French experience in reforming Customs Union :

Past Developments and

Future Opportunities

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1. French Experience on Implementation of Customs IT Reforms

UCC Work Programme : an ambitious programme

Completed :
- eBTI
- REX
- EORI 2
- Custom Decision (Hybrid solution)

2 major updates of national IT systems :
- Arrival/Presentation of goods (project 13)
- Importation (project 14)

=> Mains concerns : allow sufficient **time for development, tests and training + possible changes of schedule**

Challenges :

- **Unsteady legal basis : Annexes A and B of DA/IA**

  => <u>Additional workload and costs + legal uncertainty</u>
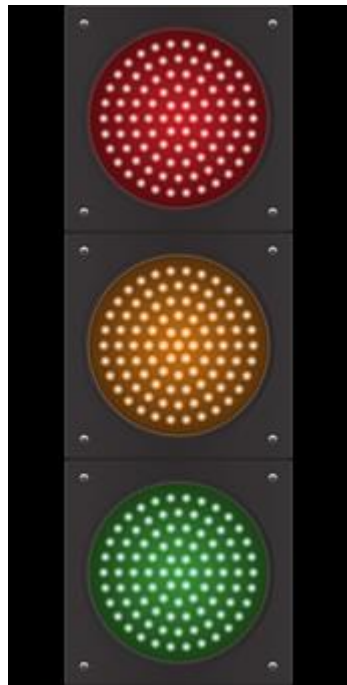
- **Impact of other EU projects** (out of the UCC WP)
e.g. VAT E-commerce package

  => <u>Sustainable</u> timetable ?

2. How could we improve customs governance ?

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1. Comprehensive Legal Assessment

 => GO / NO GO ?

2. Phased approach

- in case of unsteady legal and technical framework or burdensome projects
- Systems can not be upgraded once and for all, anyhow

How could we improve customs governance ?

3. **Multi-project planning**

Better interconnexion of trans-european and national IT projects

Binding milestones

4. **Cooperation** between MS

Sharing of knowledge and costs

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Thank you for your attention

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