### **Secure E-Borders**

The State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan is facilitating and securing international trade through the implementation of best commercial practices in accordance with WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and WCO standards framework.

#### SITUATION

The UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) reports that more than 50% of transit time is wasted at border crossing points in road transports between Kazakhstan and Europe, potentially harming the export-led economic growth in landlocked countries like Kazakhstan.

### **SOLUTION**

ASTANA-1 Secure e-Borders project started in December 2015 in order to fulfill the Head of State N. Nazarbayev's 100 concrete steps for the implementation of the nation's five institutional reforms. The introduction of a paperless and fully electronic and interoperable environment improved the efficiency and effectiveness of transit procedures.

#### RESULT

The "ASTANA-1 Secure e-Borders" system component is operational nationwide since 1st October 2017, reducing the time of documentary and border compliance. Some of the immediate acknowledged benefits of the "ASTANA-1 Secure e-Borders" project include the following:

- End-to-End electronic processing of information: prearrival information and processing;
- Improved balance, coordination and effectiveness between trade facilitation and control;
- Automatic exchange of information at national, regional and international level;
- Assisting traders to comply with legal requirements;
- Allowing a better monitoring of customs procedures to minimise fraud and protect financial and economic interests.

# Kazakhstan

Minutes average time for transit

customs clearance at border in 2018.

"Comparing to last year, imports have increased by 14% and exports have grown by 30%. This is all due to the introduction of the ASTANA-1 System based on the ASYCUDAWorld."

> Alikhan Smailov First Deputy Prime Minister -Minister of Finance



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