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The North-South Corridor - showing progress

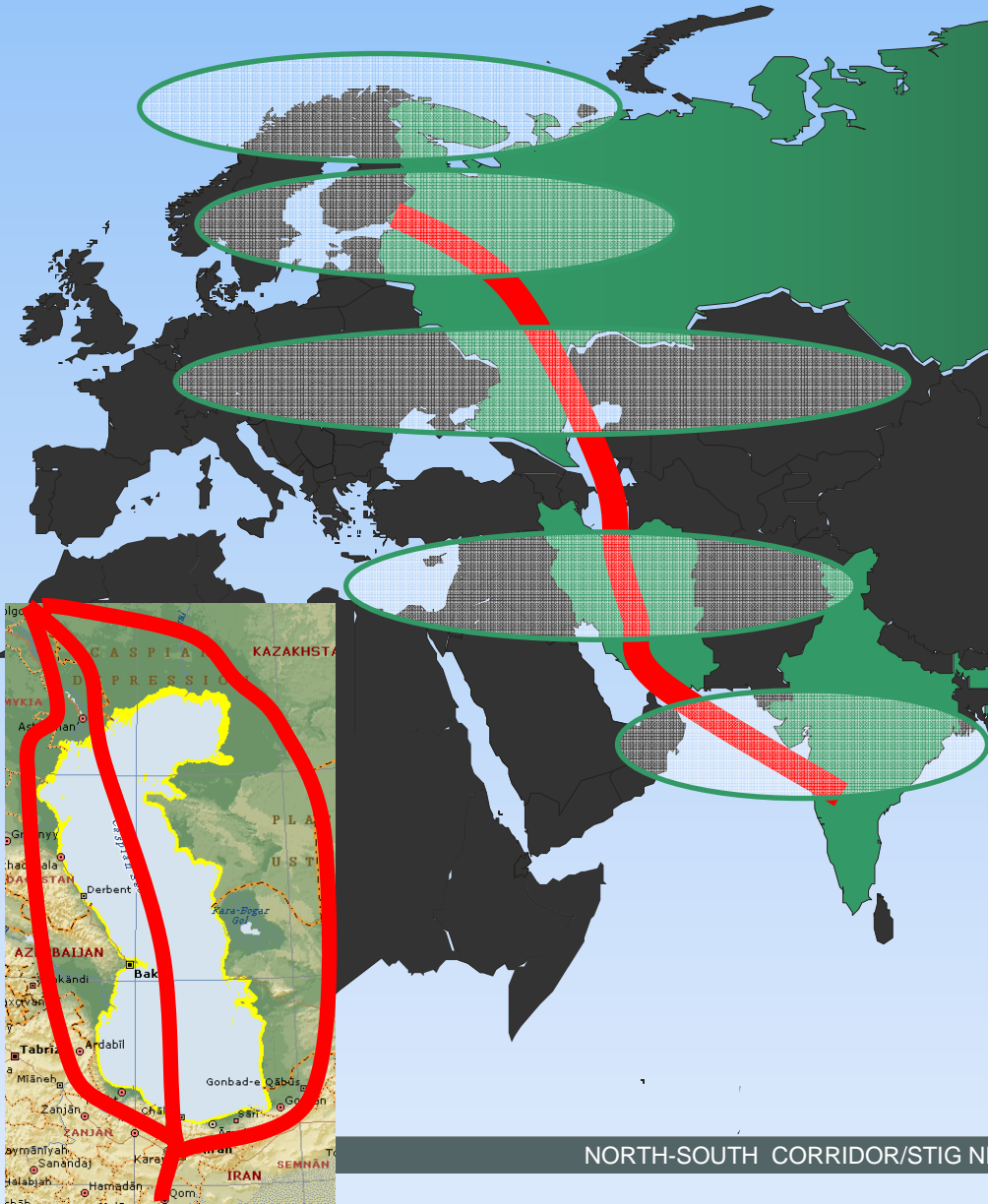
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THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

- The initial founders of The International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) were India, Russia and Iran (2000).
- Later on several other countries have joined the corridor project
- UNESCAP presented a study (2001) where the North-South Corridor was shown as an integrated part of the overall TAR -network. The main routes were defined as follows:
 - 1: The Caucasus Route (west)
 - 2: The Central Asian Route (east)
 - 3: The Caspian Sea Route (through)
- UIC made a study in October 2008 (a specific route west of the Caspian Sea)
- UN (ESCAP+ECE) included the route in their EATL study in 2008.
- Several organizations have worked with or showed interest in the North-South concept



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UIC feasibility study 3.10.2008

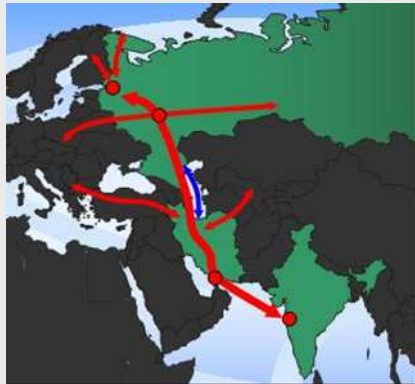
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International corridor development The North-South Corridor

"The New Caucasus Route"

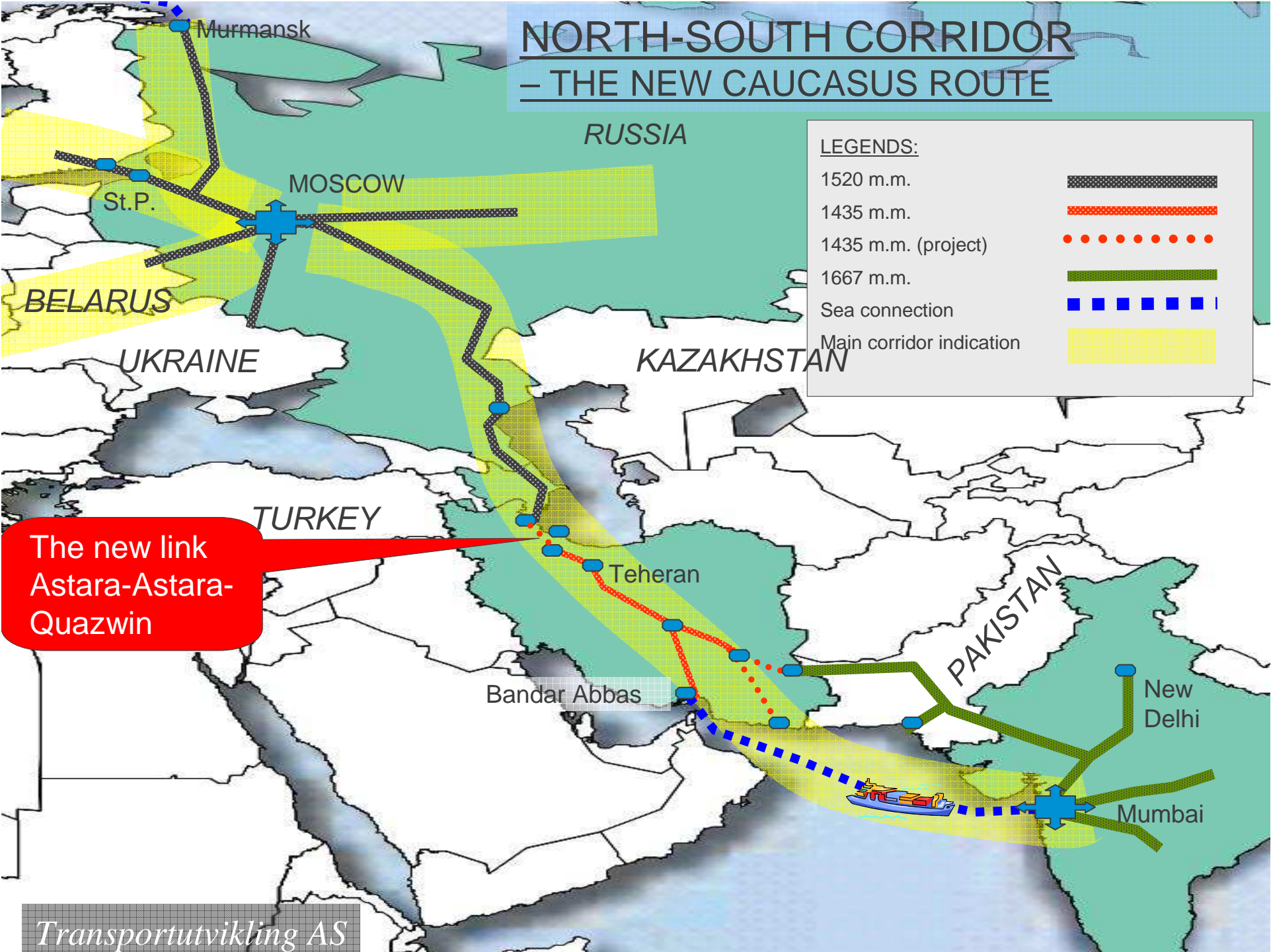
Feasibility study



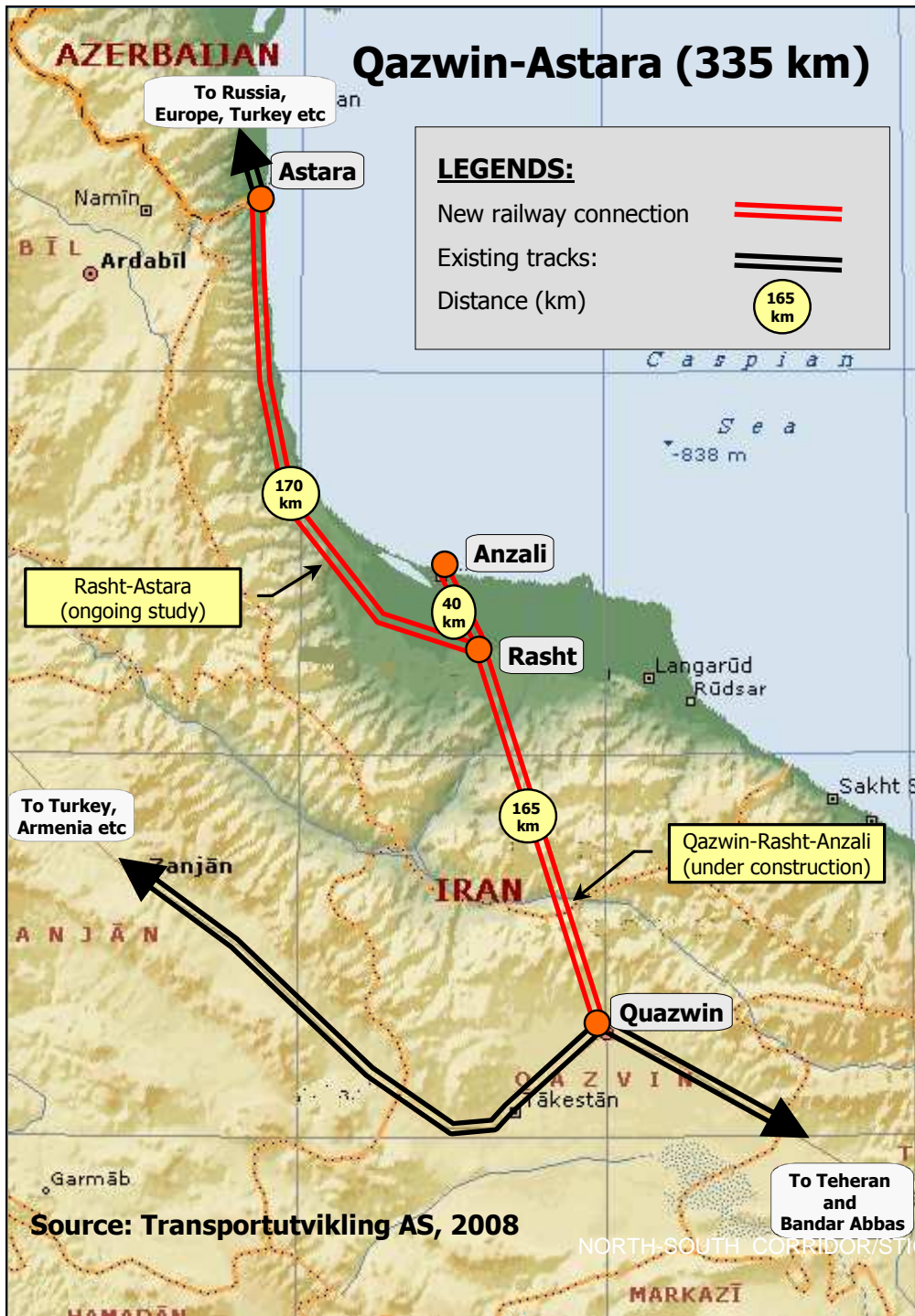
3. October – 2008

- ➔ *UIC's objective was to prepare a feasibility study*
- ➔ *....highlighting some of the required conditions for future operation*
- ➔ *...on a particular route along the North-South Corridor*

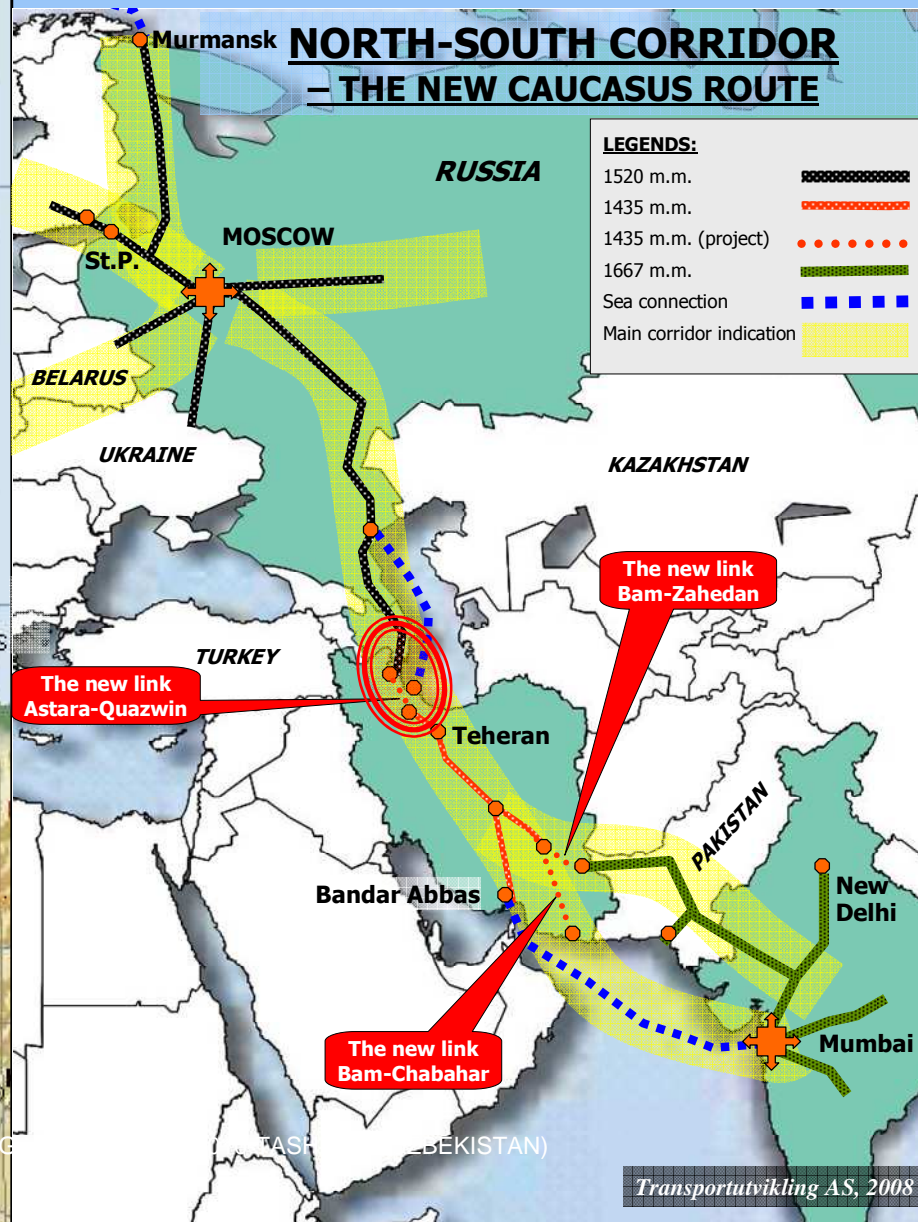
NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR - THE NEW CAUCASUS ROUTE

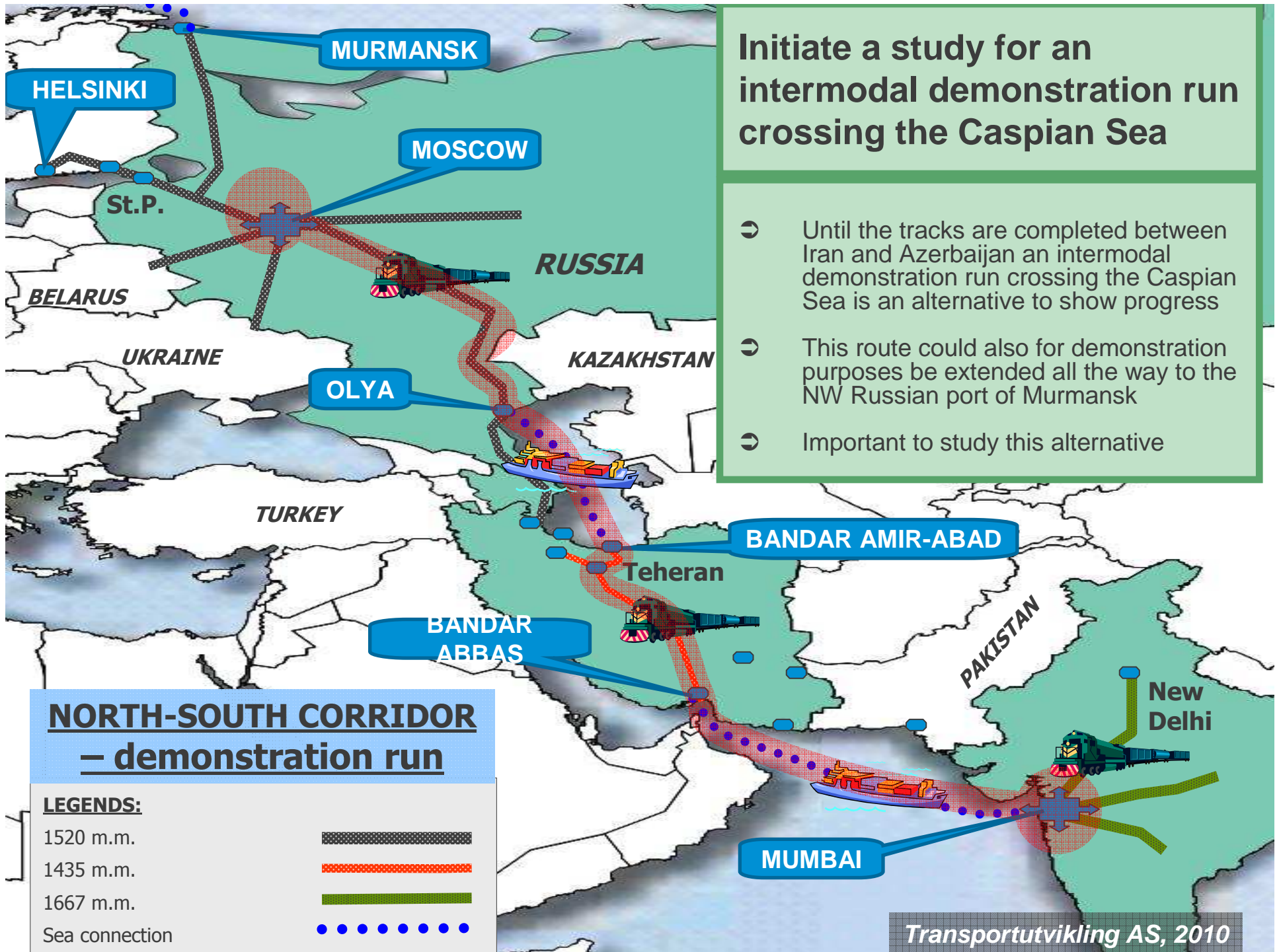


The new link
Astara-Astara-
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Most important project





Initiate a study for an intermodal demonstration run crossing the Caspian Sea

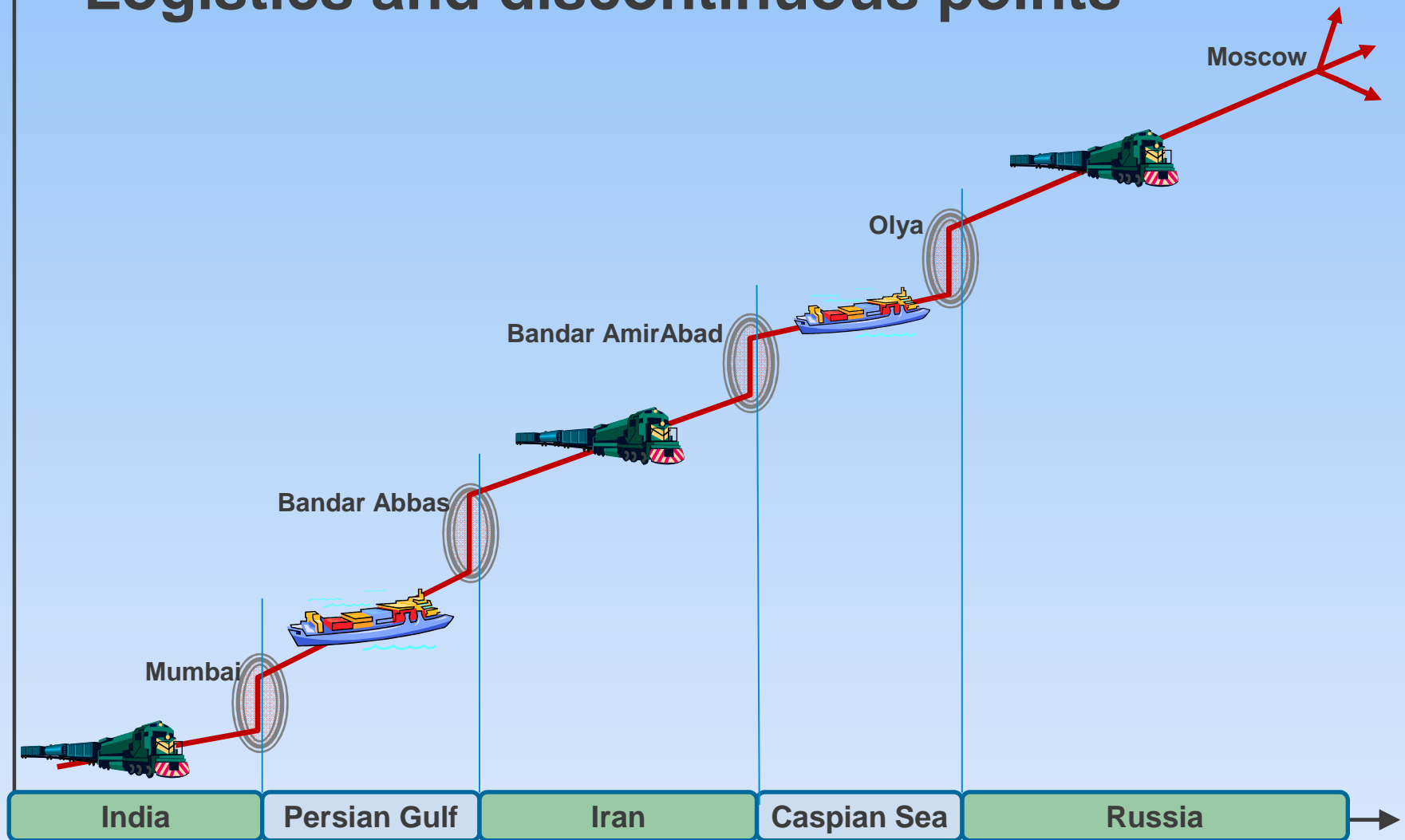
- Until the tracks are completed between Iran and Azerbaijan an intermodal demonstration run crossing the Caspian Sea is an alternative to show progress
- This route could also for demonstration purposes be extended all the way to the NW Russian port of Murmansk
- Important to study this alternative

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR – demonstration run

LEGENDS:

1520 m.m.	
1435 m.m.	
1667 m.m.	
Sea connection	

Logistics and discontinuous points



■ ■ ■ Thank you for your kind attention

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