

PAPER-FREE TRANSPORT INITIATIVE



1. WHAT IS THE IDEA BEHIND PAPER-FREE TRANSPORT?

Paper-free transport is about replacing the commonly used CN 38, CN 41, and CN47 postal forms with electronic CARDIT and RESDIT messages.

2. WHY SHOULD I START PAPER-FREE TRANSPORT?

In short, for reasons of time, money, control and compliance.

- Optimize processes by digitalizing postal streams, allowing real-time communication, leading to shorter re-sponse times, faster decision-making and facilitated coordination between various parties involved in transportation.
- Saving time and money is very easy in the sense that you simply stop all work associated with paper documents and printed materials: paper, printers, preparing envelopes with paper documents, transferring envelopes to the parties concerned, etc.
- Save more time and money by using EDI data to control invoices rather than comparing lists of receptacles with CN documents.
- Easily control the whereabouts of a given receptacle or the quality of the performance of your airline partner.

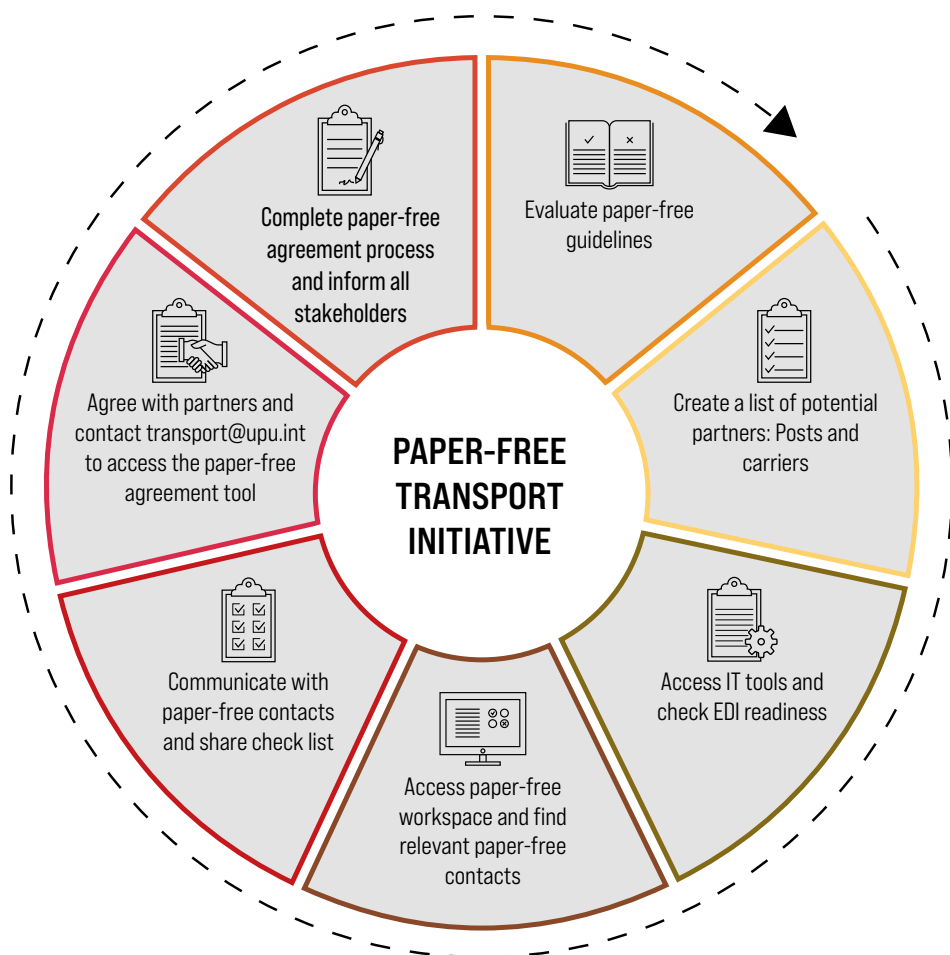
3. WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED?

1. IT-wise, it is as easy as activating CARDIT and RESDIT exchanges if you are an IPS user.
2. Operationally, a so-called tri-partite agreement is required. The parties involved are (i) the sending Post; (ii) the receiving Post; and (iii) the airline. An easy-to-use web application is available free of charge.
3. And of course, someone needs to be in charge of maintaining the paper-free routes in the web application at least twice a year to keep track of any changes resulting from timetable changes associated with regular seasonal routing updates.

4. ARE THERE ANY KNOWN HURDLES?

Most postal operators and carriers are usually both able and willing to provide paper-free transport, but local authorities might still require CN documentation for their processes. If you are facing such a situation, please reach out to transport@upu.int. We will be happy to assist you with potential solutions.

5. WHAT DOES THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE?





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