



Workshop on Transport Infrastructure Development in the Context of Euro-Asian Transport Links –

**Examples of World Bank supported
projects**

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Background

- Europe and Central Asia Region: diverse group of countries
- Portfolio includes 26 projects, increase in multimodal and railways projects
- Road safety component in almost all road projects
- Lending and advisory services focus on:
 - enhancing logistics and trade competitiveness;
 - improving resource utilization and mobilization;
 - enhanced use of PPPs;
 - regional integration; and
 - low carbon economy (per EU directive).



Outline

- Two examples:
 - Transport corridor development in the context of Euro-Asia transport networks:
KAZAKHSTAN – South West Road Corridor
 - The non-physical side of corridor development:
CENTRAL ASIA – Trade Corridor Performance Measurements



KAZAKHSTAN – South West Corridor

- Rationale: Improve country's competitiveness and develop transit potential (local, national, regional)
- South West Corridor spans from Khorgos through Almaty, Shymkent and Aktobe to the border with Russia
- Road rehabilitation and roadside facilities
- ADB, EBRD, IsDB, JBIC and World Bank have been invited to co-finance sections of corridor
- High-level committee has been established led by Ministry of Transport



CENTRAL ASIA – Trade Corridor Performance Measures

- Identify key impediments to trade and transport (demand side)
 - Prevalence of unofficial payments
 - Lack of cooperation between customs and border agencies
 - High transportation and handling costs
 - Impediments amount to between 10 – 15% of trade costs for roads, and 2 – 10% for rail
- Based on experience with Regional TTF program (TTFSE, South Asia, Africa) and in conjunction with CAREC
- Local partners: Congress of Business Associations of Central Asia
- On-site physical measurements, trip diaries, and surveys





Main Results from Performance Measures

- Informal barriers are high in Central Asia
- Delays by other border agencies can be significantly more than Customs
- Elimination of delays needs careful assessment
- Measurements should be continued on a systemic basis
- Results should be disseminated in and outside the region
- Further support from Governments and International organizations is needed.



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