

## **EDITORIAL**

We would like to introduce you the new edition of the Customs Scientific Journal which is devoted to the issue of standards, namely, the instruments of their implementation. Together with the general questions (how knowledge of standards can help companies to compete at international markets; whether standards' competencies are required by the labour market; how education on standardization issues is organized in national educational institutions) our authors highlight the questions of promotion of the performance standards and training of standards.

The Customs administrations of the European region, in spite of the difference in the level of development, nature of the procedures applied, level of the technologies used and the relations with business, are united by the common commitment to reform their activities on the ground of the best international standards, to implement new Customs technologies promoting facilitation of Customs procedures and decreasing the time required for the clearance of goods. The materials concerning the experience of the capacity building strategy implementation of the WCO European region member-states' Customs administrations deserve special attention.

Using our journal as one of the platforms capable to provide the studying and distribution of the modern Customs technologies and standards for further usage in the European region, we attract your attention to the interesting experience and viewpoint of the colleagues from the countries of the other WCO regions: Brazil, Zimbabwe, and Costa Rica.

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