

Euro-Asian Transport Links Project, Phase III

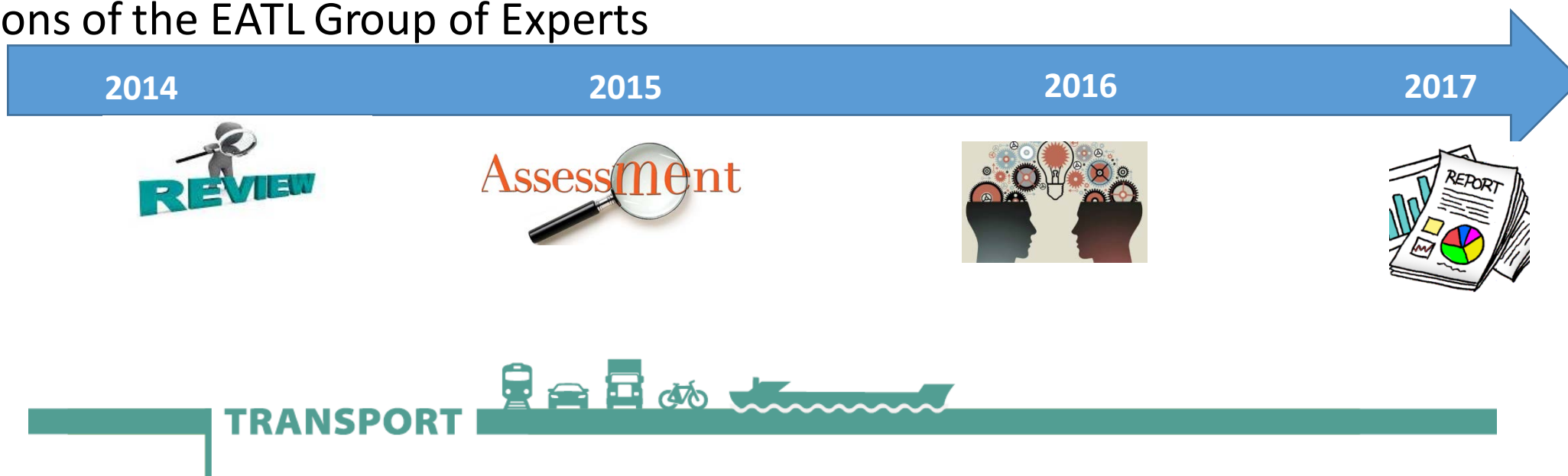
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Goal of the Phase III and activities

Goal:
Identify measures to enhance the operational capacity of the inland transport links between Europe and Asia

Activities:
16 sessions of the EATL Group of Experts



Report of the phase III

- I. Euro-Asian trade routes and freight flows;
- II. Initiatives, project and studies along EATL routes;
- III. Main obstacles hampering the development of Euro-Asian Transport Links;
- IV. Euro-Asian Transport Links; Looking into the future; and
- V. Conclusions and recommendations.

Summary with full chapters IV and V: **ECE/TRANS/2018/9**

Full report: **Informal document No. 8**



Findings

Economic growth and growth of international trade is not driving the increase in freight flows as before

There are commodity groups traded between Europe and Asia for which inland transport modes can compete with maritime and air modes; there is economic advantage if inland modes

Markets created new opportunities (e.g. e-commerce) that can drive freight flows on inland routes between Europe and Asia

Railway transport is developing on EATL routes – importance of block trains, however further improvements are needed

Road transport does not operate on long distance – what should be its role – local/regional to complement long-distance rail?

be competitive



adjust to requirements of modern supply chains

Integrated supply chain management

Intermodality

Flexible routing

Regular service



Way forward – further improvements needed

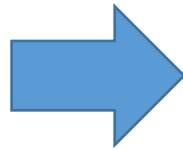


EATL have their strengths and there are opportunities for further development at the same time

EATL have their weaknesses and there are threats

What to do?

- **Build on strengths,**
- **Address weaknesses,**
- **Seize opportunities, and**
- **Minimize threats**



Cooperation along each corridor to further improve it: harmonize transport policies, facilitate procedures and standards, continue to improve infrastructure



What is left in phase III?



Feb

2018

Sep-Oct

Approval
of the report

WP.5 to organize the
International conference
for launching
the “operationalization
of EATL”



Possible decisions

The Inland Transport Committee may wish to:

- Welcome the work done in phase III
- Approve the report of phase III
- Call upon/reiterate its request to WP.5 to organize the international conference launching the “operationalization of EATL” in Sep/Oct 2018
- Encourage further work in countries towards operationalization of EATL (further corridor improvements based on the report’s recommendations)

The Inland Transport Committee may also wish to find out whether technical expert support at international level should continue to support further operationalization of EATL



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