



## **Selected UNECE and TER project activities: Opportunities for cooperation**



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# Hinterland connections of seaports

- Expert Group draft report to be circulated soon
- Author of the report (Dr Allan Woodburn) interested in co-operation with the TER project and could provide consulting services
- Border-crossing issues have a major impact on the performance of port-hinterland flows
- Railhead access appears to be problematic in many ports and should be addressed in the TER review of border-crossing issues and obstacles
- TER inputs to the UNECE/OSCE performance measurement initiative welcome

# Task force on rail security

- 1st meeting on May 14th in Geneva
- TER coordinators encouraged to participate in activities of the task force
  - Share good practices
  - Propose issues to be addressed
  - Contribute actively to the development of evidence-based recommendations

# Accessibility of rail transport

- Demographic trends imply that accessibility will become increasingly important
- Revenue-earning potential for operators
- Important implications for infrastructure planning & rolling stock
- EU passenger rights - Dec. 2009
- Workshop: 18-20 November 2009 session of the Working Party on Rail Transport
- TER inputs welcome

# PPP financing models

- Assessed in 2003-04 by the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics
- This work could be resumed by the same Working Party or Working Party on Rail Transport (together with railway reforms)
- Could become important for investment in the post-crisis period

# Euro-Asian transport links

- Focus on facilitation, rail links and combined transport
- ECO to host EATL regional workshop in Tehran, 27-29 April 2009)
- 2nd Expert Group meeting in China (Beijing, 10-12 June 2009)
- TER invited to participate in EATL workshops and EG meetings
- A joint seminar with DG TREN in Brussels (3 July 2009)

# Identification of bottlenecks

- ITC approved Prof. Pearman's report on the methodology for the identification of bottlenecks
- Available at <http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/itc/ECE-TRANS-205e.pdf>
- Discussion of the report on bottlenecks by eminent experts in February/March 2009
- Parallels between rail, road and other networks (e.g. electricity) emphasized
- Economic evaluation and ranking of rail bottlenecks important
- UNECE 2003 guidelines for cost-benefit analysis of transport infrastructure projects still relevant



# Conclusion

- Plenty of opportunities for cooperation
- Coordination possible at sessions of UNECE Working Parties
- <http://unece.org/trans/main/sc2/sc2.html>
- <http://unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html>