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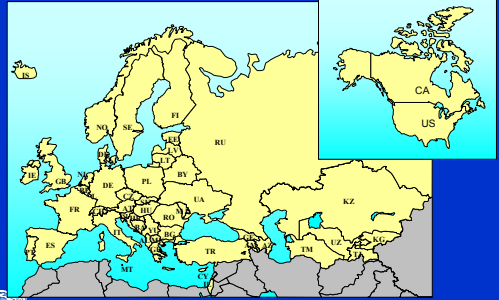


Regulatory “Good Practices” and Experiences (5-7 December 2005, Tunisia)



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50 - 80 % of World Trade (and patents)
is between 55 UNECE Member States



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UNECE Legal Instruments

- Conventions/Agreements (environmental, transport, ...)
- Regulations (construction of vehicles, transport of dangerous goods, ...)
- Standards (quality standards on agricultural produce, electronic commerce...)
- Recommendations/Good practices (WP.6,..)



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Good Regulatory Practices

- UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (Working Party 6-WP.6)-35-th jubilee in 2005
- **International Model for Technical Harmonization** (UNECE Recommendation L)
- **Promoting good practices** in standardization, regulatory techniques and market surveillance (UNECE Regulatory and Standardization List)



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International Model for technical harmonization

“International Model” -set of voluntary mechanisms and principles for good regulatory practices

Basic principle of “International Model” - the technical content of regulations should be drafted in terms of broad objectives (addressing safety, environmental and other legitimate governmental concerns) and should refer to international (preferably) standards for more detailed performance-based technical requirements.



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International Model for Technical Harmonization

- **Regional application:** CIS agreement on technical harmonization
- **Balkan project:** training of officials on good regulatory practices
- **Sectoral application:**
 - ✓ The TELECOM initiative
 - ✓ Earth-Moving Machinery
 - ✓ Pipelines Initiative (October 2005)



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**UNECE/SIDA Project:
results and future tasks on regulatory
cooperation in South-East Europe**

- **common regulatory priorities**
- **dialogue on approaches/means to implement them**
- **areas for future pilot projects**

(stage II under discussion; proposal for a project in Africa with ARSO)



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**Beware of Trojans.. and of
proliferation of schemes**

- International Social and Ecological Accreditation and Labelling Alliance
- Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International
- Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Tourism Stewardship Council Forest Certification Schemes
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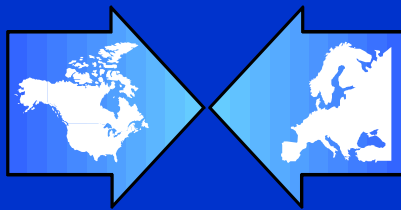
Promoting Good Practices

- The Advisory Group on **Market Surveillance** (“MARS” Group); (example) : International Forum on Market Surveillance (25-26 October 2005, Geneva)
- The Team of Specialists on **STandardization And Regulatory Techniques** (“START” Team)
- Promotion of **Good Governance** including dialogue and cooperation with the private sector and NGOs



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