

# Operationalization of Euro-Asian Transport Links

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# UNECE Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project



**EATL Phase I (2002-2007), Phase II (2008-2012) and Phase III (2013-2017)**

- **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



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- 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.

