

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER ASSOCIATIONS

1. International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – <https://iccwbo.org/>



International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), founded in 1919, is the oldest and largest business association in the world. Their activities are aiming to create international rules and standards as well as adopting problem solving recommendations. In their composition they have 12 Commissions (for Anti-Corruption, Arbitration and ADR, Banking, Commercial Law and Practice, Customs and Trade Facilitation etc.).

Goals: Setting rules and standard; promotion of growth and prosperity; expanding business expertise; international business commitment; defender of the multilateral trading system; providing practical services to businesses; fight against economy criminal; improvement of international trade, services and investments, as well as elimination of obstacles and disturbances in global economy; improvement of the market economy based on free and open competition between businesses; Fight against protectionism in all its forms, advocating for larger movement of goods, services, capital and technology etc.



Publishing covers three categories:

1. Rules and manuals
2. Professional advice
3. Special studies on specific markets and business segments

Top headlines in publishing business of ICC are Incoterms rules and Model Contract Sales, franchising, agency, brokerage, mediator, distributor). Banking and e-commerce editions are very significant.

Benefits for members of the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FTC B&H):

- the possibility to translate and publish ICC editions, Incoterms, guides instructions, rules...
- through commissions and work groups are created initiatives and forwarded to the relevant governments that have impact on the work and business of the companies
- ICC members create rules, standards and principles guidance for international trade

- through ICC, members have privileged connections with international organizations such as WTO and UN.

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2. World Chambers Federation (WCF) – <https://iccwbo.org/chamber-services/world-chambers-federation/>



World Chambers Federation (WCF) represents World Chamber of Commerce Forum established in 1950 with the mission to strengthen chambers around the world, as a unique place to share experience and expertise on issues related to chambers of commerce.

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Main activities:

- Manages ATA Carnet system for duty free temporary movement of goods through the chain of its international guarantees;
- Improves the network of world chambers and the global electronic network;
- Develops a worldwide chamber assistance and training program to improve their ability to manage and deliver services;
- Organizes World Chambers Congress.

Over 12.000 chambers of commerce and their associations in 130 countries are members of the World Chambers Federation.



ATA CARNET



ATA carnet (franc./engl. Admission Temporaire / Temporary Admission) is a simple international customs document which under the Customs Convention on ATA carnet replaces national customs documents for temporary export, temporary import and transit of goods, which simplifies customs procedures and, in that way accelerates and facilitates movement of certain categories of goods.

The publisher of ATA carnet is national chamber of commerce in convention country, in B&H is the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina which is form 18 April 2011 member of the ATA system within issuing and guarantee chain under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Customs administration in 73 countries in the world have accepted ATA carnet as a guarantee that all duties and taxes will be paid if the goods declared by ATA carnet are not used with the rules for its use.

ATA carnet system is perfect example how close cooperation between customs and entrepreneurs can facilitate international trade. Each country in ATA chain has one grantee body, nationally accredited by customs authorities and ICC.

Over the years, ATA carnet system expanded form just few Western European countries on increasing number of developed and developing countries. Every year, in the world is issued over 175 000 ATA carnets covering more than 25 billion US \$ worth of goods.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Founded in 1923, today International Arbitration is accepted worldwide as the most famous way to resolve international trade disputes. Since its establishment, over 10 000 cases have been processed involving participants and arbitrators form 170 countries.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- Issuing ATA carnet,
- Certificate of origin;
- Participation in the work on relevant projects of World Chamber Network
- Arbitration

Arbitration tribunal at FTC B&H

Arbitration tribunal is competent for arbitration settlement of disputes of economy and other property right matters. Compared to ordinary court proceedings, the proceedings before the Arbitral Tribunal are cheaper, faster, more immediate. The procedure is flexible, informal and final. The procedure is not public. Without the consent of the parties their identities can't be disclosed, hearings are held only in the presence of the parties and their authorized representatives, and arbitral decisions are not public.

Arbitration court is independent body, in its work and decision making. Arbitration is competent to resolve disputes that meet following conditions:

1. that it is a commercial dispute in which parties are free to dispose the dispute matter, where Arbitration may at the request of one or both parties mediate for conciliation,
2. that for that type of dispute is not predicted exclusive jurisdiction of the ordinary court
3. that the parties have agreed on jurisdiction of the Arbitration

The procedure is fast and efficient and the length of the proceedings is up to one year from the moment Arbitration Council is formed or the election of an individual arbitrator.

The arbitral verdict is final and cannot be appealed. It has the force as verdict of a ordinary court.

3. EUROCHAMBRES – Association of European chambers www.eurochambres.eu



Eurochambres, established in 1958, is the largest business association with the task of representing the interests of European companies before the bodies of the European Union.

Goals:

Presentation of needs, opinions and attitudes of its members in the European institutions while ensuring transparency in their work, for their members, European media and institutions;

Implementation and enforcement of EU policies, programs and projects in cooperation with member chambers, national organizations and other partners related to improvement of economic and trade relations of EU Member States and third countries;

According to Maastricht Treaty, Eurochambres is directly involved in the work of European Commission on all matters related with social and employment policy;

Networking of member chambers in order to improve quality of services provided to end users;

Promotion of capacity and strength of European chamber network;

Better and faster development of existing relations with international institutions, as well as participation in the decision-making process in the European institutions, etc.

Eurochambres participates in creation, development and implementation of programs aimed to promote European economic development through chambers of commerce by:

Programs that lead to the development of chambers of commerce that include transfer of know-how and the exchange of practices between them.

Programs which involve existing chamber experts (export promotion, SME development, information network, etc.).

Eurochambres provides business support to its members in 46 European countries. Chambers of commerce members of Eurochambres, through Eurochambres cooperate internationally, create wide European network which is unique in providing services from Cyprus to Ireland and from Lisbon to Helsinki.

Through its organizations Eurochambres guarantees pan-European coverage in that way expressing interests of the European business community.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- through direct membership, participation in EU funded projects is realized. Successful projects implemented so far: "Partners"; "Partners for Investment Promotion"; "Tempus"; "PACE" etc.
- education of chamber staff from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina through Eurochambres Academy;
- development of economy studies for the Western Balkans;
- partner relations of chambers from B&H with European chambers.

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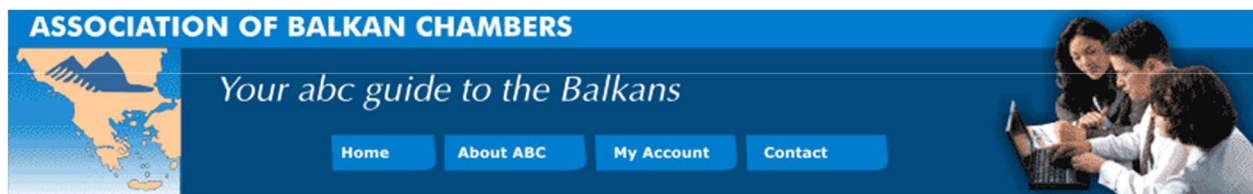
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4. ASSOCIATION OF BALKAN CHAMBERS (ABC)



Association of Balkan Chambers, founded in 1994 aiming to encourage economic cooperation and support economic development of Member States and region as a whole, facilitate and abolish visa regime, removing trade barriers and establishing a single free trade zone, coordinate structural reforms and adapt to business conditions in EU, improving the image of Balkan region in the world.

ABC has 10 members – national chambers of commerce of 10 Balkan countries: Greece, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, Albania, Romania, Cyprus and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Main activities:

Study of normative acts and economic situation in different countries, touch points between them and complementary of their economy, as well as tendencies in their development. Establishing climate that facilitates cooperation between companies from the represented parties, as well as developing and expanding already established contacts between those companies. Facilitating cooperation between its member – unions/chambers by increasing the volume of information exchange, establishing a permanent interconnection of their databases and working on permanent contacts between companies of represented countries; Promotion of structural change in their economies in line with the economic criteria and standards of European Union, with a view to facilitating the transition process and integration into the Union.

5. International Road Transport Union (IRU) – www.iru.org



International Road Transport Union (IRU) is founded in 1948 in Geneva. Today, Union has its members in 73 countries around the world, representing the interests of the passenger and freight road transport industry worldwide. As such, IRU has a global vision and effectively operates on international, regional, national and even local level implementing their motto “Working together for a better future”. The Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Association of International Road Hauliers AIRH through membership in IRU for many years provides the most relevant, up to date information for its members, participates in the creation of global transport initiatives, and provides support to IRU in their actions. Additionally, based on TIR Convention, under the IRU, functions the TIR system which is established in 71 countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina.



The Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Association of International Road Freight Carriers is authorized to issue TIR carnets and guarantee operations under the TIR Carnet in Bosnia and Herzegovina. All operations related to issuing of TIR carnet are carried out within the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina - TIR department.

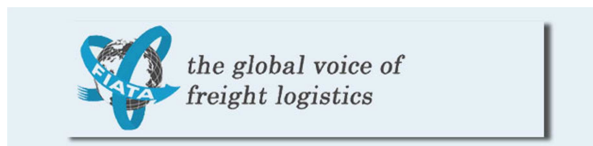
The International Customs Transit System TIR is designed to facilitate international transit of goods under customs seal. This type of system is of interest to both transport operators and customs administration because of its guarantees and efficiency, but also because it guarantees coverage of customs duties and taxes in case of misuse (smuggling) to transit countries.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- reduces transport costs by reducing formalities and delays in transit,

- facilitates movement in transit by applying standardized regulations and documentation,
- there is no need for a deposit (guarantee) at the borders of transit countries.
- only "bona fide" carriers are allowed to use the TIR carnet - which increases the security of the system, and the final result, promotes development of international trade

6. International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) – www.fiata.com



FIATA, a non-governmental organization, represents today an industry covering approximately 40,000 forwarding and logistics firms, also known as the "Architects of Transport", employing around 9 million people in 150 countries. The Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina – The International Freight Forwarders Association has been a member of this organization for many years.

FIATA has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (inter alia ECE, ESCAP, ESCWA), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

It is recognised as representing the freight forwarding industry by many other governmental organizations, governmental authorities, private international organizations in the field of transport such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Union of Railways (UIC), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), etc.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- standardization of procedures, procedures, patterns, and therefore the level of knowledge and services provided by freight forwarders,
- providing assistance in the field of professional training and staff development
- protecting the interests of freight forwarders, promoting and presenting activities at expert meetings of international,
- exchange of experience and business connections,
- easier handling of the goods during the transport process and the delivery of the goods to their final destination

7. THE ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE – <https://iccia.com/>



FTC B&H participates in the work of this Chamber Association since 1996 as an observer.

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture is an affiliated institution of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and is the sole represents the private sector of 57 Member Islamic Countries. The Chamber aims at strengthening closer collaboration in the field of trade, commerce, information technology, insurance/reinsurance, shipping, banking, promotion of investment opportunities and joint ventures in the Member countries.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- establishing direct contacts with chambers members of Islamic Chamber and their member companies;
- presentation of the B6H economy on the website of the Chamber
- exchange of information important for the promotion of economic cooperation

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8. Regional Cooperation Council – RCC – www.rcc.int



The Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), officially launched at the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) in Sofia, on 27 February 2008, under which auspices it continues to operate.

RCC helps prosperity and growth through regional action in SEE, while advancing European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The RCC's main tasks are to represent the regions, assist SEECP, monitor regional activities, provide regional perspectives on donor assistance projects - especially the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) program - support and increased involvement of civil society in regional activities.

The Council acts as a focal point for regional cooperation in South-East Europe and its key role is to generate and coordinate projects of wider regional character.

Work of RCC is focused on economic and social development, energy and infrastructure, justice and home affairs, security cooperation, and building institutional and human capital. The organization develops and maintains close business relationships with all relevant actors in this fields, such as government, international financial institutions, regional organizations, civil society organizations and private sector.

Recently, the RCC also presented the South East Europe 2020 strategy to open up to one million new jobs.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- The opportunity to participate in development projects for the whole region

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9. The Central European Initiative – CEI – www.cei.int



The Central European Initiative (CEI) is an intergovernmental forum which promotes political, economic, cultural and scientific cooperation between member states. Its core mission is: Regional cooperation for European Integration. Bosnia and Herzegovina has been member since 1996.

In this context, the objective of political cooperation is to provide a flexible, pragmatic platform for regional cooperation, while at the same time focusing on preparing countries for the future accession to the European Union (EU). In doing so, special attention is dedicated to capacity building of non-EU CEI member states, which is achieved through knowledge transfer and experience exchange between EU countries and non-EU countries.

In addition, CEI is in a unique position to act as a bridge between macro-regions, such as the Baltic, Danube, Adriatic and Black Sea region.

Areas of activity: climate, environment and sustainable energy; development of entrepreneurship also including tourism; human resource development; information society and media; cross-cultural cooperation; multimodal transportation; science and technology; sustainable agriculture; interregional and cross border cooperation.

Strategic goals of CECCI: developing the role of private sector representatives at state authorities, especially regarding cross border cooperation; straightening mutual cooperation between chambers of commerce in order to strengthen their structure, government, public administration and private sector (especially SMEs); development of activities and infrastructure of chambers of commerce in order to better meet the needs of business community; sharing information and creating projects of importance.

Within the CEI, the Chamber of Commerce Initiative - CECCI was formed, which represents the business dimension of CEI. CECCI acts as a regional forum for cooperation between chambers in all CEI member states, by organizing events aimed at promoting business and entrepreneurship in the region (economic forums, etc.). The strategic objectives of CECCI

are: to develop the role of private sector advocates before the competent national authorities, especially with regard to cross-border cooperation; strengthening mutual cooperation between chambers of commerce with a view to strengthening their structure, along with government, public administration and the private sector (especially SMEs); development of activities and infrastructure of chambers of commerce in order to better meet the needs of the business community; sharing information and creating projects of importance.

Benefits for members of FTC B&H:

- The opportunity to participate in the work of sector working groups for cooperation improvement;
- Participation in forums and events aimed at presenting projects and opportunities for business cooperation with partners from other countries;
- The opportunity to participate in relevant projects.

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