# Green Customs: How Customs Administrations Can Promote Sustainability

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## About PEN-CP and the Green Customs study

### **Pan-European Network of Customs Practitioners**

- Customs security project under EU Horizon 2020
- A European customs innovation boosting network
- 13 customs partners

### **Green Customs study**

- Shows the range of green customs activities and presents green customs projects worldwide
- Continues the series of PEN-CP Annual Studies



## Areas of green customs activities

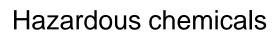
### **1. Border controls**

to enforce rules for environmentally sensitive goods

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Carbon-tariffed goods

### 2. Sustainable customs operations

to reduce customs' own environmental footprint

- Disposal of seized goods
- Renewable energy
- Electric vehicles



## Areas of green customs activities

### 3. Trade facilitation

to enable sustainable cross-border logistics



Prioritisation of emission-intensive cargo



De-bottlenecking of customs processes

#### Less emissions

### 4. Green lane for green traders

to encourage sustainable logistics

#### **Requirements for green lane**

- Smart load consolidation
- Cleaner (high-capacity) fleet
- Use of rail and inland waterways



## Case studies from around the world

- De-carbonising transportation fleet of Irish Customs
- Building sustainable border crossing infrastructure in Costa Rica



- Innovative recycling of seized goods in Brazil

- The Malaysian way of managing waste imports
- E-CITES implementation in South-Africa



## Key insights

- New capabilities needed to support implementation of "green" trade rules
- Green customs activities extend beyond the day-today control of environmentally sensitive goods at the border
- Trade facilitation and "green lane for green traders" programs empower customs to promote sustainability in the private sector





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