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Tashkent, 1-2 November 2010



**Euro-Asian
Transport Links**



Background

- **Part of 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
 - To 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



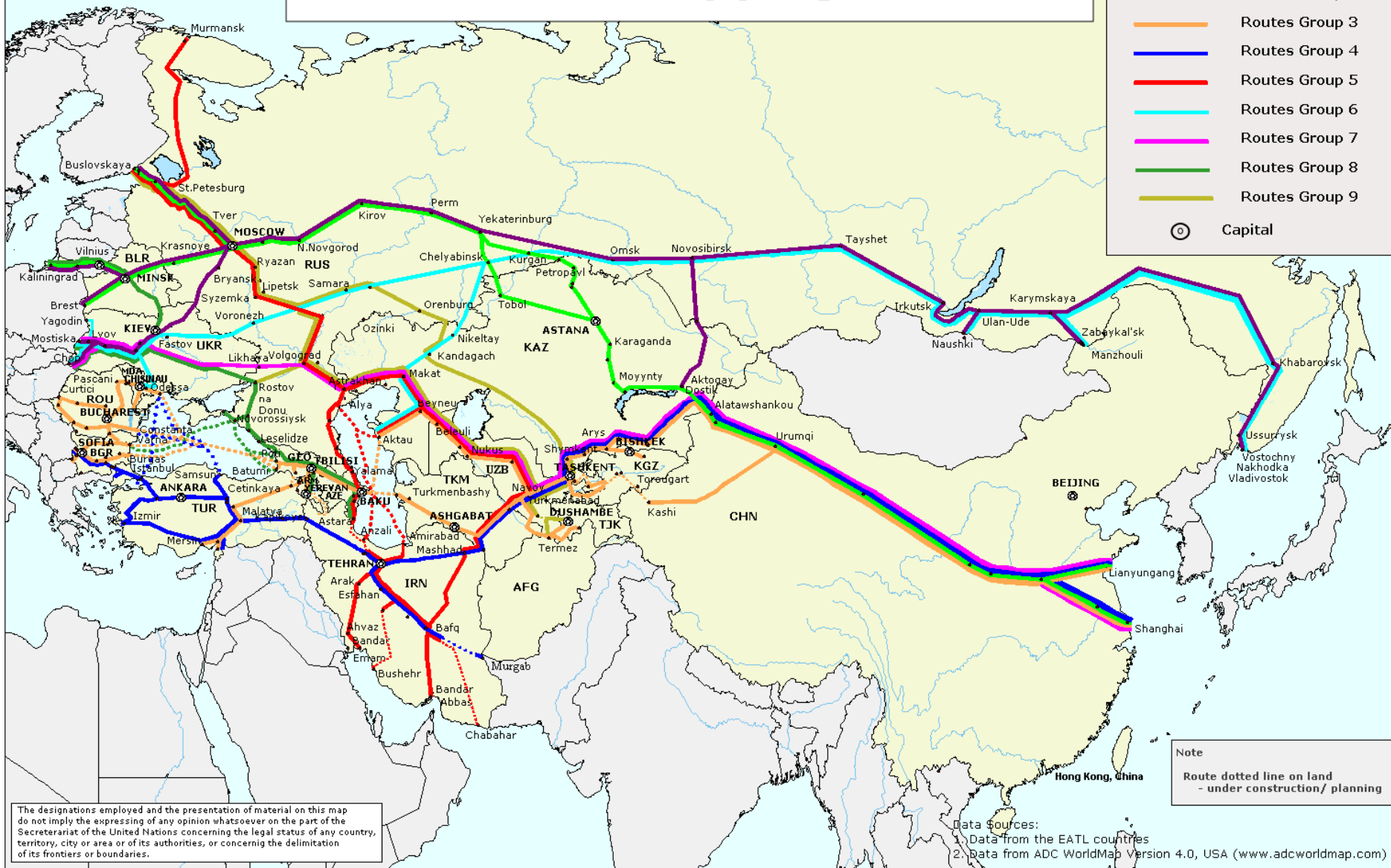
EATL- Main Achievements

- 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 using common methodology
- Preliminary 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 how 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



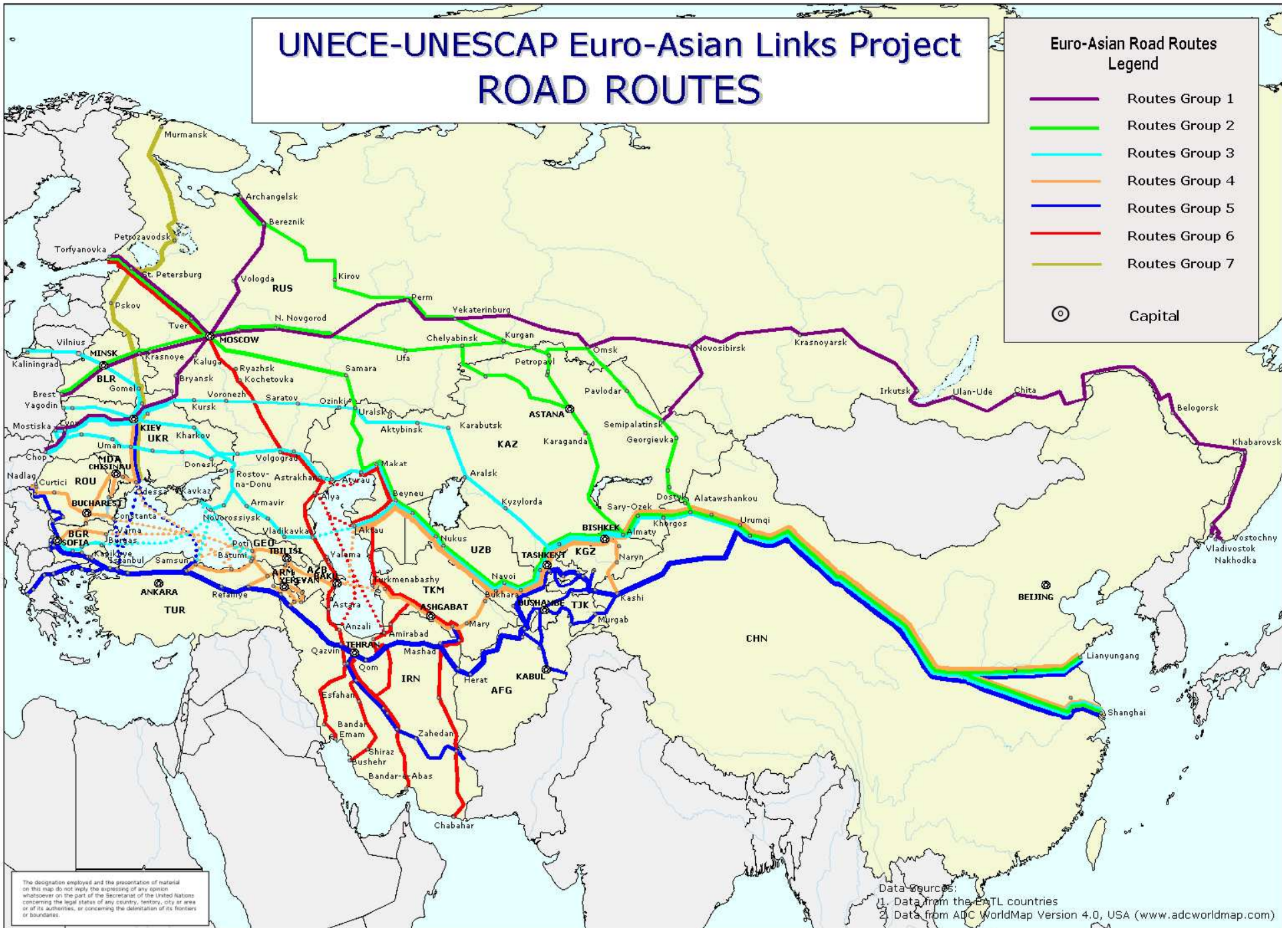
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 1. Data from the EATL countries
 2. Data from ADC WorldMap Version 4.0, USA (www.adcworldmap.com)

UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian Links Project ROAD ROUTES

Euro-Asian Road Routes Legend

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



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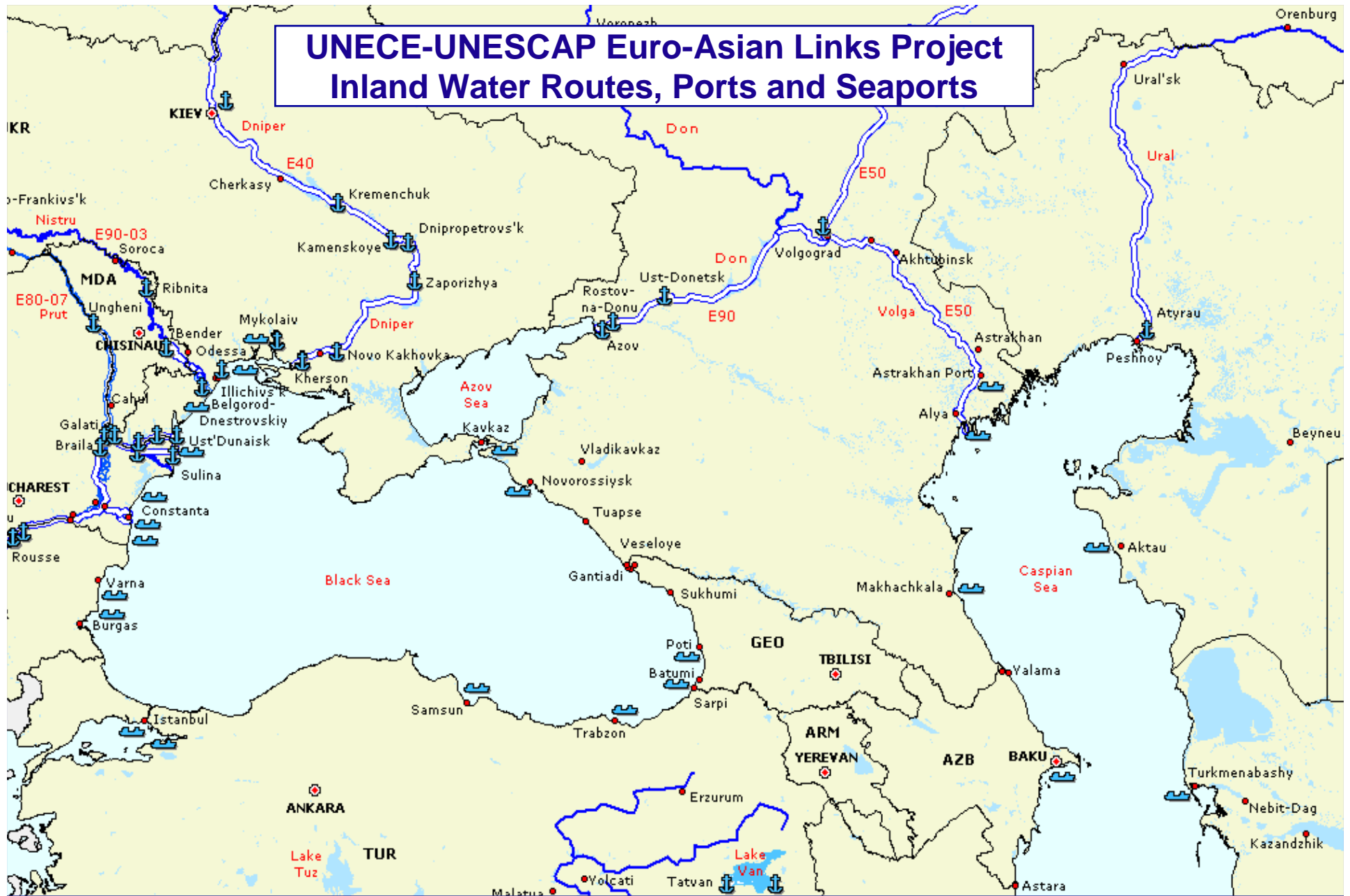
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UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian Links Project Inland Water Transport



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UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian Links Project Inland Water Routes, Ports and Seaports



UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian Links Project RAIL ROUTES



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UNDA Project GIS Road Routes





EATL- Prioritization of projects

- **In total, 230 projects included (total value of \$43 billion):**
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 - 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



EATL- Priority Projects

	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Costs (\$ millions)</u>
Azerbaijan	10	1,681
Iran	44	8,428
Kazakhstan	14	1,902
Kyrgyzstan	8	1,555
Tajikistan	7	240
Turkey	19	11,450
Uzbekistan	12	1,774

Total 114 projects - value > \$27 billion



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 controls/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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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe - Transport Division



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;

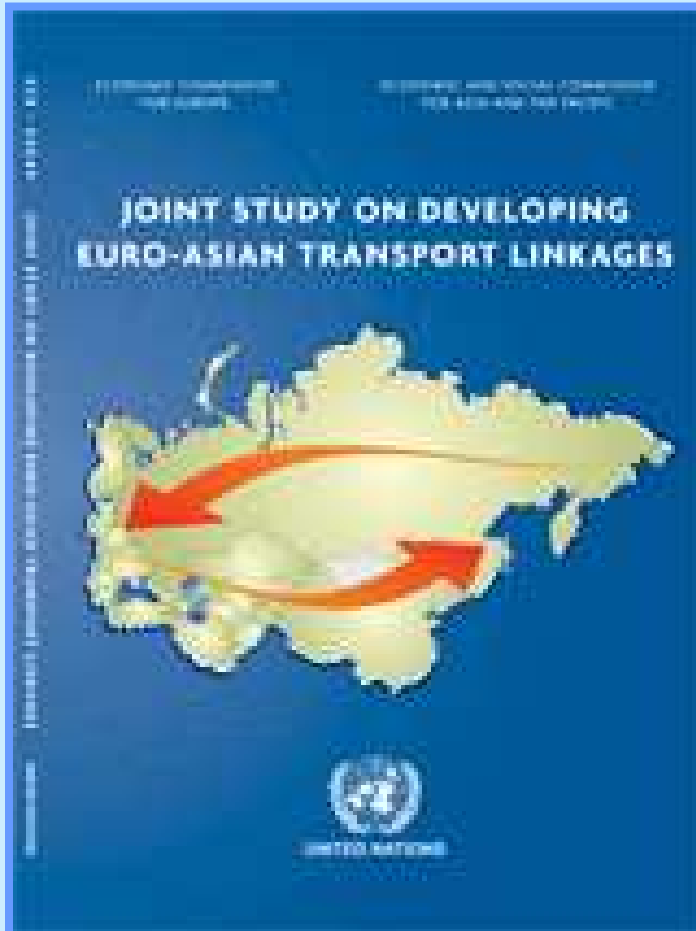
Also invited Governments, international organizations and potential donors to consider **providing the needed financial assistance** to ensure implementation and development of the Phase II of the EATL;

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**





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;

English and Russian versions



Follow up actions - Phase II

- **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**



Follow up actions - Phase II

- 1st EGM met in Geneva on 8 Sept 2008
- EATL Detailed Workplan (2008-2011)
- So far over 20 countries are involved

