Euro-Asian Transport Linkages
Growth in ECA has been rapid in recent years after initial collapse, especially in Central Asia and the Baltics.
Varying development paths
Traditional Ship Route

- Shanghai
- Mediterranean Sea
- Atlantic Ocean
- Hamburg

Route EATL 2

- China
- Kazakhstan
- Russia
- Belarus
- Poland
- Germany

Results

- ≈ 32 days transit time
- ≈ 15 days transit time
EATL Project Results

- Identification of the main Euro-Asian rail, road, and inland waterway routes
- G.I.S. Database
- 230 transport investment projects of an estimated total cost of over USD 43 million have been evaluated and prioritized
- Non-physical obstacles have been addressed
- Publication of the in-house study!
EATL Project and the Future

- Develop efficient, safe and secure EATL
- Foster cooperation to facilitate interregional trade and tourism
- Remove physical and non-physical barriers along the routes
- Ensure development of identified priority routes and project
- Follow up other concrete results achieved so far
- Maintain/further develop climate and momentum established
- Continue capacity building activities and experiences sharing
EATL Project and the Future

- Set monitoring and coordination mechanism
- Continue projects’ prioritization and implementation
- Further develop and update GIS database
- Promote harmonized legislation and procedures
- Strengthen capacities of national officials
- Improve performance of border crossing operations
It is a big market, indeed!
Thank you!