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National Experience with Euro-Asian Transport Facilitation in the ECO Region

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4 main corridors for EuroAsian transport linkages

Turkey on two main corridors: Southern corridor and TRACECA

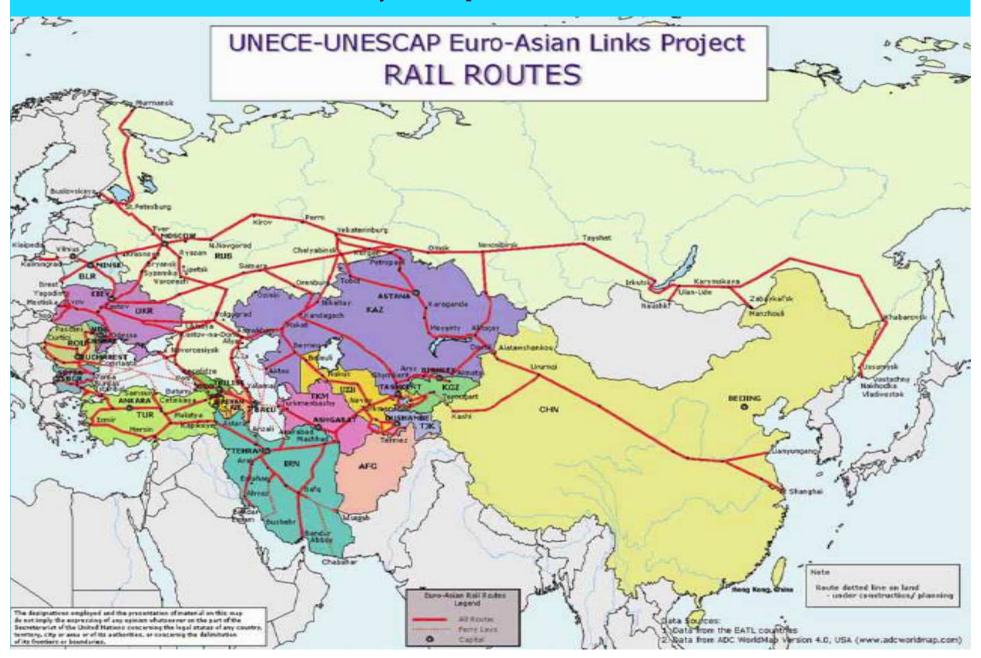
Accession process into the North-South corridor going on

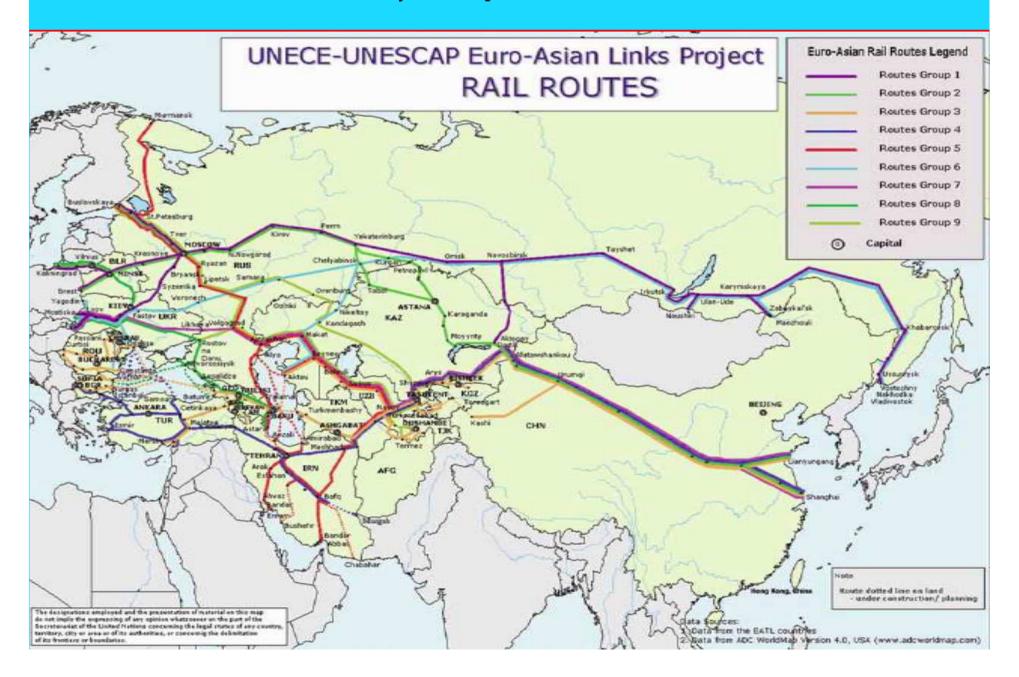
16 total routes on 4 corridors

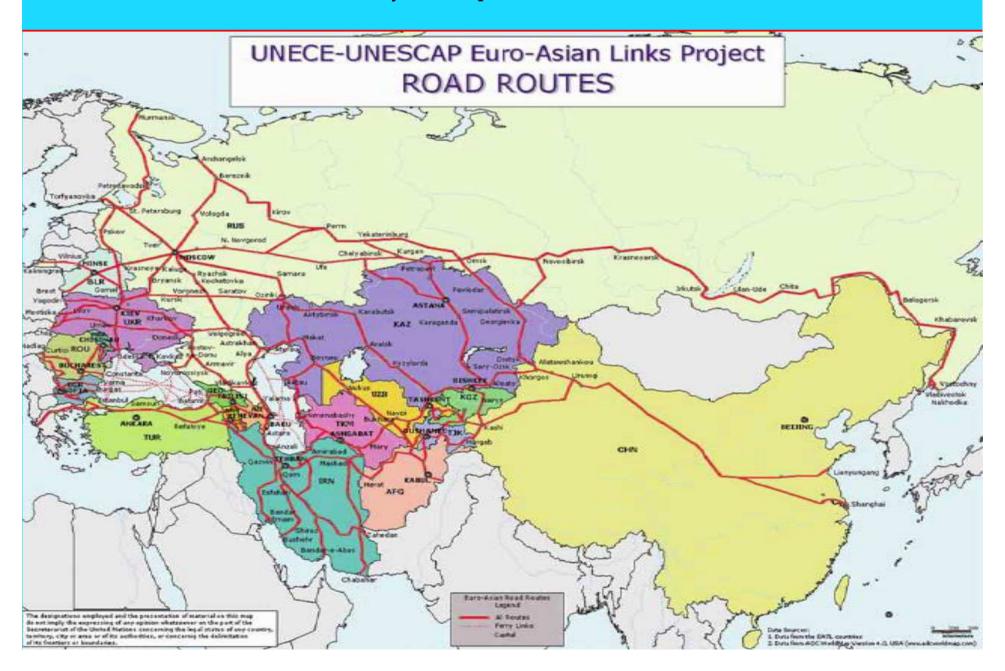
5 routes through Turkey

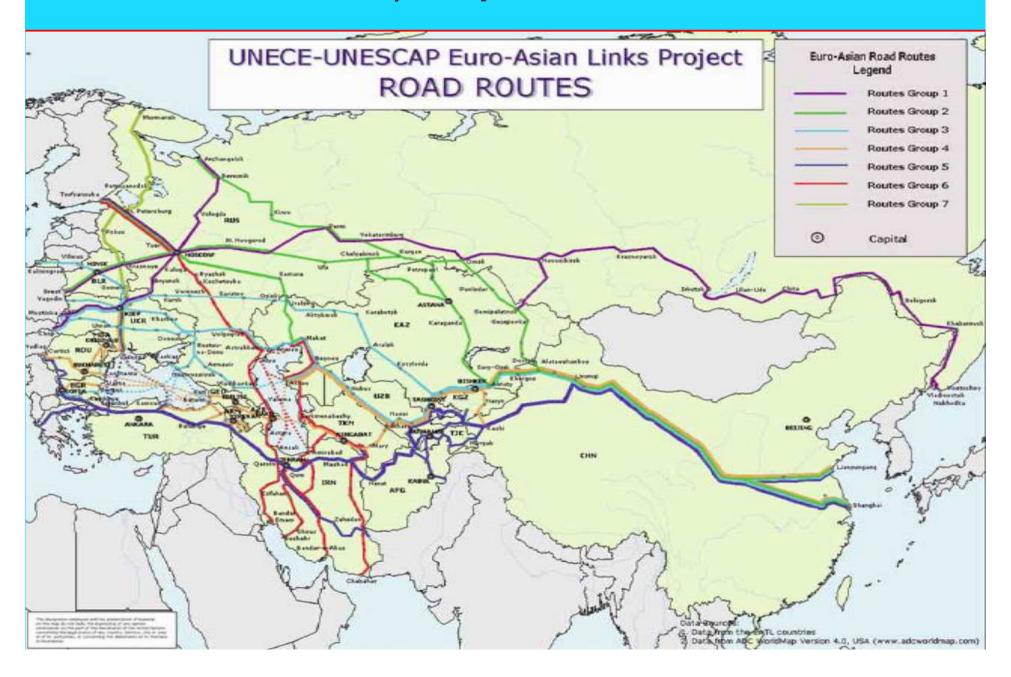
19 priority projects from Turkey

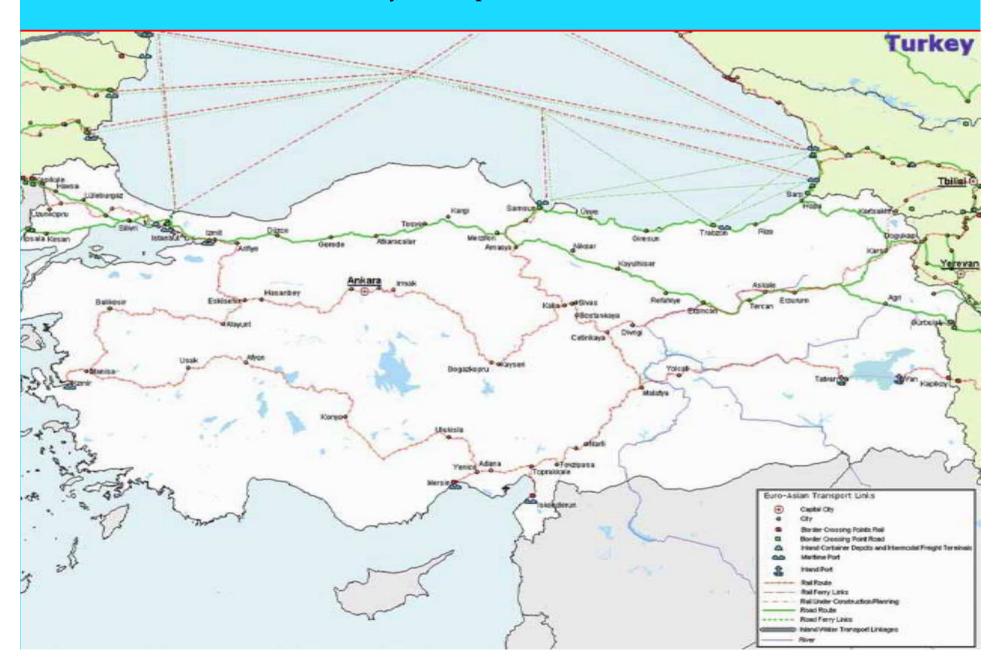
With an estimated cost of 11.450 billion \$











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Road Infrastructure

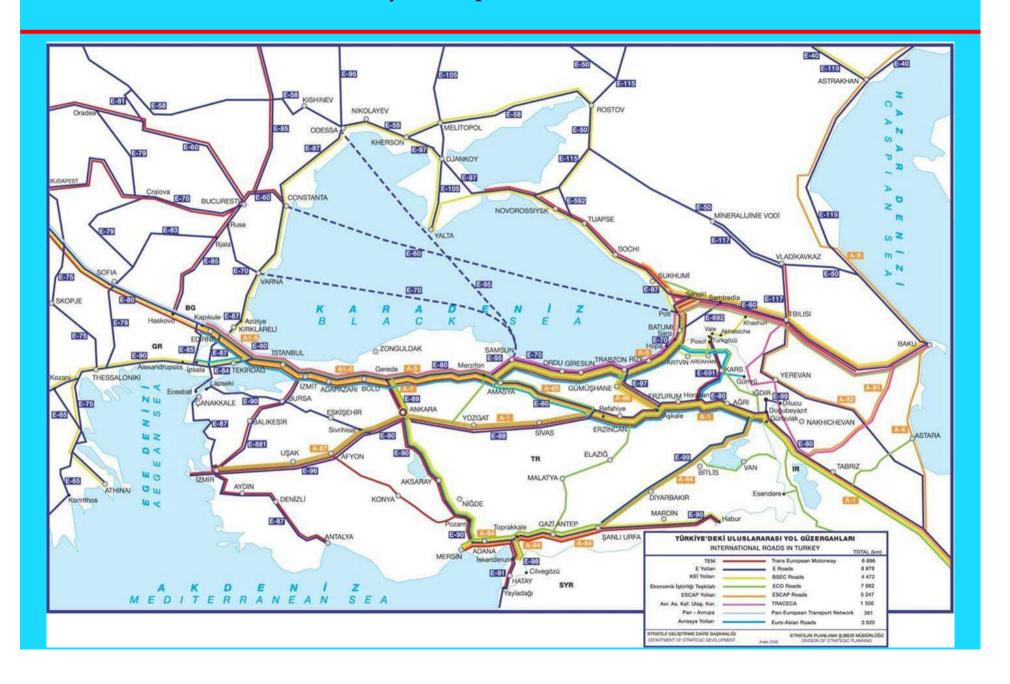
64,033 km. road network

2,010 km. motorways

15,000 km. dual carriageway

(22,500 km. expected by 2011)





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Rail Infrastructure

TCDD operates on a network of 10,991 km.

2,274 km. electrified

3,098 km. signalled



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A comprehensive railway investment program

Significant projects at worldwide scale

A financial package of about 15 billion \$

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MARMARAY Project

Ankara-İstanbul HSR

Ankara-Sivas HSR

Ankara-İzmir HSR

Ankara-Konya HSR

İstanbul-Bulgarian Border HSR

Kars-Tbilisi-Baku Railway Project

Bypassing Lake Van

12 freight villages

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A port system providing efficient access to the ECO Region as well as Central Asia and Middle East



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Modernisation of border gate facilities

Launching computer-based automation at border gates

Export and import formalities only at inland custom offices

Restricted disinfection procedures

Fuel exemption for the vehicles in transit

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TRANSPORT FACILITATION

Block train operations (170 domestic and international trains)

Facilitation studies within the TRACECA program

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Ratification and implementation of major agreements and conventions aiming at facilitating international transport

Ratification process is in progress for:

Convention on road traffic 1968

Convention on road signs and signals 1968

ADR

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TRANSPORT FACILITATION

Close cooperation with the I.R. of Iran

Road transport agreement concluded in 1980 and various amendment protocols and MoUs

Maritime trade navigation agreement concluded in 1997

Air transport agreement concluded in 1982 and various MoUs