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Developing Euro-Asian Inland Transport Links

Results

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Background EATL Phase I

- Part of UN global interregional transport links project
- UNDA Capacity Building
- Implemented jointly by ECE and ESCAP 2003-2007
- Participants: 18 countries along on the Euro-Asian land bridge

Results

- Selection of main **Euro-Asian road, rail and inland water transport routes**, transshipment points & ports
- **Prioritization of projects** on agreed methodology
- First **analysis of physical and non-physical obstacles**
- Establishment of database and GIS maps
- Organization EGM and capacity building national, regional and - interregional workshops
- Joint ECE-ESCAP study with results, conclusions and recommendations on the way to proceed



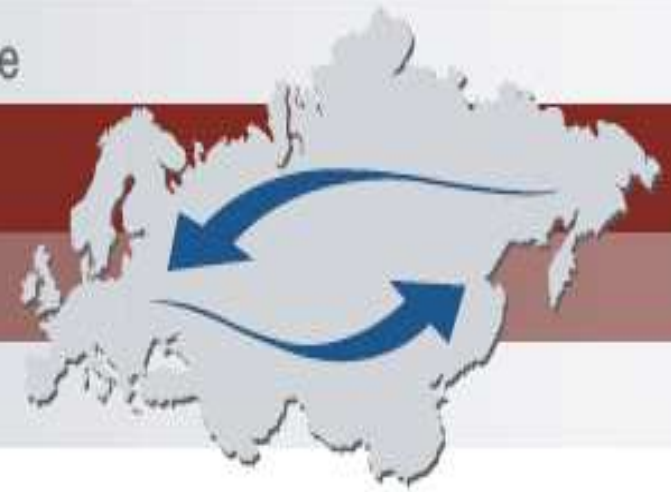
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Euro-Asian Transport Links Ministerial Meeting

19-21 February 2008 | Geneva, Switzerland



**Approved results, committed cooperate and implement, agreed to
continue through setting a monitoring mechanism
Signed a Joint Statement**



EATL Phase II achievements

Phase II

1. *SWOT Analysis: Useful information on strong and weak points of EATL inland transport links, potential for further development and threats;*
2. *Study transport statistics, flows and trends showed: Rapid growth of Europe- Asian trade, increasing inter Asian trade trends;*
3. *Phase I priority projects reviewed: 54 % completed, 23 % with longer implementation time-frame, now part of EATL Phase II);*
4. *EATL priority routes and EATL ports, transshipment points and terminals: Extended to include the 9 newly involved counties;*
5. *421 projects proposed - total cost US\$ 273 billion.*
 - *311 projects along EATL routes with US\$ 1251 billion cost and*
 - *110 projects of national importance with US\$ 58 billion cost;*



EATL Phase II achievements, (cont'd)

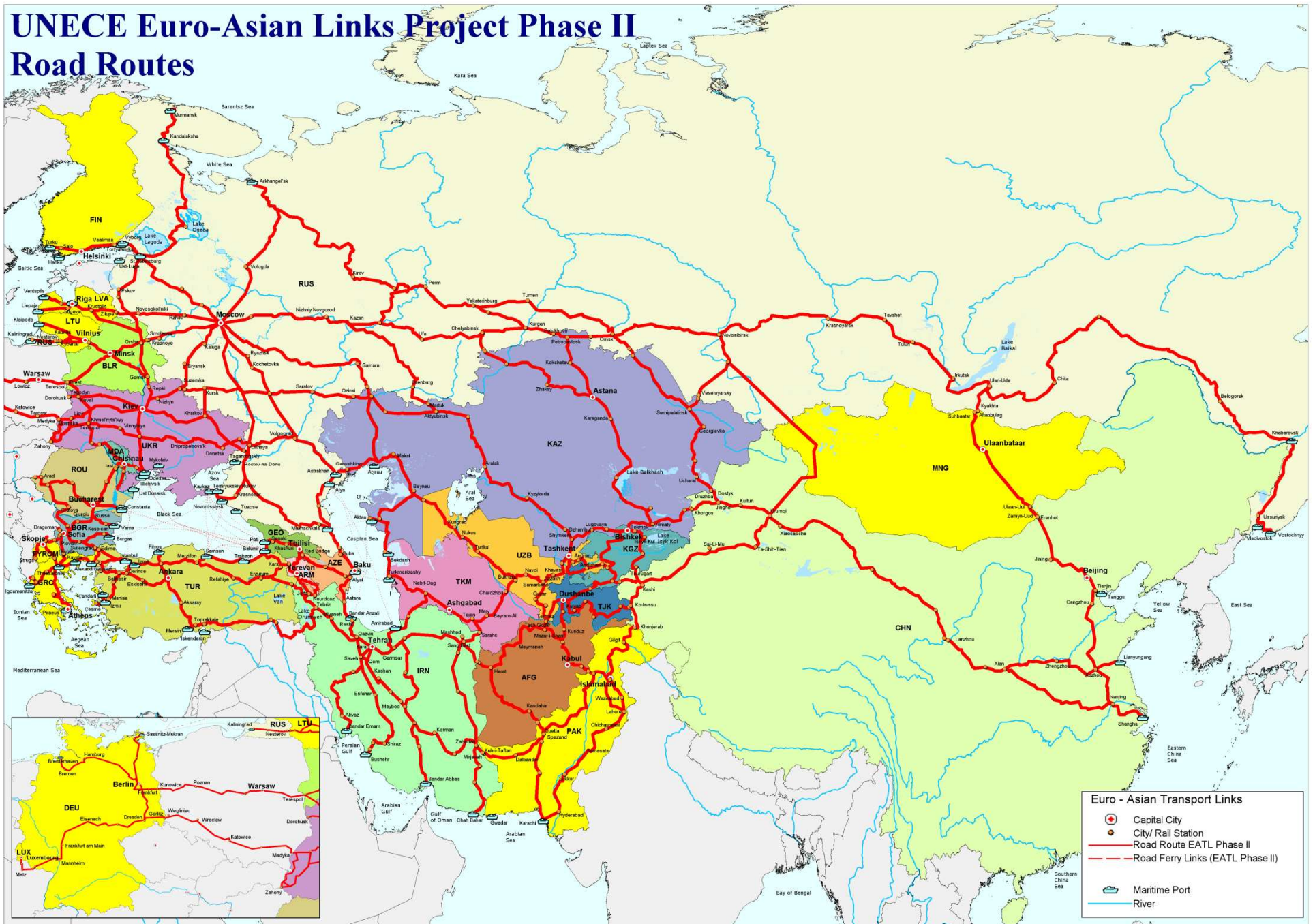
6. Comparison study of Euro-Asian maritime routes with selected rail routes: *In five out of the nine scenarios, rail transport performs better than maritime for both the cost and time!*

7. Collection and processing of huge volume of GIS data finalized and web based GIS application is ongoing: *New GIS maps prepared for the EATL region and each country involved.*

8. Analytical work on non-physical obstacles to transport along the Euro-Asian Transport routes is ongoing. *One thousand questionnaires have been sent. Long waiting times at BCP. Few BCP work 24H/7Days. Long delays for Veterinary, Phyto-sanitary, passport, transit, visa and other controls*

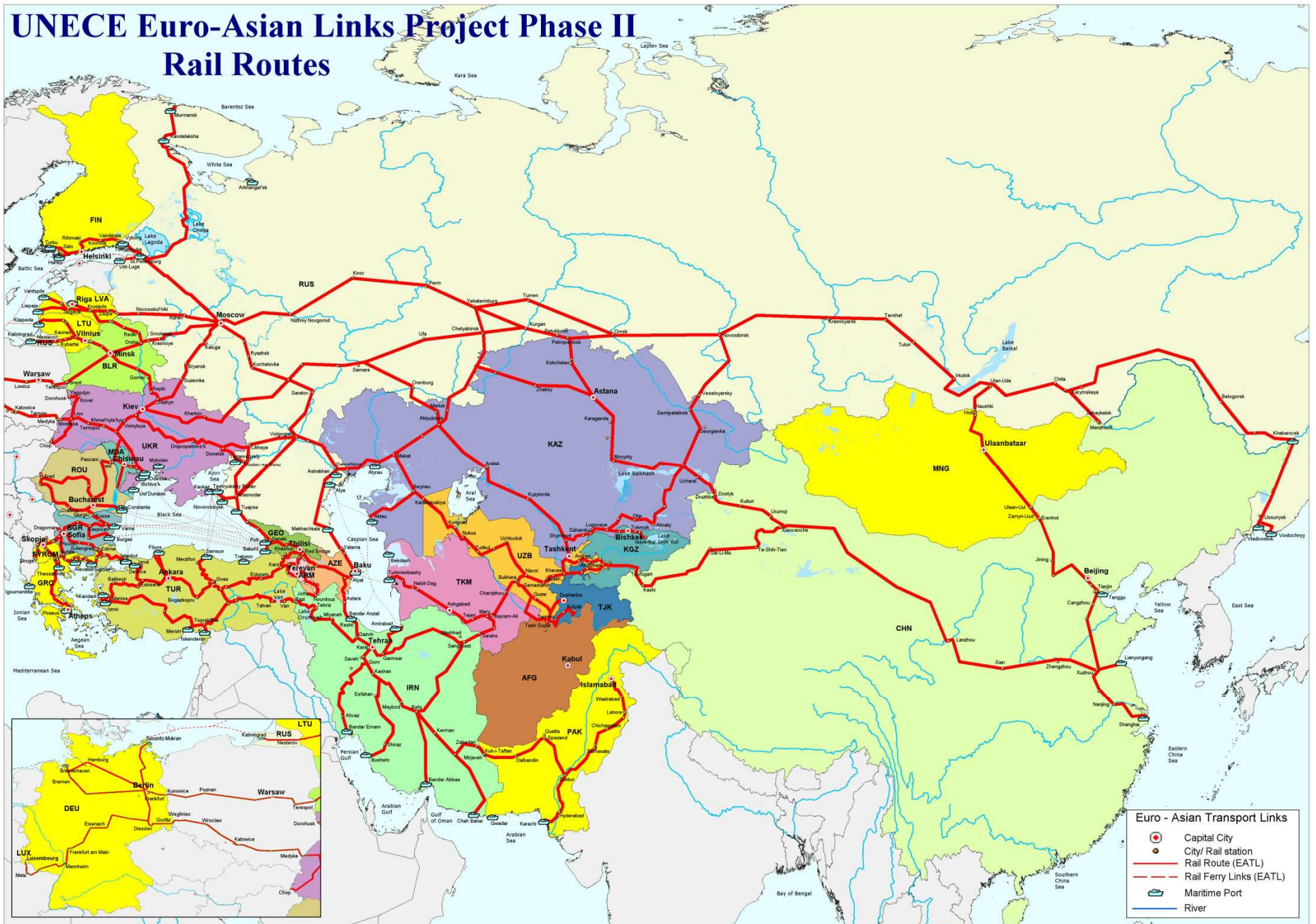
UNECE Euro-Asian Links Project Phase II

Road Routes



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Rail Routes





EATL the way ahead

- Continue in a new Phase III – Coordination and monitoring and extension of the mandate of EATL Group of Experts for 2 more years
- EATL Meeting of Minister of Transport in Autumn 2012
- Implement a well focused workplan aimed at making Euro-Asian inland transport links operational (already discussed at the 7th EGM in Astrakhan)
- Extend geographic coverage and promote inter-country cooperation for the coordinated development of EATL routes
- Russian Federation is considering co-funding of Phase III
- Other governments and donors are invited to co-fund EATL Phase III



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Thank you!

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