

Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL) Project Implementation Plan 2012-15

EATL Phase III

Project title: Continued coordination and monitoring the development of Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) in a new EATL Phase III

| Expected Accomplishment | Main Activity | Detailed description of actions | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 (tentative) | 2015 (tentative) |
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| <p>1. Continued support of an appropriate mechanism for coordination and monitoring of the development of the Euro- Asian transport links among countries, transport related international governmental and non governmental organizations (continuous task from EATL Phase II)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Armenia, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Finland, FYROM, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Russian Federation, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>UNESCAP, EC, OSCE, BSEC, ECO, IsDB, ITF, BSEC, IRF, TRACECA,</p> | <p>1.1 Organize meetings of the Expert Group (EGM) and other interregional meetings and workshops with the participation of NFPs and other parties concerned.</p> | <p>Co-organize meetings of experts and workshops with other parties as UNESCAP, OSCE, ECO, BSEC, TEM-TER, , IsDB (one or two per year)</p> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | <p>1.2 Explore synergies and coordinate concerted actions with other initiatives and projects that are implemented by international regional and subregional organizations and bodies concerned. Promote and share best practices of national governments .and international organizations in the area of international transport and border crossing facilitation.</p> | <p>Identify areas and promote concerted actions with other parties concerned, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TEM and TER Projects practical interactions and joint activities - Transport industry and specialized fora and magazines active in EATL routes UNESCAP, OSCE, BSEC, ECO, IsDB, EurAsec, CAREC, TRACECA, SCO, with regard to regional integration transport activities - EU TEN-T with regard to transport corridor and networks - Subject to available funding study the feasibility for revised road, rail and intermodal transport network agreements (AGR, AGC, AGTC, AH, TAR) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| CAREC, EurAsec, OASEA, OHRLL, WB, EBRD, EIB, ADB, UIC, IRU, ICC, FIATA, UIRR, IRF, Europlatforms, OSZhD, SCO, WCO, WTO | | | | | | |
| 2. Continue coordinated planning and development of efficient, safe and secure land and land-cum-sea Euro-Asian transport links; constantly updating prioritized infrastructure projects along main Euro-Asian transport routes (continuous task from EATL Phase II) | 2.1 Review and update priority routes and investment plans | (i) Subject to country inputs review, update and extend as appropriate the EATL priority routes and projects (ii) Subject to availability of funding and country inputs visualize the shape of the routes in different time intervals in future (iii) Based on the report of prioritized infrastructure projects and the pre-feasibility studies made for these projects by the countries, organize a two days workshop with the countries and the respective International Financial Institutions (IFIs) as 1. present these projects, 2. analyse their importance for the EATL routes and the countries, 3. discuss and analyse with the IFIs the possibilities for funding of them | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | 2.2 Subject to available funding conduct/consolidate studies to identify and analyze economically viable inland transport options; examine non-physical obstacles and recommend ways to improve them; collect, analyse and update statistics on transport flows. | Subject to available funding study, analyze and compare existing transport needs of actual cargo flows (points of production and points of origin of specific trade companies along the EATL routes) with the possibility of using rail and combined transport solutions along these routes. | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3. Continue strengthening national capacities to facilitate international transport and transit including border crossing; share experience and best practice along the Euro-Asian transport routes. | 3.1 Continue organizing sub-regional/regional/interregional workshops to promote project's objectives, improve the capacity of stakeholders to effectively implement international conventions, and the Almaty | (i) Identify and recommend the most relevant international transport facilitation conventions to which respective countries should accede in order to facilitate interregional transport of passengers and goods, (ii) Introduce indicators of project success e.g. harmonization Convention accepted by all EATL countries by 2011 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| | Plan of Action Plan, exploring possibilities to holding them back to back with other related meetings (UNESCAP, SPECA, TEM-TER, BSEC, TRACECA, etc.) | (iii) Contribute to their implementation monitoring . | | | | |
| | 3.2 Continue providing advisory services to EATL participating countries with transition economies on border crossing facilitation.and operationalization of EATL priority routes. | Continue advisory missions to EATL countries with transition economies combined with other events and activities when possible for follow-up of national actions in promoting project’s objective, including - assistance in formulation of national transport facilitation action plans – when possible as part of transport and trade plans, - support of establishment of national transport and trade facilitation committees, - promote the implementation of the OSCE-UNECE Handbook on border crossing performance measurement methodology and support pilote applications, - capacity building on investment planning, investment project appraisal methodologies (see UNECE methodologies). - Facilitation and simplification of customs procedures through the promotion of joint border posts and best practices, including automated customs systems, implementation of TIR Agreement and the Harmonization Convention; | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | 3.3 Subject to available funding support initiatives and develop new ones in cooperation with other partners along the identified EATL routes, including development of demonstration runs of block trains etc. | (i) Subject to available funding promote cooperation in support of ongoing or new initiatives and projects, namely: - North South rail – sea route (Russia Federation, Iran, India) - EATL Rail Route 1 (Russia Federation, Belarus) - EATL Rail Route 4 (China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Turkey) -ECO rail routes / demonstration trains (i) Istanbul - Teheran – Almaty, (ii) Almaty – Bandar Abbas, (iii) Islamabad – Tehran – Istanbul | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BSEC Ring Highway; - Analysis/corridor performance; - DB-RR rail route China-Germany; - TRACECA; Other <p>(ii) Analyze results in collaboration with respective countries and partners and disseminate/publish findings. (iii) Present and analyse inland transport case studies / best practices along the Euro Asian transport corridors</p> | | | | |
| <p>4. Further developed and updated web based Geographic Information System (GIS) database and application (continuous task)</p> | <p>4.1. Further update and improve the existing GIS database, including technical specifications of the transport infrastructure and related facilities (border crossing, priority projects and their implementation status, investment plans) based on country contributions.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subject to available funding and quality of information update and improve the web based GIS database application. - Develop a web tool for comparison (cost, time) between inland transport options and sea transport along the Euro Asian transport corridors | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <p>5. Project results are disseminated</p> | <p>5.1 Reporting and disseminating project results, recommendations and long-term strategies based on lessons learned.</p> | <p>Ensure political commitment, support, and disseminate information through the organization under UNECE auspices of Ministerial conferences to promote results, share best practices and experience, and ensure sustainability of the work.</p> | ✓ | | | ✓ |