

Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (PWG-TBC)

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Review of transport projects, activities and initiatives of common interest to SPECA countries

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TRANSPORT			
Name of Project/Activity	Timeframe	Budget	Status
Ongoing and planned projects/activities with funding secured or expected. These activities would be implemented in mutually reinforcing way. Additional support from interested partners would expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities.			
Technical assistance to development of the intergovernmental Agreement of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation member States on facilitation of international road transport	2005-2009	US\$ 630,000 (US\$ 500,000 from ADB and US\$ 130,000 from UNESCAP)	The main Agreement has been finalized this year. The countries plan to negotiate the annexes once the Agreement is formally signed by the Ministers of Transport of SCO countries, which is will take place shortly.
Promotion of demonstration runs of container block trains and international train services operating in the SPECA region (in collaboration with OSJD and UIC)	2001-2009	US\$ 100,000	No budget is currently available; the activity is being implemented by ESCAP without funding.
Assistance to SPECA member countries in acceding to multilateral agreements on infrastructure including AGR, AGC, AGTC, IGA on AH and IGA on TAR to prioritize infrastructure development of international importance	2008-2009	US\$ 100,000	The activity is being implemented within the framework of the project on Identifying investment needs and development priorities for the Trans-Asian Railway network (approved budget USD 130,000)
Operationalization of international intermodal transport corridors to and from SPECA countries	2008-2009	US\$ 200,000	Approved budget is USD 187,600

Promotion of investment and strengthening of PPP for the development and upgrading the AH and TAR networks, including those networks within the SPECA region and those linking to neighbouring countries.	2008-2009	US\$ 100,000	The activity is being implemented within the framework of the DA project (5 th tranche) on Public-Private Partnership Alliance programme for capacity-building in infrastructure development and provision of basic services (Total budget: USD 615,000, UNESCAP portion: USD 313,000, UNECE portion: USD 158,000)
Policy advisory services to the interested SPECA member countries to implement UNECE transport-related conventions, standards and regulations	Upon request	UN Regular Budget (RPTC)	
Joint project on developing Euro-Asian transport links (phase II)	2008-2011	US\$ 610,000 Funding is being raised	The Russian Federation is contributing on an indicative annual funding of US dollars 60,000, for three years
Possible projects/activities in areas where UNECE/UNESCAP have considerable experience and in-house expertise and which could be implemented or supported by interested donors/partners. These projects could be implemented in addition to and in coordination with projects/activities listed above.			
Assistance to the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border-Crossing (PWG on Transport)	2008-2009	Estimated budget US\$ 60,000	No funding has been secured
Capacity-building in developing transit transport cooperation of landlocked and transit developing countries in Central Asia	2006-2009	Estimated budget US\$ 750,000	Feasibility study and Development of a pilot project for electronic pre-arrival notification for TIR transports arriving in the Russian Federation, where the Russian Federation is also contributing on an indicative annual funding of US dollars 60,000, for three years.