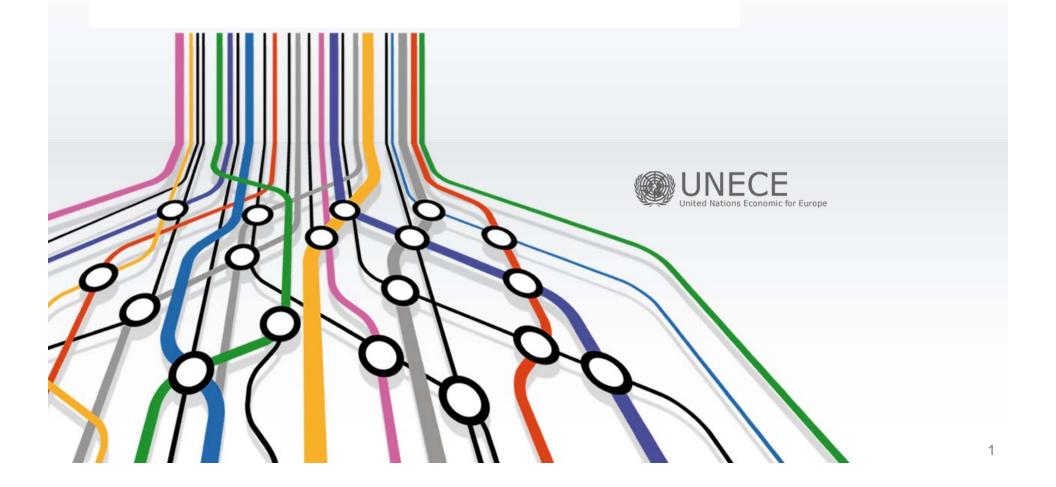
# Towards a common Single Window Environment -Standards and Best Practice-





### **UNECE:** Who we are and what we do

- UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE): North America, Europe, Central Asia, Western Asia and Caucasus
- □ Focal point in the UN system to develop standards and best practice for trade facilitation
- The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) develops policy recommendations, standards, guidelines
- Simplified and harmonized trade documents, processes and information flows throughout the supply chain







#### e-business Standards and Innovation

- Convergence
  - Stakeholders focus on one solution
  - Create a market, solutions and choice
  - Reduce development and implementation risks
- Drivers for change
  - Adoption of new technologies
  - Adoption of new business practice and mind-set
- Basis for collaboration
  - □ Define "the way things should be done"
  - Exchange of experience
  - Provide a basis customization and local adaptation



### Smart use of eBusiness Standards

#### Decisions makers need to be aware that standards are

- □ Strategic decisions → careful selection
- □ Generic by nature → need to be adapted to the country

#### Some smart questions to ask:

- WHICH standard should we use?
- WHAT is this standard really about?
- WHY would we benefit from this standard?
- WHO will implement/maintain/pay/use this standard?
- □ HOW will we adapt this standard?



# **UNECE eBusiness Standards: three pillars**

Policy Recommend ations Were to go?









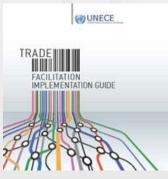
Technical Standards What to do?







Guides, Training, Case Studies How to do and why?

















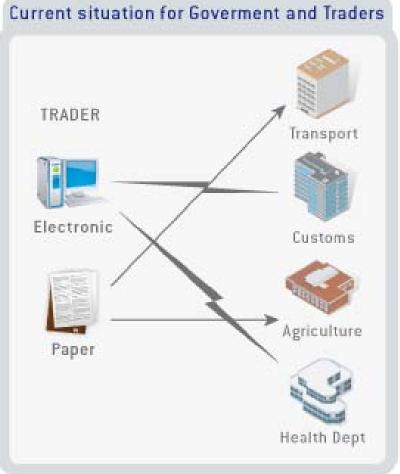






# **UNECE** Recommendation on Single Window

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## e Window: a growing trend

Single Windows (SWs) are important drivers for the simplification, harmonization and automation of trade procedures"



2015: in 100 economies & some regions (ASEAN)?

2013: in 71 economies

2010: in 49 economies

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**Connecting International Trade:** Single Windows and Supply Chains in the next decade

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