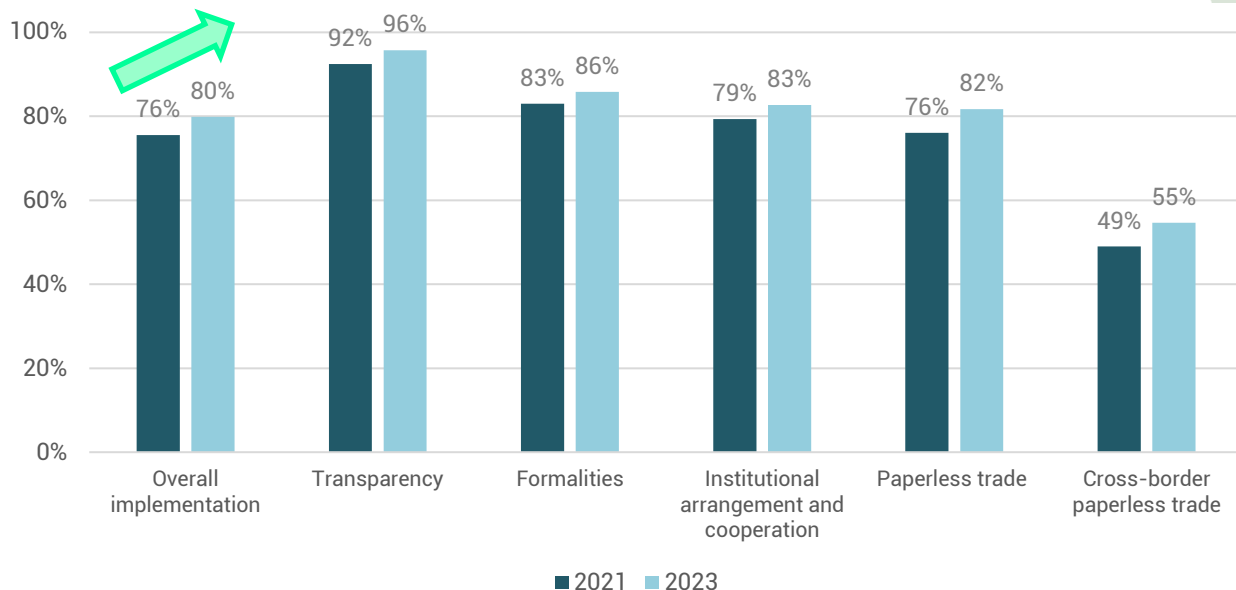


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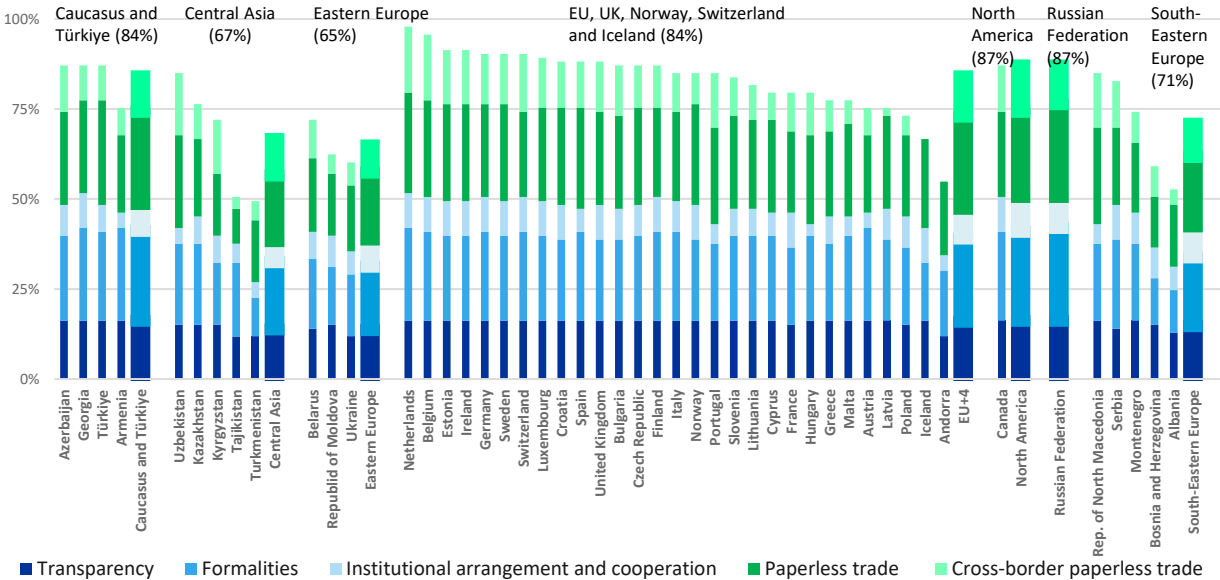
- Responded by **48** participating member States in 2023, implementation of trade facilitation improved in most measures since 2021, with overall implementation rate in the region rising **from 76% in 2021 to 80% in 2023**.



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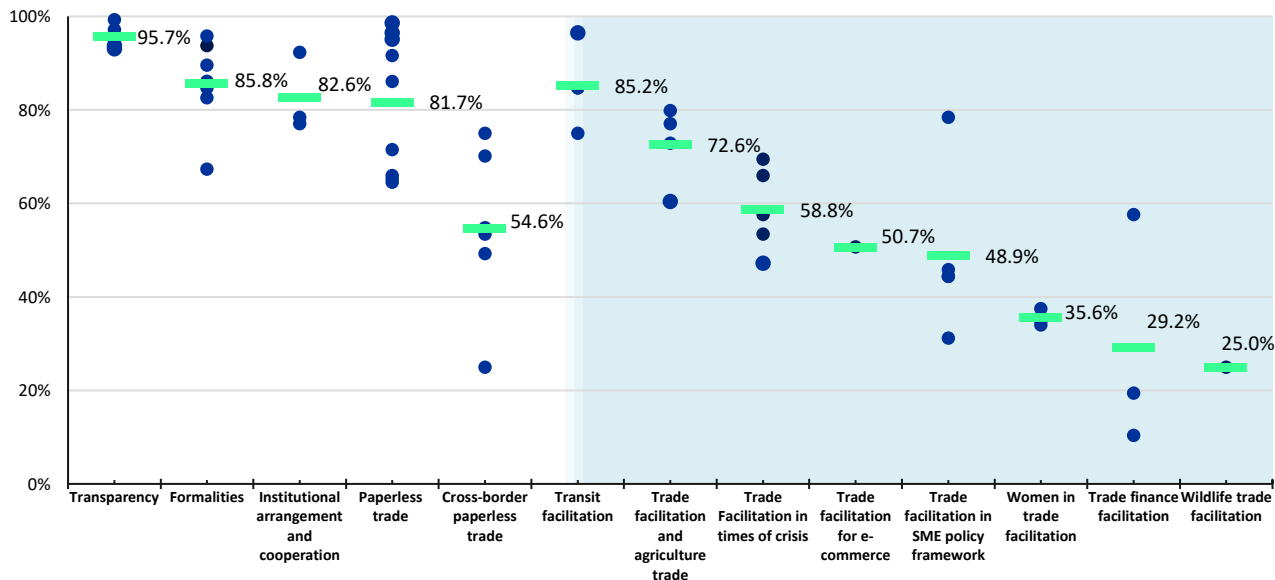
- The implementation of trade facilitation also improved in all sub-regional groups, most significantly in **Southeastern Europe (+8%)**, **Caucasus and Türkiye (+6%)** and **Central Asia (+4%)**.



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- The highest level of implementation was reached in **Transparency, Formalities and Transit** facilitation categories.
- **Wildlife trade facilitation, Trade finance facilitation and Women in trade facilitation** are among the lowest.



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- Number of implemented trade facilitation measures, as well as ratio of fully implemented measures, have both increased since 2021.

Category	Most implemented (%)		Category	Most implemented (%)	
	Measure	Implemented fully, partially and on a pilot basis (%) / Full implementation (%)		Measure	Implemented fully, partially and on a pilot basis (%) / Full implementation (%)
Transparency	Advance publication/notification of new trade-related regulations before their implementation	100.0 / 97.9	Cross-border paperless trade	Laws and regulations for electronic transactions	87.5 / 41.7
	Stakeholders' consultation on new draft regulations (prior to their finalization)	100.0 / 91.7		Recognised certification authority	83.3 / 58.3
	Publication of existing import-export regulations on the internet	100.0 / 87.5	Transit facilitation	Customs Authorities limit the physical inspections of transit goods and use risk assessment	100.0 / 89.6
	Advance ruling on tariff classification and origin of imported goods	100.0 / 83.3	Trade facilitation in SME policy framework	Trade-related information measures for SMEs	89.6 / 60.4
Formalities	Post-clearance audits	100.0 / 89.6	Trade facilitation and agriculture trade	Special treatment for perishable goods	91.7 / 56.3
Institutional arrangement and cooperation	National legislative framework and/or institutional arrangements for border agencies cooperation	100.0 / 77.1	Women in trade facilitation	Female membership in the National Trade Facilitation Committee	56.3 / 14.6
Paperless trade	Internet connection available to customs and other trade control agencies	100.0 / 95.8	Trade finance facilitation	Trade finance services available	72.9 / 35.4
	Electronic submission of customs declarations	100.0 / 91.7	Trade facilitation in times of crisis	Coordination of emergency TF measures with other countries	83.3 / 31.3
	Automated customs system	100.0 / 85.4	Trade facilitation for e-commerce	TF measures for cross-border e-commerce	75.0 / 8.3
	E-Payment of customs duties and fees	100.0 / 79.2	Wildlife trade facilitation	Electronic exchange of CITES permits/certificates	37.5 / 8.3

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Examples of UN/CEFACT instruments supporting WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

Subgroup	Measure in the Survey Questionnaire	Relevant TFA Article	UN/CEFACT Recommendation, Standard or Guideline
General trade facilitation measures	Advance publication/notification of new trade-related regulations before their implementation (e.g., 30 days prior)	2.1	Rec 38 – Trade Information Portals
	Advance ruling on tariff classification and origin of imported goods	3	
	Independent appeal mechanism (for traders to appeal customs rulings and the rulings of other relevant trade control agencies)	4	
	Risk management (as a basis for deciding whether a shipment will be physically inspected or not)	7.4	Rec 18 – Facilitation Measures Related to International Trade Procedures White Paper on Integrated Track and Trace for Multimodal Transportation
	Pre-arrival processing	7.1	Rec 16 – Simpler Shipping Marks
	Post-clearance audits	7.5	
	Separation of release from final determination of customs duties, taxes, fees and charges	7.3	
	Establishment and publication of average release times	7.6	Rec 42 – Establishment of a Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (T2M2)
	Trade facilitation measures for authorized operators	7.7	Rec 37 – Single Submission Portal
	Formalities (8 measures)		

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Digital trade facilitation measures	Electronic submission of sea cargo manifests		Rec 12 – Measures to Facilitate Maritime Transport Documents Procedures Rec 37 – Single Submission Portal (SSP) Rec 33 – Single Window E-business Standards – Multimodal Waybill E-business Standards – Maritime Bill of Lading
	Electronic submission of air cargo manifests		E-business Standards – Air Waybill E-business Standards (available soon)
	Electronic application and issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin		Rec 23 – Single Window
	E-payment of customs duties and fees	7.2	Rec 23 – Single Window
	Electronic application for customs refunds		Rec 23 – Single Window
	Laws and regulations for electronic transactions are in place (e.g., e-commerce law, e-transaction law)		Rec 31 – Electronic Commerce Agreement Rec 36 – Establishing a Legal Framework for International Trade, Single Window
	Recognized certification authority issuing digital certificates to traders to conduct electronic transactions		Rec 14 – Authorisation of Trade Documents
	Paperless trade (10 measures)		
	Cross-border paperless trade (6 measures)		



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