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# ***Preparation of the Albanian Customs Administration for the EU-Integrated Tariff Management System***



***Launching Event – Tirana, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017***  
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## **AIM OF THE LAUNCHING EVENT**

- ✓ *to strengthen the **partnership** between the representatives of the Albanian beneficiary administration and of the MS representatives,*
- ✓ *to give institutional **visibility** to the project, and*
- ✓ *to enhance the **cooperation** between the administrations participating in the twinning.*



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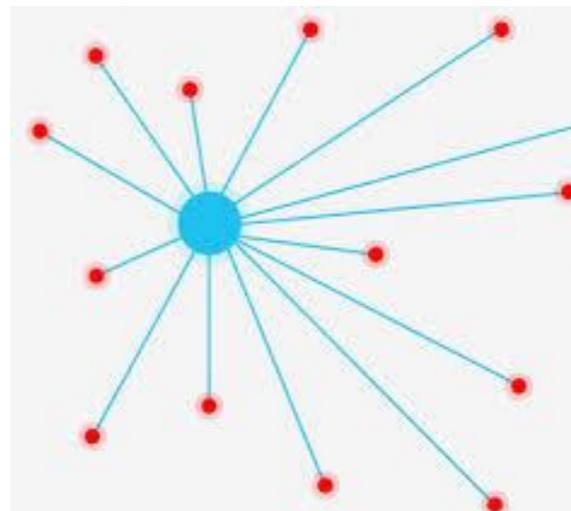
***EU-Integrated Tariff Management System (EU-ITMS)***



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### ***AIM OF THE TWINNING PROJECT***

- ✓ *to align the Albanian customs legislation and procedures with the **EU standards on customs tariff***
- ✓ *to benefit from the **IT interconnectivity possibilities** offered by the **EU-ITMS***



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### **ALBANIA MEANS EUROPE**

- ✓ *to support the rising economy of Albania and the role of **mutual partnership** with the EU*
- ✓ *to create larger markets and promote **economic integration** of the continent*
- ✓ *to develop infrastructures and remove obstacles to **free trade** in the continent*



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## **WHAT IS THE COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF (CCT) ?**

- ✓ **The tariff is the combination of the *nomenclature* and the *duty rates* which apply to the import of goods across the external borders of the EU.**
- ✓ **The tariff contains also *all other EU legislation* that has an effect on the level of customs duty payable on a particular import, for example country of origin.**

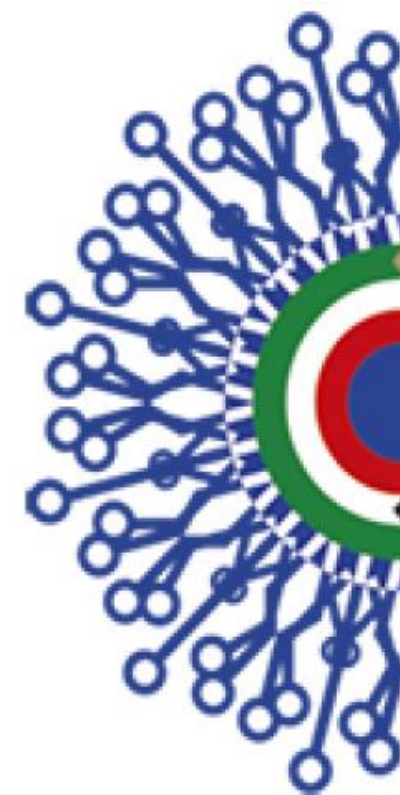


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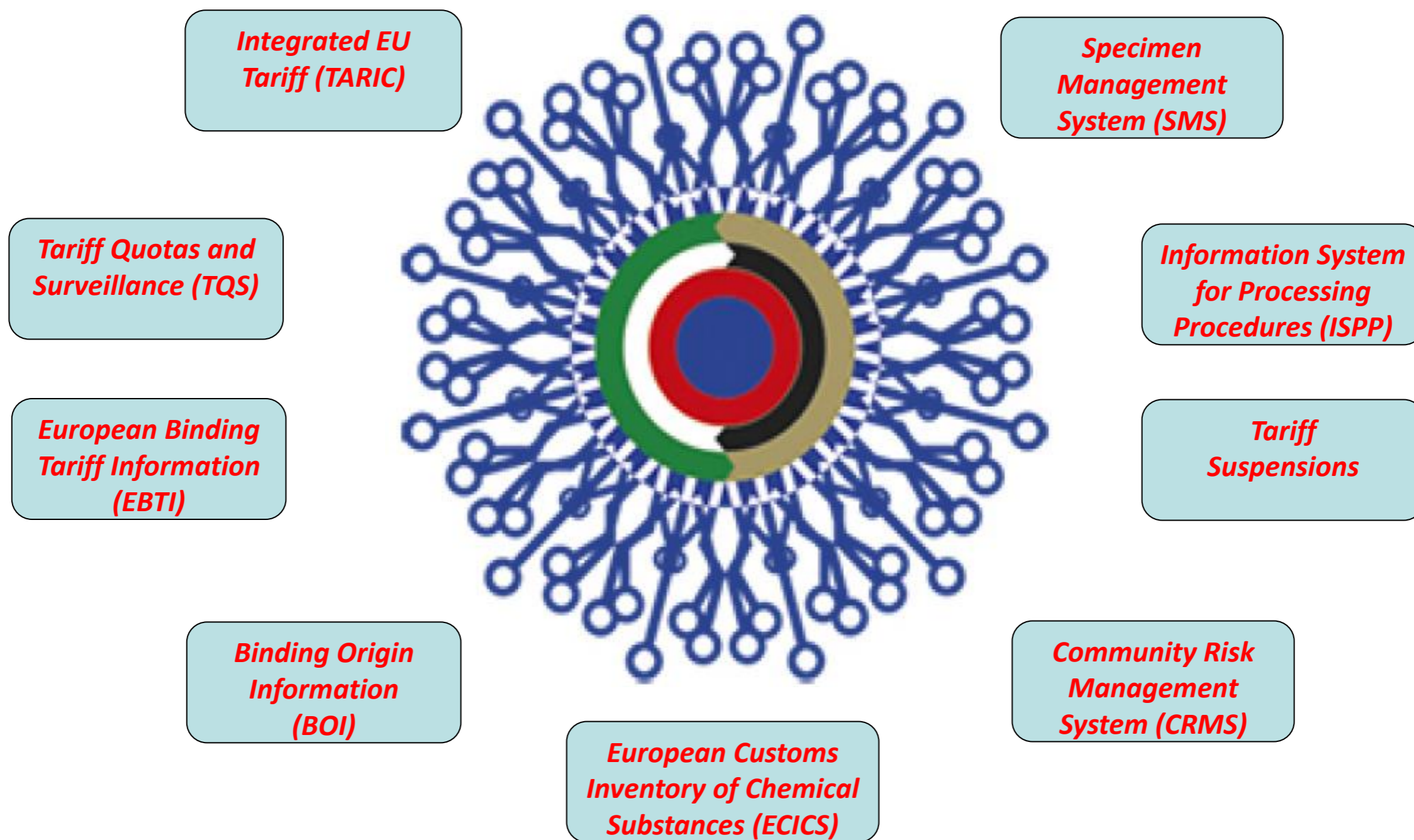
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## **WHAT IS THE EU-INTEGRATED TARIFF MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ?**

- ✓ *The TARIC, the integrated Tariff of the European Union, is a **multilingual database** in which are **integrated** all measures relating to **EU customs tariff, commercial and agricultural legislation**.*
- ✓ *By integrating and coding these measures, the TARIC secures their **uniform application by all EU MS** and gives all economic operators a clear view of all measures to be undertaken when importing into the EU or exporting goods from the EU.*



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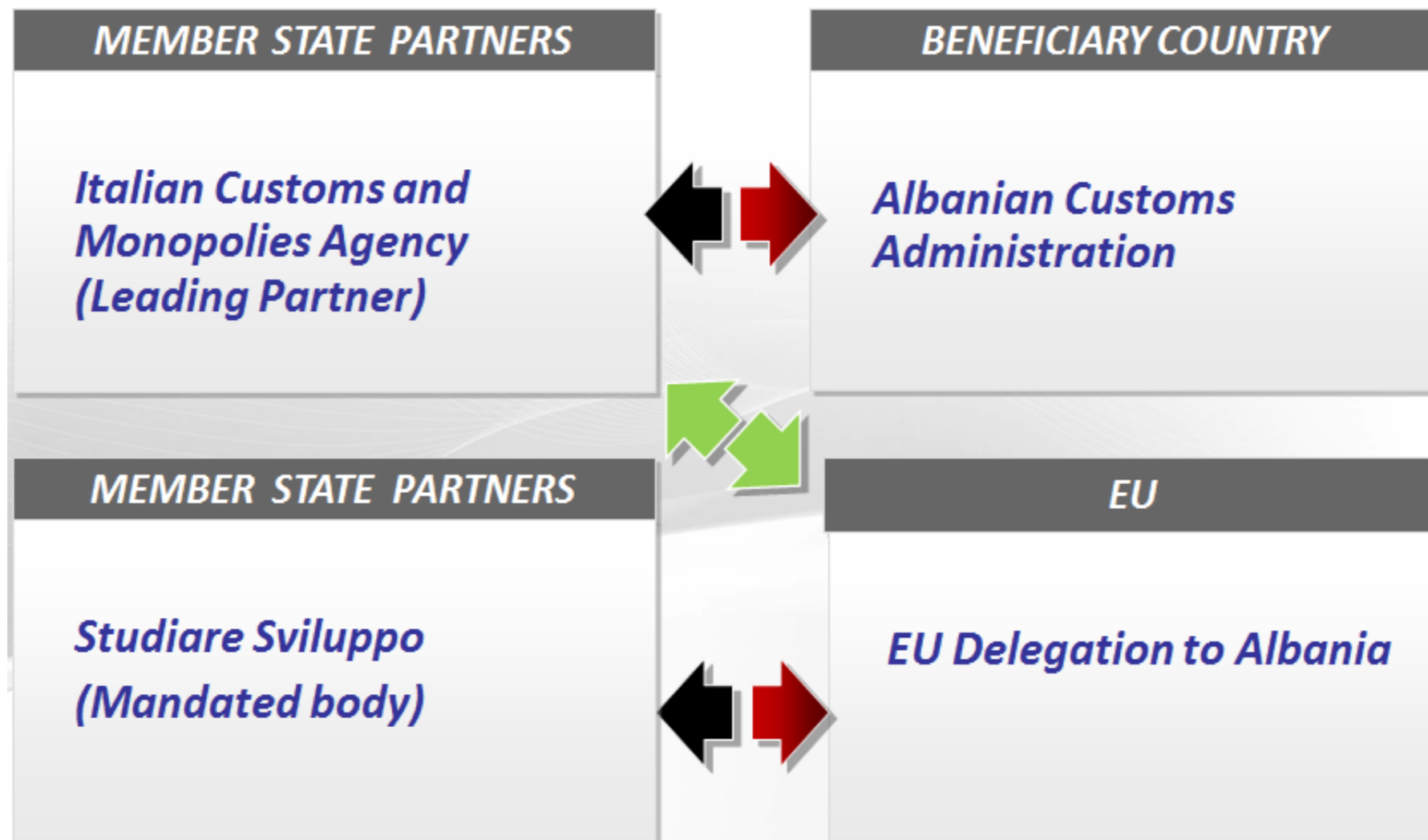


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**WHO ARE THE TWINNING ACTORS ?**



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**BY WHICH PROJECT ACTIVITIES ?**

**3 COMPONENTS**

- ✓ **Analysis of the *Albanian customs legislation* with regard to the *EU customs ITMS* related issues**
- ✓ **Adjustment of *ACA information system* to allow full interoperability with the *EU information systems***
- ✓ **Improvement of *ACA administrative capacity: Organization, Training and Communication***



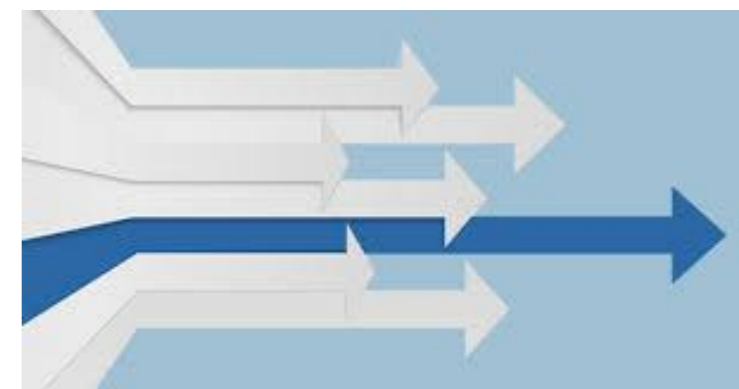
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## **COMPONENT 1**

### ***Analysis of the Albanian customs legislation with regard to the EU customs ITMS related issues***

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- ✓ ***Harmonization of ACA tariff legislation  
and procedures***



#### **RESULTS**

- ✓ ***Albanian tariff legislation screened and analyzed***
- ✓ ***All legal amendments (primary, secondary, tertiary)  
+ guidelines, reports, manuals on relevant procedures  
drafted and approved***

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## **COMPONENT 2**

***Adjustment of ACA information system to allow full interoperability with the EU information systems***

### **OBJECTIVES**

- ✓ ***ITMS business processes analyzed and enhanced***
- ✓ ***ITMS interconnectivity and interoperability developed***
- ✓ ***ITMS Project Management Support provided***

### **RESULTS**

- ✓ ***Adoption Strategy for all ITM sub-systems***
- ✓ ***Project management and communication support to implement the Albanian ITMS***



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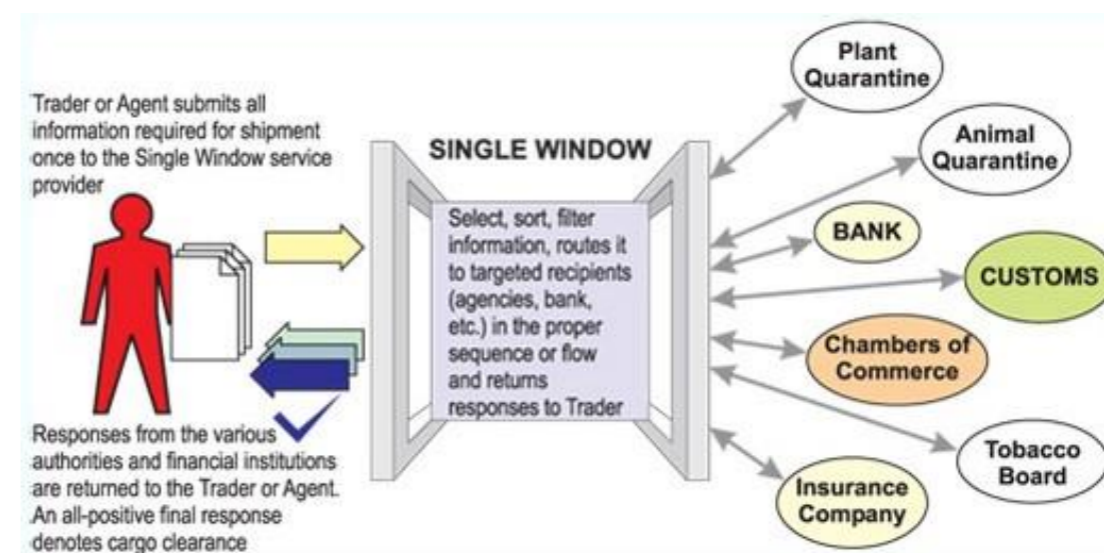
## **COMPONENT 2**

***ITMS interconnectivity (when two systems are connected)  
and interoperability (when two systems work together)***

***at national level,  
Albanian e-Government Framework  
⇒ Single Window model***

***at EU level,***

***CCN / CSI (Common Communication Network / Common System Interface) ⇒ each EU MS implements a national gateway (complex set of hardware and software) for the connection and the interoperability with the CCN/TC (DG TAXUD Technical Centre)***



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## **COMPONENT 3**

### ***Improvement of ACA administrative capacity: Organization, Training and Communication***

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- ✓ ***Improvement of ACA effectiveness,  
quality of service and management***
- ✓ ***Proper communication strategy***



#### **RESULTS**

- ✓ ***ACA administrative capacity in the area of  
EU customs tariff enhanced***
- ✓ ***ACA staff trained on EU customs tariff related areas***
- ✓ ***Public awareness campaign designed and implemented***

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# METHODOLOGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION

### Strategic planning approach



- *Close coordination of the Twinning partners*
- *Joint planning of the activities*
- *Flexibility to address the BC needs*

### Working methods



- *Frontal lessons and e-learning*
- *Training on the job*
- *Study visits - Internship*
- *Role play games*
- *Practical cases*
- *Brainstorming*



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# **METHODOLOGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION**

### ***Monitoring and in itinere evaluation***



- *Regular monitoring and feed-back coordination meetings*
- *Organization of the Project Steering Committee meetings*
- *Evaluation of each single activity by appropriate tools (evaluation questionnaires)*

### ***Visibility***



- *Launching event and Final conference*
- *Seminars*
- *Workshops*
- *Leaflets and publications*





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## **MAIN EU-ITMS PROJECT FIGURES**

**March 2017 ⇒ March 2019**

<i>Number of man/days</i>	<b>1430</b>
<i>Number of experts involved</i>	<b>40</b>
<i>Number of outputs (Gap analysis, manuals, guidelines, operational instructions, handbooks, recommendations etc.)</i>	<b>approx. 30</b>
<i>Number of study visits proposed</i>	<b>4</b>
<i>Number of internships</i>	<b>2</b>
<i>Number of training courses</i>	<b>11</b>



**total budget allocated 1.800.000 €**

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## **MAIN EU-ITMS PROJECT ASSETS**

### **ALBANIAN SIDE**

- ✓ *positive evaluation of EU monitoring missions*
- ✓ *competence, commitment and word given*

### **ITALIAN SIDE**

- ✓ *experience in several twinning projects,  
technical assistance and training activities*
- ✓ *large involvement of high-experienced officers*



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# **ALBANIA AND THE WORLD**



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