



## **LIST OF CEPA SECTORS TO BE MONITORED BY THE INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS**

The monitoring work is envisaged and expected on the selected 5 topics listed below:

- Migration and Border Security
- Transport, Connectivity and Local Infrastructure Development
- Digital Security and Data Protection
- Climate
- Energy

Core issues are outlined but not limited to the sectors below and the mentioned Articles of CEPA are the principal ones, but issues are crosscutting in various fields of the agreement:

1. **MIGRATION and BORDER MANAGEMENT - Article 14 and 15 of CEPA** – The issue includes establishment of a comprehensive dialogue on all migration-related issues, including legal migration, international protection and the fight against illegal migration, smuggling and trafficking in human beings, relevant legislation, in particular, focus on addressing the root causes of migration; the development and implementation of national legislation and practices as regards international protection, with a view to satisfying the provisions of the Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees of 1951, the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967 and other relevant international instruments, such as the European Convention on Human Rights, and to ensuring respect for the principle of "non-refoulement", the admission rules and rights and status of persons admitted, fair treatment and integration of lawfully residing non-nationals, education and training and measures against racism and xenophobia, the establishment of an effective and preventive policy against illegal migration, the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings, including the issue of how to combat networks of smugglers and traffickers and how to protect the victims of such trafficking in the framework of relevant international instruments; issues such as organization, training, best practices and other operational measures in the areas of migration management, document security, visa policy, border-management and migration-information systems, facilitation circular migration for the benefit of development. Issues include also the full implementation of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the readmission of persons residing without authorization, and the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. This issue include as well promote the mobility of citizens through the Visa-facilitation Agreement and consider in due course the opening of a visa-liberalization dialogue provided that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility are in place. They shall cooperate in fighting irregular migration, including through the implementation of the Readmission Agreement, as well as promoting border-management policy as well as legal and operational frameworks.



2. **DIGITAL SECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION – Article 13, 123, 200, 257, 266, 351** – Issues are to cooperate in order to ensure a high level of protection of personal data in accordance with the international legal instruments and standards of the European Union, Council of Europe and other international bodies. Issue include exchange, where appropriate, relevant information and data subject to the legal requirements of each Party on the confidentiality of sensitive data and on the protection of personal data shall adopt or maintain adequate safeguards for the protection of privacy and fundamental rights, and freedom of individuals, in particular with regard to the transfer of personal data, govern the protection of confidentiality of information sources or the processing of personal data. Issues include that the Parties agree to cooperate in respect of international trade in goods suspected of infringing intellectual property rights and for that purpose, each Party shall establish a contact point in its customs administration and notify the other Party thereof and such cooperation shall include exchanges of information regarding mechanisms for receiving information from right holders, best practices and experiences with risk-management strategies, as well as information to help with the identification of shipments suspected of containing infringing goods. The issues include also that any information shall be provided in a manner that fully respects the provisions on the protection of personal data applicable in the territory of each Party.
3. **TRANSPORT, CONNECTIVITY and LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT – Articles 148, 191, 192, Title V Other Cooperation Policies Chapter 1 Articles 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 123 of CEPA** – Issues are domestic and international air transport services, whether scheduled or non-scheduled, and services directly related to the exercise of traffic rights, other than: (i) aircraft repair and maintenance services during which an aircraft is withdrawn from service; (ii) the selling and marketing of air transport services. Issues include the importance of gradual approximation of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia on transport services to that of the European Union and have to (a) expand and strengthen their transport cooperation in order to contribute to the development of sustainable transport systems; (b) promote efficient, safe and secure transport operations as well as intramodality and interoperability of transport systems; and (c) endeavor to enhance the main transport links between their territories. The issues of this field include as well: (a) the development of a sustainable national transport policy covering all modes of transport, in particular with a view to ensuring environmentally friendly, efficient, safe and secure transport systems and promoting the integration of transport-related considerations into other policy areas; (b) the development of sector-specific strategies in light of the national transport policy (including legal requirements for the upgrading of technical equipment and transport fleets to meet highest international standards) for road, rail, inland waterway, maritime, aviation and intramodality, including timetables and milestones for implementation, administrative responsibilities as well as financing plans; (c)



the improvement of the infrastructure policy in order to better identify and evaluate infrastructure projects in the various modes of transport; (d) the development of funding strategies focusing on maintenance, capacity constraints and missing-link infrastructure as well as activating and promoting the participation of the private sector in transport projects; (e) accession to relevant international transport organizations and agreements, including procedures for ensuring strict implementation and effective enforcement of international transport agreements and conventions; (f) cooperation and the exchange of information for the development and improvement of technologies in transport, such as intelligent transport systems; and (g) the promotion of the use of intelligent transport systems and information technology in managing and operating all modes of transport as well as supporting intramodality and cooperation in the use of space systems and commercial applications facilitating transport. The aspect of the issues also aims improving the movement of passengers and goods, increasing fluidity of transport flows between the Republic of Armenia, the European Union and third countries in the region, promoting open borders with cross border movement by removing administrative, technical and other obstacles, enhancing the operation of the existing transport networks and developing infrastructure in particular on the main networks connecting the EU and Armenia. The issues include actions to facilitate border crossings, taking into account the specificities of landlocked countries as referred to in the relevant international instruments, information exchange and joint activities: (a) at regional level, in particular taking into consideration progress achieved under regional transport cooperation arrangements such as the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia ("TRACECA") and other transport initiatives at international level, including with regard to international transport organizations and international agreements and conventions ratified by the EU and Armenia; and (b) in the framework of the various transport agencies of the European Union, as well as within the Eastern Partnership. The other important issue relates to the development and progressive liberalization of air transport between the EU and Armenia adapted to their reciprocal commercial needs, the conditions of mutual market access in air transport should be addressed in accordance with the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia. This field includes also the issue of *customs cooperation* pursue, where relevant and appropriate, possibilities for interconnectivity of the respective customs transit systems.

4. **CLIMATE ACTION – CHAPTER Articles 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 275 of CEPA** – Issues related to the European Green Deal, climate change adaptation and resilience, as well as mitigation efforts, improvement of air quality, challenges in the management of natural resources (subsoil, water, forests), issues concerning Lake Sevan, biodiversity conservation, promotion of circular economy principles and combating “greenwashing” practices.



5. **ENERGY SECTOR - Articles 42, 44, 58, 76, 107, 256, 284 of CEPA** - Issues of the effectiveness of the security policy in the field of renewable energy, energy and nuclear energy, energy efficiency, building energy performance, electricity markets and roadmaps for its implementation