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## "PCS systems in the context of custom process and MSW"

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# Importance of Single Window

- Requirement of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, which comes into force when two thirds of WTO members ratify it.  Currently 89 members (as at 28th July) have approved, 109 needed.

- UNECE recommendations developing Rec 33-35 further including:

  - Proposal for Rec 36 on SW Interoperability

  - Project on "Core principles of Single Window Operations"

  - Project on annex for Rec 33 "Terminology"

- EU moving forward with projects:

  - DG TAXUD Project Group on EU SW for Customs

  - DG MOVE amendments / update to 2010/65

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# The rise of Community Systems

- Neutral Electronic Exchange platform

- Community led trade facilitation tool

- Trusted Third party (stakeholders from the community)

- Relatively low development cost and operating costs

- Low cost solution for users

- Users can be at all levels (Micro to multi-nationals)

- Provide an interface between trade and administrative procedures

- A community solution created by Information technology

- Not a Software solution…….

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# What is a Port Community System ?

"A Port Community System is not an IT project, but a change management project."

**Javier Gallardo, Portic  (IPCSA), Red VUCE meeting,**
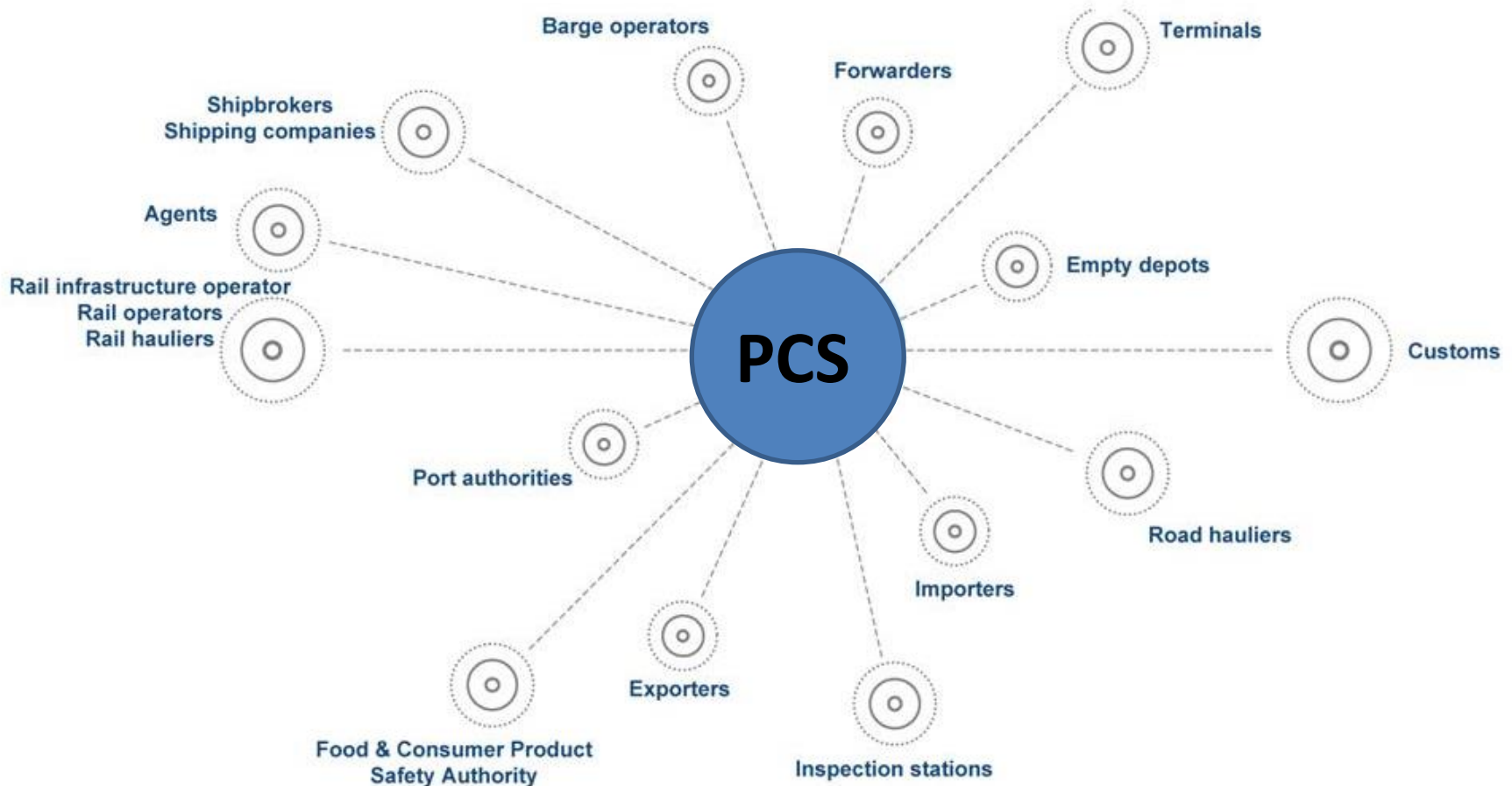
**4th December, Cusco, Peru**

**A Port Community System is:**

- a neutral and open electronic platform enabling intelligent and secure exchange of information between public and private stakeholders in order to improve the competitive position of the sea and air ports' communities.
- optimises, manages and automates port and logistics efficient processes through a  single submission of data and connecting transport and logistics chains.

**<u>A TRUSTED THIRD PARTY</u>**

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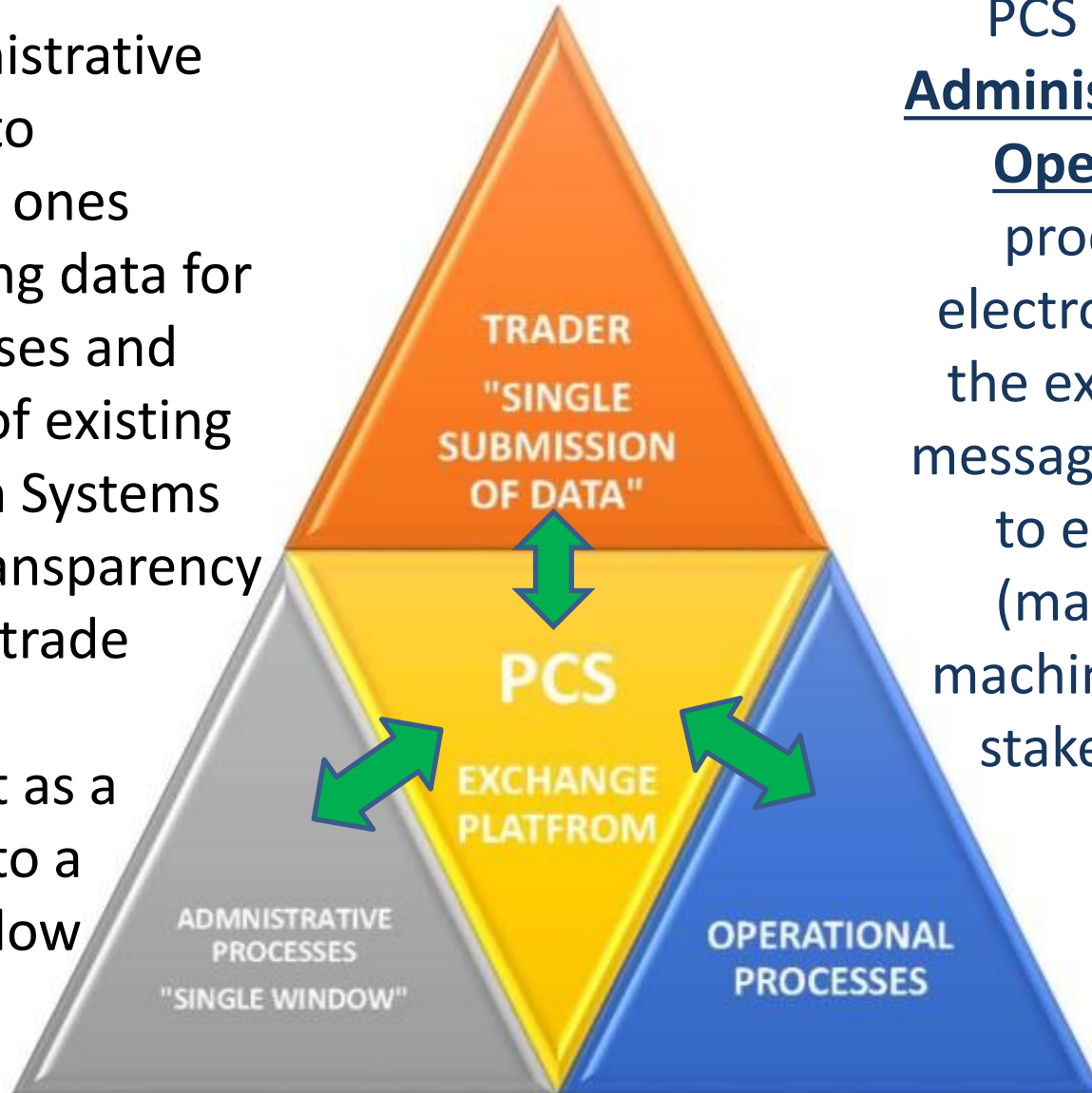# The Port Community System –
# a typical example



PCS link **Administrative** and **Operational** procedures electronically via the exchange of messages on a end to end basis (machine to machine) with all stakeholders.

# PCS – A Trade Facilitation Tool

**A PCS:**

- Links administrative processes to operational ones
- Thus re-using data for both purposes and the re-use of existing Information Systems
- Creating Transparency & reducing trade burdens
- Can also act as a Gateway into a Single Window

PCS thus link **Administrative** and **Operational** procedures electronically via the exchange of messages on a end to end basis (machine to machine) with all stakeholders.



TRADER
"SINGLE SUBMISSION OF DATA"

PCS
EXCHANGE PLATFROM

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES
"SINGLE WINDOW"

OPERATIONAL PROCESSES

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# Role of Port Community Systems

- Gateways into Maritime Single Windows ( EU Directive 201/65 Ships Reporting Formalities)
  - PCS provide limited changes for operators
  - Reduce number of interfaces into government MSW or other agencies
  - Combines operations and administrative procedures
  - Trusted Third Party
- Globalisation
  - Ports are global players
  - PCS are linking (through the IPCSA Track and Trace Initiative) ports across the world
  - Sharing data on vessels and consignments/containers
- Multimodal Logistics Chains
  - PCS provide for seamless transmission of information between different parties in multimodal transport chain

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# Emerging Trends

- Confused Trade Facilitation measures in different countries

- Multiple Single Windows
  - Customs Single Window
  - Maritime Single Window
  - Veterinary Single Window

- Trade Single Window with Port Community System
  - Single Invoice e.g vessel birthing fees, handling fees, duties, taxes etc. in one invoice
  - Benin, Togo

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*"Port Community Systems and other private / public collaborative systems are the way forward and need to be incorporated into future methods of border management."*

*Dr Alan Bersins, Assistant Secretary, US Department for Homeland Security – INCU Inaugural Conference, Baku, Azerbaijan, May 2014.*

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