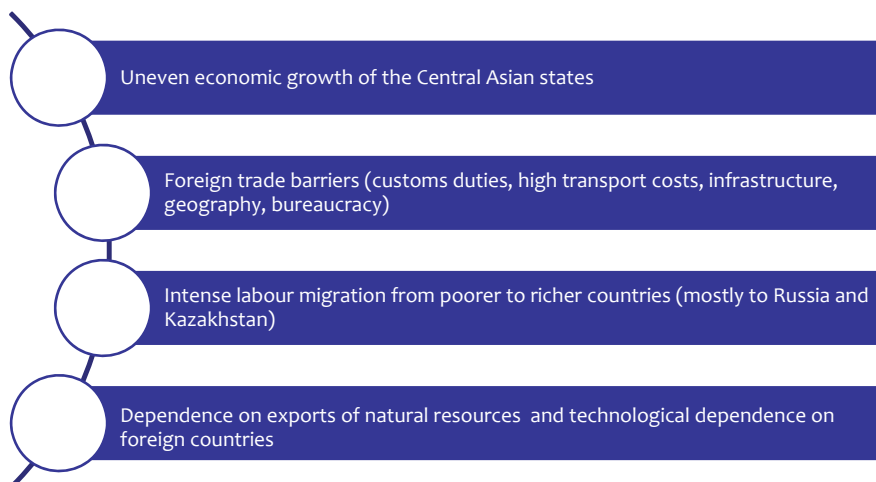


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Major economic challenges of the Central Asian states



Suggestions on improving the intra-regional economic connectivity

Improvement of bilateral and multilateral economic collaboration, including through involvement of other international and regional organizations

Simplification and approximation of trade, customs and passport control procedures and improving the transport and logistics infrastructure

Collaboration on transboundary water and energy/ commodity trade issues, improving joint activities on environmental protection of common resources

Enhancement of the utilization of the geographic advantage of the region to serve as a major transit hub between Asia and Europe

Main economic issues of Tajikistan

Low competitiveness

Corruption

Weak SME Sector and
limited access to finance

Rising foreign debt

Brain and labour drain

Insufficient inflow of FDIs

High unemployment rate
coupled with growing
population

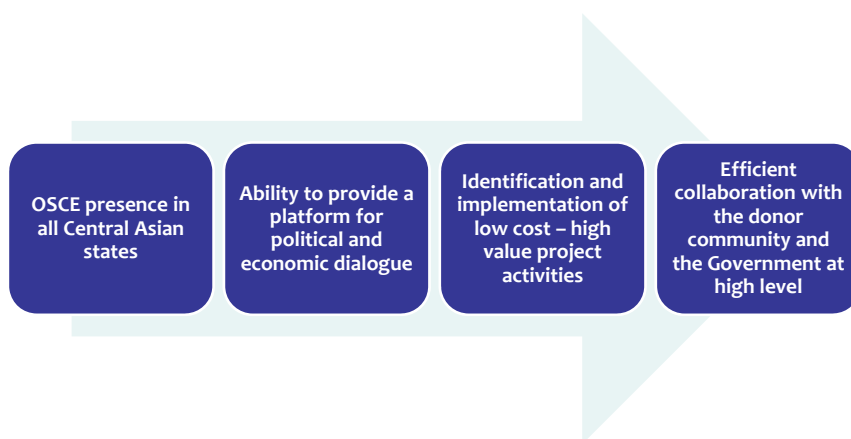
Considerable trade deficit

Underdeveloped
industrial sector

Current and planned activities of the Economic Project of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe



Comparative advantages of the OSCE in Central Asia

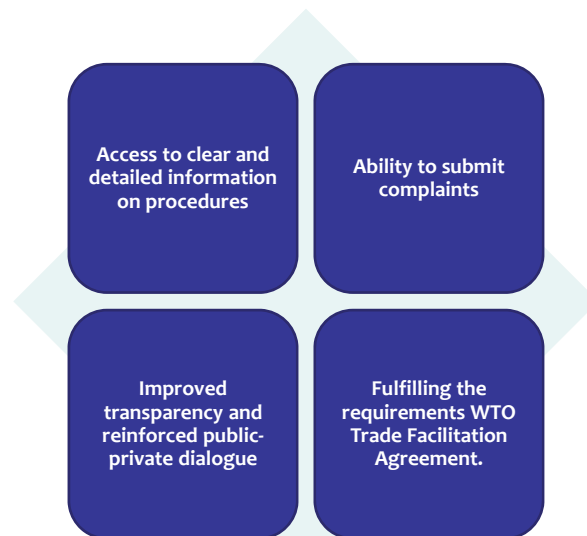


Sample of planned activity - eRegulations system

- The system shows all required information to complete each step:

Name of the step	Result of the step	Entity/office/officer in charge of processing
Requirements (forms and documents)	Cost	Duration (minimum and maximum)
Legal justification	Entity/office/officer in charge of complaints	Authority certifying that the step is correctly described

Benefits of the project



Participants

Government of Tajikistan

- Main counterpart
- Ownership and maintenance

OSCE

- Coordination of the project
- Acting as a liaison

UNCTAD and ITC

- Trainings, guidelines and manuals

Thank you!

