Operationalization of Euro-Asian Transport Links

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UNECE Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project


- 38 participating countries from Europe and Asia
- 9 rail & road, 17 inland waterway transport links, 52 inland river ports and 70 maritime ports identified
- 311 project proposals/ worth USD 215 billion
- Detailed mapping of physical and non-physical obstacles/ comparative study inland versus maritime
- Creation of a web-based Geographical Information System (GIS)
Euro-Asian Routes in GIS

- Euro-Asian Transport Links
- Benchmarking of Euro-Asian Transport Infrastructure Projects
- Climate change impacts on Euro-Asian transport infrastructure
Findings and way forward

What do we know? (source EATL phase III project)

Corridors need to:
- be competitive
- meet the requirements of modern supply chains

Physical and non-physical gaps are obstacles to meeting the objectives
Findings and way forward

- Need to **harmonize operating standards**

- Address **missing infrastructure links, border crossing** and transit obstacles (i.e. implementation of relevant conventions)

- Need to **increase productivity of railway operations**

- Acknowledge impact of **intelligent transport systems**, the **digitalization** of transport documents, the full **computerization** of BCPs, satellite **track and trace** services, the introduction of **autonomous vehicles**

- Need to strengthen **administrative harmonization of transport documents and consignment notes**, i.e. unify railway regimes along EATL railway routes, use of TIR/eTIR, CMR/ eCMR etc.