

**Speech by Barış TOZAR**  
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Dear Secretary General,

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great privilege and honour for me to be with you in İstanbul and I wish to warmly greet you all for the occasion of “ETS Seminar for TRACECA Civil Aviation Project”

Dear Colleagues

Since its early years TRACECA launched many projects involving the member states, such as infrastructure, investment projects. All those projects aim to facilitate trade along the corridor Europe-Black Sea Region-Caucasus- Central Asia by increasing its competitiveness and attractiveness as stated in the Basic Multilateral Agreement for International Transport for Development of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia corridor.

Nowadays with globalization the increase of trade capacity in the world makes the transport sector one of the most important actor in world economy. We all aware that with the globalization civil aviation came to be the most important transport mode especially for passenger transport. When we take the destinations of this mode of transport into consideration, we see that this mode of transport is the one which needs more cooperation between the states. Keeping this necessity in mind, in many TRACECA platforms we, as TRACECA National Secretariat of Turkey, has taken the importance of civil aviation on the agenda.

Since 2003 personally I have taken the importance of Civil Aviation to the agenda in most of the TRACECA activities. In the 6<sup>th</sup> IGC TRACECA Meeting held in 2007 a presentation made by CAA of Türkiye for the Ministers which highlights the importance of Civil Aviation in TRACECA region. Again in 2007 we organized a Civil Aviation coordination meeting among the TRACECA member states in Antalya, Türkiye with the cooperation of CAA Türkiye.

Dear Colleagues,

I guess all of you are aware of the tremendous improvements in Türkiye in means of civil aviation. Since 2003 Ministry of Transport of Türkiye have started to implement Regional Aviation Policy and provide great improvements in the field. My colleague, Mr. Ali Arıduru, Head of the Civil Aviation of Türkiye will focus on those improvements after my speech. In order to keep time for him, I would not focus on those improvements.

Returning back to TRACECA, We accept this project as the fruitful result of our efforts. As being the first Civil Aviation Project, we are expecting to implement all the targets from the project. In the beginning of the month in TRACECA meeting which was held in Baku, it is stated by EU that a new project is coming in the field of civil aviation. So we believe that within this project the roots of the civil aviation studies will be implemented and then we can go ahead with other projects. This entire means that this project has a great responsibility to introduce the civil aviation regulations to TRACECA member states.

Dear Colleges,

As all agree, safety, security and environment issues are the most important components in civil aviation transport. As you will hear from Mr. Arduru, Türkiye is so ahead in this field and ready to assist every kind of activities of the project especially in training. There is no doubt that safety and security can be reached to higher levels by training and Türkiye will be glad to share its experience in training, for instance by creating a training center for the sake of all TRACECA region.

Dear Colleagues,

Today we are here for a very important issue; Emissions Trading Scheme. As we all know the overall goal of an emissions trading scheme is to minimize the cost of meeting a set of emissions target. For the civil aviation sector it is foreseen that all commercial flights to and from airports within EU will cover the scheme. And this will work with operational measures, technological changes and strategic/commercial decisions. I wish within this project and specifically with today's discussions we can go one step forward to have cooperation in this important environmental issue.

Dear Colleagues,

While concluding my address, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all participants of this seminar. I hope that this seminar, with your respective participation, will put forward the fruitful results for the future of the TRACECA corridor, environment and civil aviation and I wish all of you a pleasant stay in İstanbul.

Thank you.

