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UNECE-UNESCAP Project on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Links

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Background

- **Part of a UN global interregional transport linkages project**
- **EATL implemented by ECE and ESCAP over 2003-2007**
- **Objectives:**
 - To identify Euro-Asian inland transport links
 - To strengthen the capacities of national officials
 - Put in operation Euro-Asian transport links
- **St. Petersburg, common ECE-ESCAP Strategic vision, AGR, AGC, AH, TAR, other networks**
- **Participants: 18 countries on the Euro-Asian land bridge**

UNECE-ESCAP Capacity Building Project Euro-Asian Transport Links: Countries Involved



Afganistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan



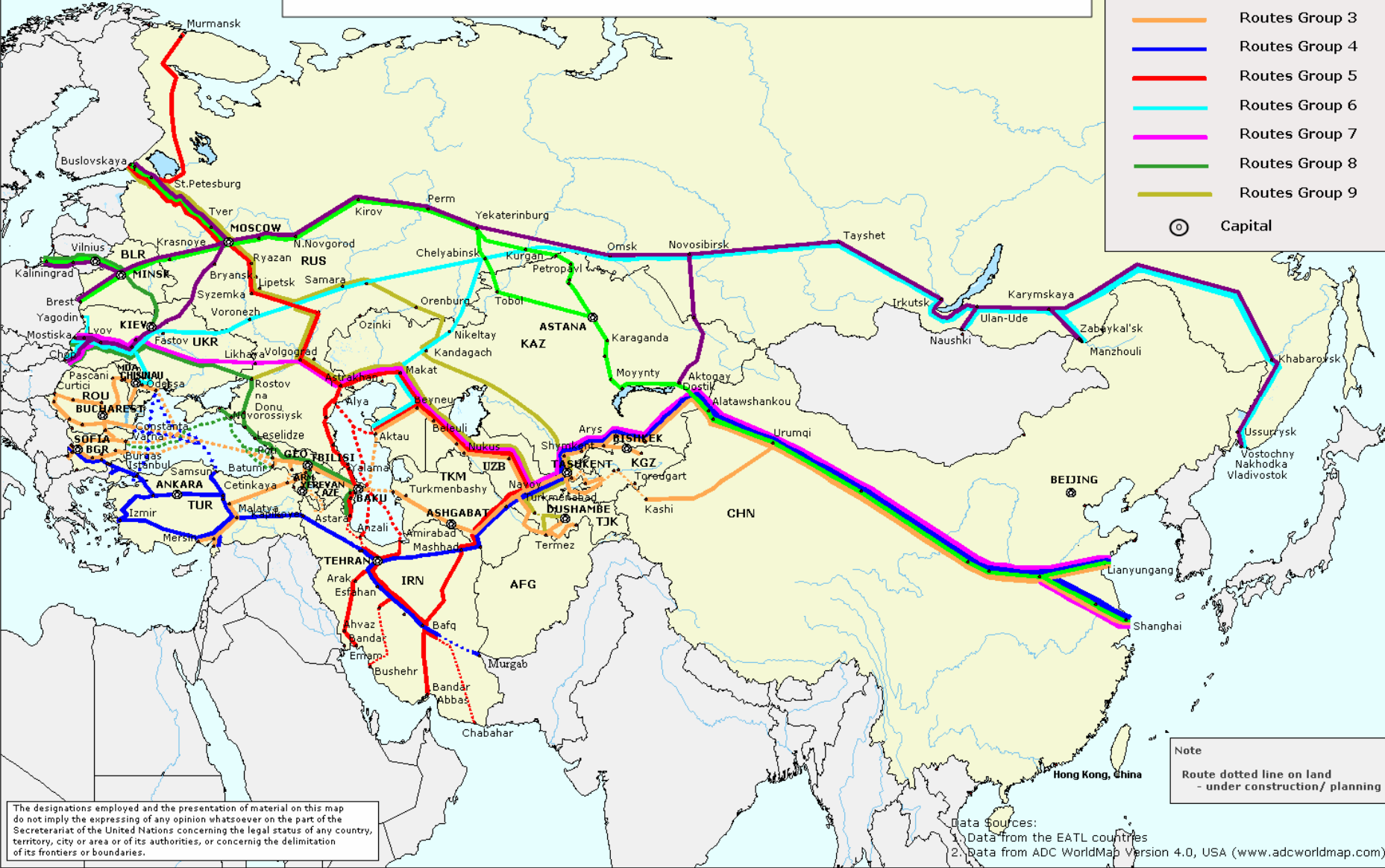
EATL- Main Achievements

- Selection of main Euro-Asian road, rail and inland water transport routes, transshipment points & ports
- Establishment of database and GIS maps
- Technical assessment of routes and their performance
- Prioritization of projects on agreed methodology
- First analysis of physical and non-physical obstacles
- Organization of 4 interregional EGM and 6 capacity building national workshops
- Joint ECE-ESCAP study with results, conclusions and recommendations on the ways to proceed

UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian Links Project RAIL ROUTES

Euro-Asian Rail Routes Legend

- Routes Group 1
- Routes Group 2
- Routes Group 3
- Routes Group 4
- Routes Group 5
- Routes Group 6
- Routes Group 7
- Routes Group 8
- Routes Group 9
- Capital



Note
Route dotted line on land
- under construction/ planning

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Data sources:
1. Data from the EATL countries
2. Data from ADC WorldMap Version 4.0, USA (www.adcworldmap.com)



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Road routes



UNDA Project GIS Road Routes





EATL- Prioritization of projects

- **In total 230 projects were included in this phase for a total value of \$ 43 bill. of which:**
 - 230 projects – Total value 43 bill. \$
 - 112 **road** projects / about 13 billion \$
 - 68 **rail** projects / about 23 billion \$
 - 37 **maritime** projects / about 7 billion \$
- **50% projects have secured funding (Priority I-implementation by 2010) representing almost 50% of total cost**

15 countries involved



Analysis of non-physical obstacles

- Identification and analysis of obstacles
- Application of ESCAP time/cost-distance methodology, based on:
 - country inputs
 - uniform questionnaires
- Focused on selected EATL routes



Recommended follow up actions

- Implementation of priority projects
- Improve border crossings (harmonization of legislation and procedures)
- Technical assistance to countries
- Strengthen cooperation with private sector
- Ensure coordination and monitoring
- Wider geographical coverage
- Wider dissemination of project results
- Ensure funding for a new project Phase II (2008-2011)



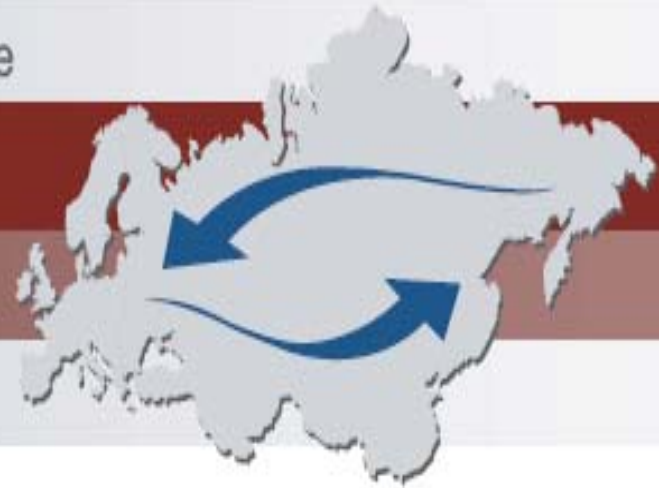
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Transport Ministers and high-Level officials
from countries across the Euro-Asian
region
Western European high-Level officials
Representatives from international
institutions
Met in Geneva, 19 February 2008 to
discuss the development of Euro-Asian
Transport Links





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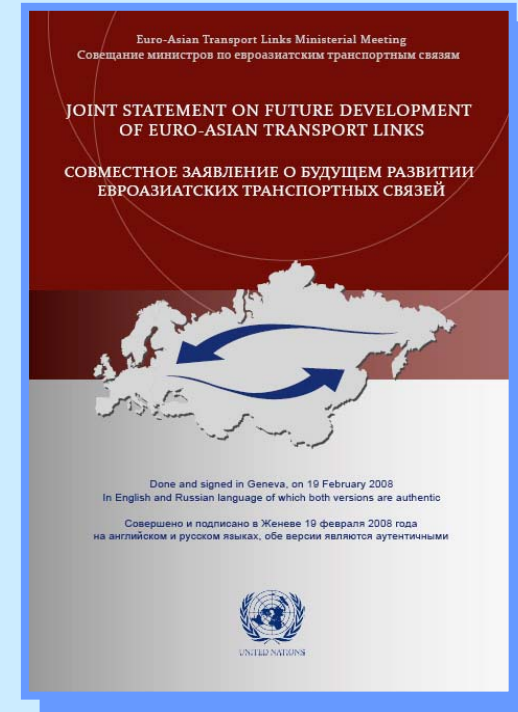


Joint Statement on Future Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links

Ministers confirmed their support to UNECE-UNESCAP EATL project and its continuation by endorsing the identified Euro-Asian routes and their priority development and the creation of a mechanism ensuring efficient coordination and monitoring of project activities;

Also invited Governments, international organizations and potential donors to consider providing the needed financial assistance to ensure implementation and development of the Phase II of the EATL;

ITC noting that the development of EATL is in the interest of all UNECE member States, supported this Joint Statement, welcomed Mongolia's interest to be associated with the project and invited concerned countries, international organizations, IFIs and stakeholders to foster cooperation under ECE-ESCAP auspices





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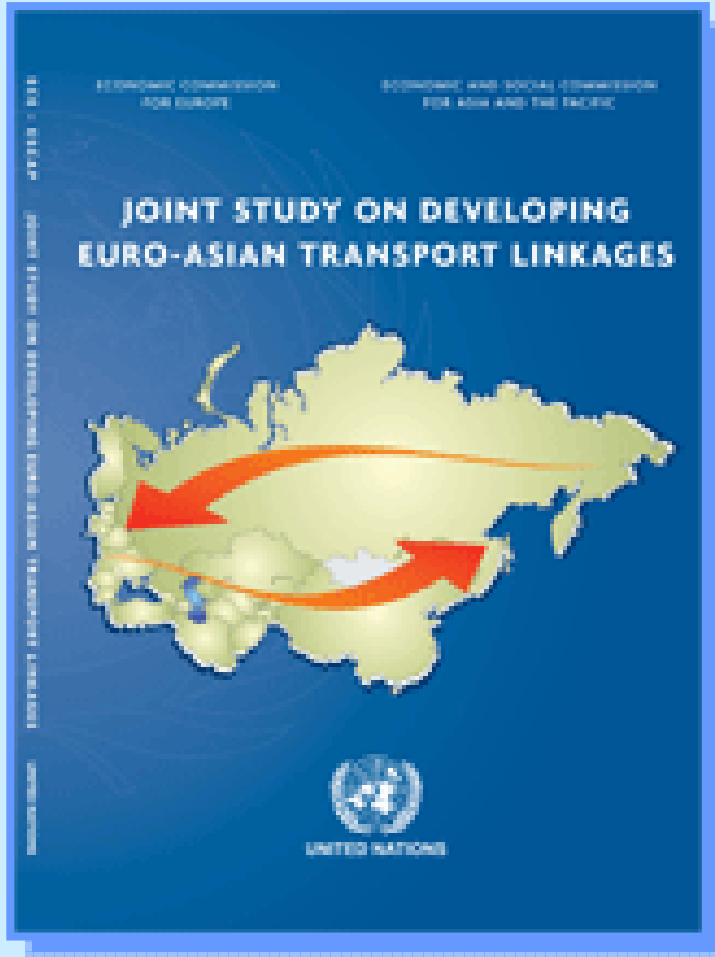


Joint Statement on Future Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links

Country	Representative	Title/Position
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	Mr. Niamatullah Ehsan JAWID	Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
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Joint Study on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Linkages



Presents in-depth evaluation of major land and land-cum-sea transport corridors between Asia and Europe and attempts to determine their potential viability;

Country reports on highway, railway, and inland water transport networks, with relevant details on seaport connections for multimodal transport operations;

Conclusions and recommendations on Infrastructure, Facilitation and Policy issues, which were taken into account in preparing the main objectives and tasks of EATL Phase II;

Prepared by ECE-ESCAP based on inputs from National Focal Points and support from external consultants;

Russian version will be made available soon



Follow up actions

- **ECE Group of Experts to monitor and coordinate EATL developments**
- **Work based on ECE-ESCAP joint proposal for EATL Phase II (2008-2011)**
 - Wider geographical coverage;
 - Continue projects' prioritization and implementation and put emphasis on facilitation aspects;
 - Further develop and update GIS database;
 - Promote harmonized legislation and procedures
 - Strengthen capacities of national officials
 - Improve operational performance, including border crossing, compare inland transport options with maritime
- **Partial funding of Phase II ensured thanks to Russian Government's contribution**



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Thank you!

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