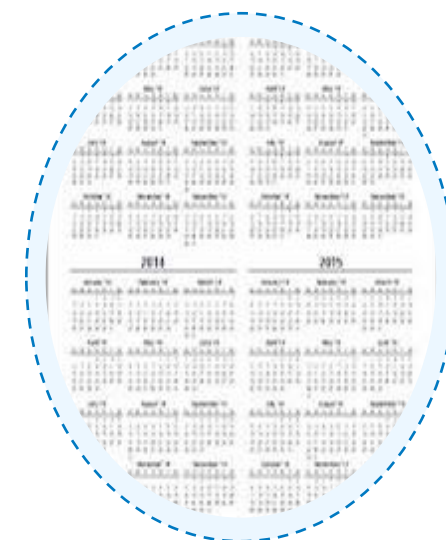
Implementation Guide

A navigational roadmap for implementing TFA provisions through the application of WCO instruments and tools



Training Packages

WCO instruments and tools are supported by a wide range of in-person and electronic (e-learning) training packages



Multi-Year Support

Multi-year commitments and iterative engagements

WCO Instruments and Tools / TFA



SAFE Framework of Standards
Articles 7.4, 7.7, 8.1, 8.2



Time Release Study
Article 7.6



Transit Handbook
Article 11



Nat'l Committees on Trade Facilitation
Article 23.2



WCO Data Model
Article 8.1, 10.4



Post-Clearance Audit Guidelines
Article 7.5



Risk Management Compendium
Article 7.4

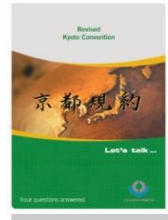


Coordinated Border Management
Article 8.1

Example – Risk Management



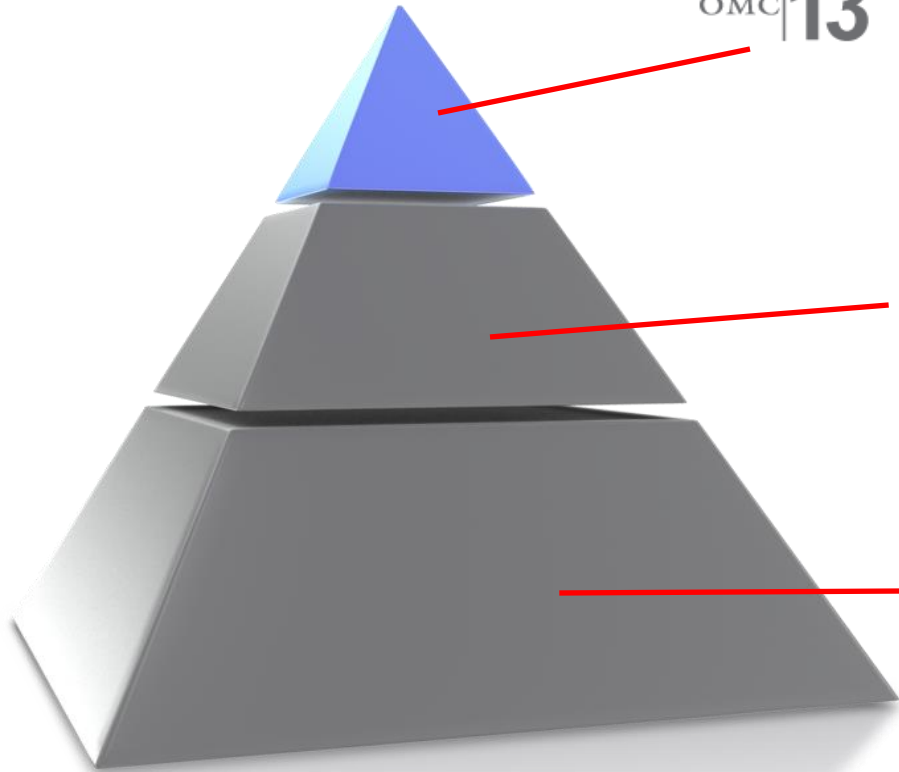
The TFA obliges Members, to the extent possible, to adopt or maintain a risk management system for Customs control.



The RKC sets out principles of Customs risk management and the RKC Guidelines cover technical aspects of risk management and Customs control.



The Risk Management Compendium introduces detailed and technical information on risk management, based on practices and experiences of WCO Members.





Phase III

Progress Evaluation and Monitoring

Performance

Phase II

Implementation Support

Delivery

Phase I

Diagnostic Needs Assessment

Strategic

Implementation Approach

The Mercator Programme follows the WCO's long-standing capacity building approach and recognizes the need for ongoing political will, partnership and people to successfully implement TFA-related reforms.

Mercator Implementation Plans

1

Individual
missions /
activities

Needs-based delivery

- Teams of MPAs and other technical / operational experts
- Clearly defined deliverables

2

Organizational
development
results and
results for
specific TFA
measures

Iterative support

- Supporting incremental improvements and changes through successive engagements
- Mutual accountability

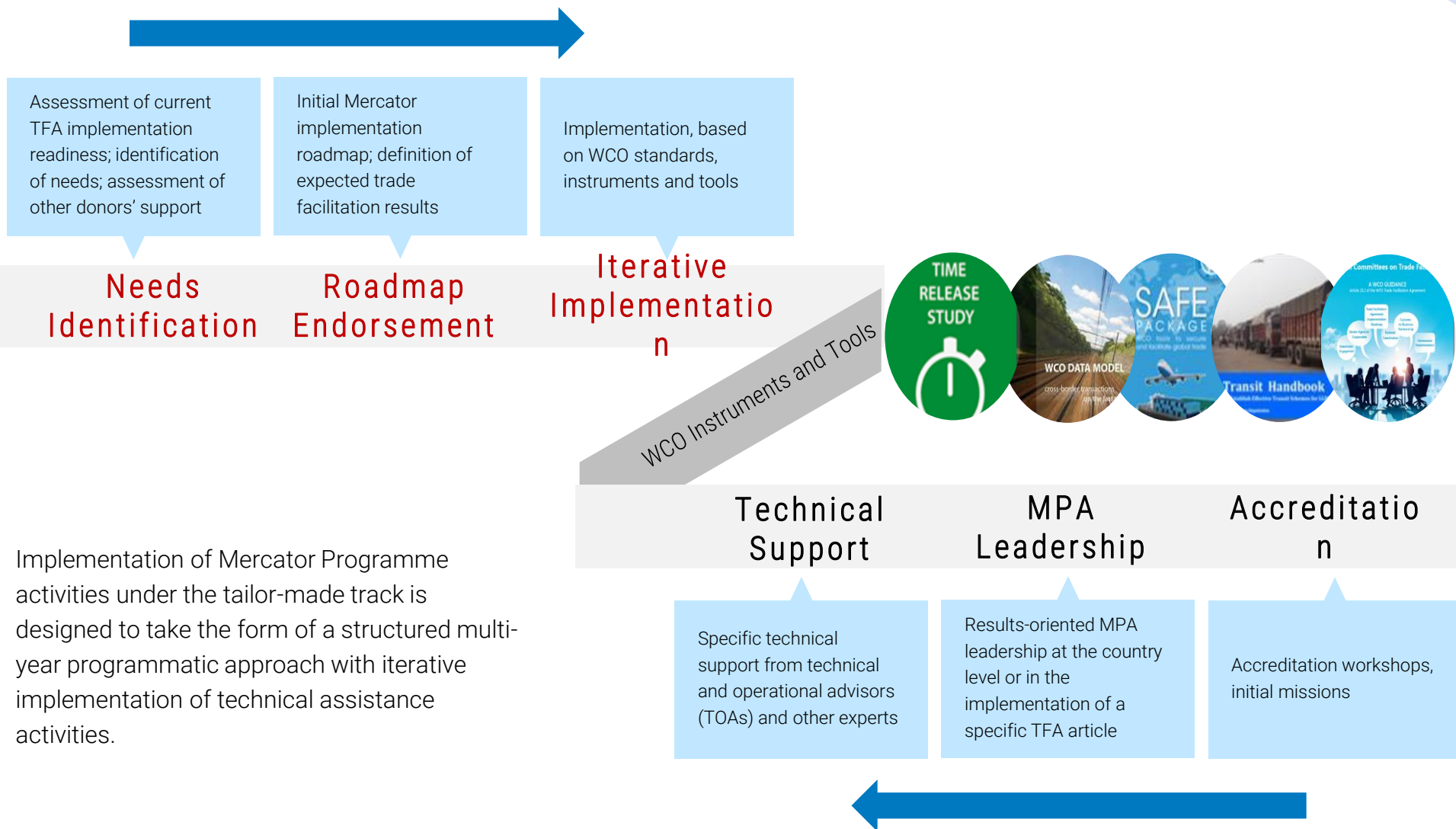
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Country-level
results

Delivering results

- Measured through Time Release Study and other WCO performance measurement tools

Implementation



Implementation of Mercator Programme activities under the tailor-made track is designed to take the form of a structured multi-year programmatic approach with iterative implementation of technical assistance activities.

MPAs: A Multinational Team

The Mercator Programme builds on previous Member and WCO efforts to implement international standards

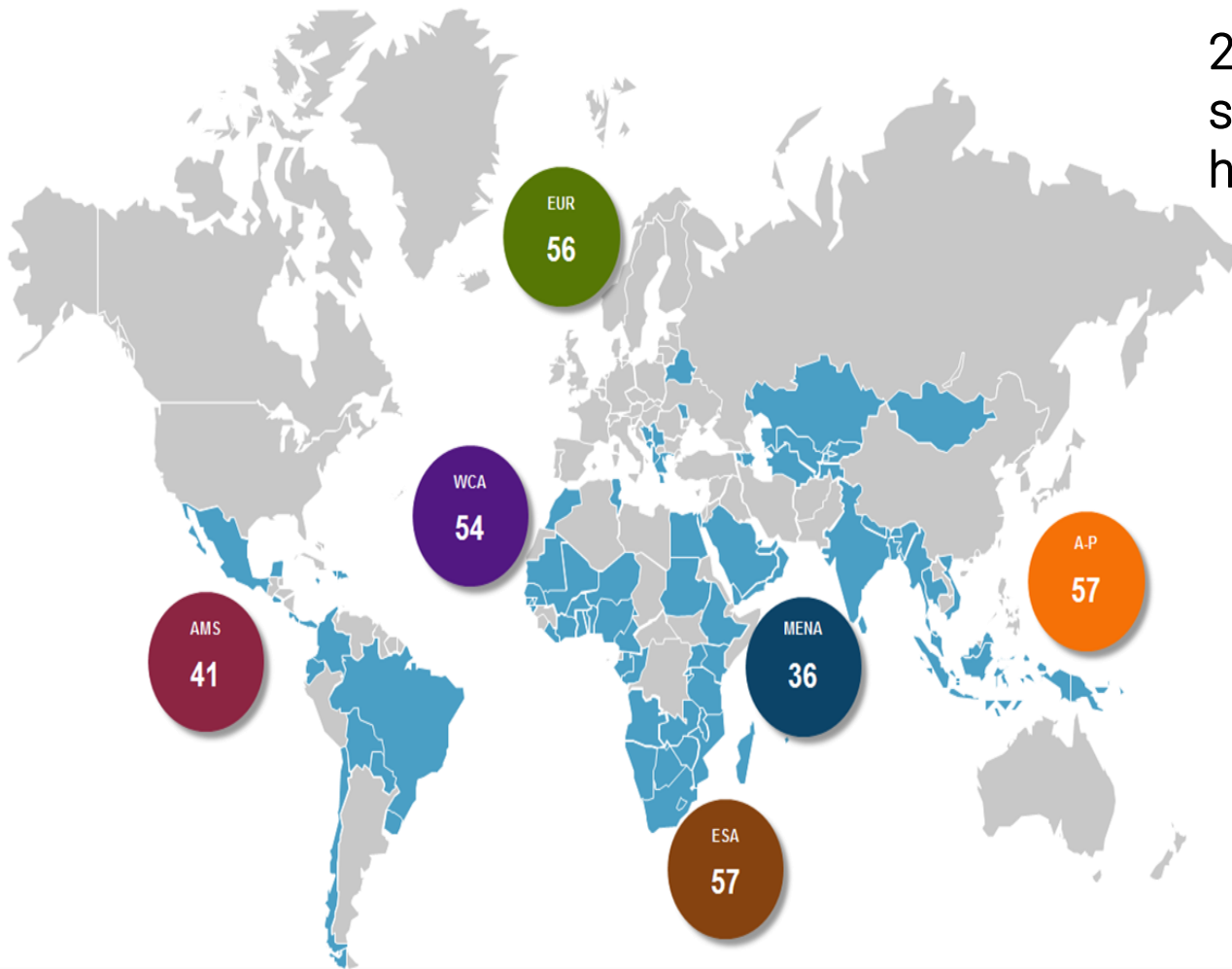
Mercator Programme establishes long-term project management partnership between Members and WCO

Customs plays both a leadership role, as well as that of a collaborative contributor to broader government objectives

Combines broad-based TFA expertise with specific technical / operational expertise to achieve results



WCO Capacity Building Activities



2016 Total capacity building support provided as displayed here: **301**

Special Cases
Going Forward:
Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Ethiopia
Pakistan
Sierra Leone
Sudan

WCO Capacity Building Committee

Mercator Programme:
Building Networks,
Partnerships and Economies

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