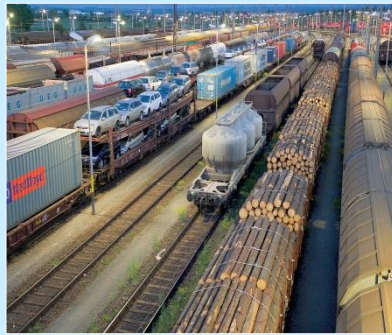




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EURO-ASIAN TRANSPORT LINKS

OVERVIEW

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STRUCTURE

- EATL
- Phase 1 - Achievements
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- Draft Joint Statement



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Phase I - Main Achievements

- **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 of 6 EGM and many 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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70th Session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Ministerial Meeting

19-21 February 2008 | Geneva, Switzerland



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Phase 2 - Main Achievements

- **ECE Group of Experts to monitor and coordinate EATL developments**
- **EATL Phase II (2008 - to date) objectives and achievements**
 - **Wider geographical coverage;**
 - **Continue projects' prioritisation and implementation**
 - **Put emphasis on facilitation aspects;**
 - **Further develop and update GIS database;**
 - **Promote harmonized legislation and procedures**
 - **Strengthen capacities of national officials**
 - **Improve operational performance, including border crossing, compare inland transport options with maritime**
- **27 countries active participation (NFP) and contribution**
- **Partial funding from Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Turkey, OSCE, BSEC**
- **UNECE secretariat and technical backstopping and support**



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Phase 2 - Report

- EATL priority routes and EATL ports, transshipment points and terminals: *Extended to include the 9 newly involved countries*
- Study transport statistics, flows and trends showed: *Rapid growth of Europe-Asian trade, increasing inter-Asian trade trends*
- 311 priority transport projects - total cost \$215 billion.
- 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!*



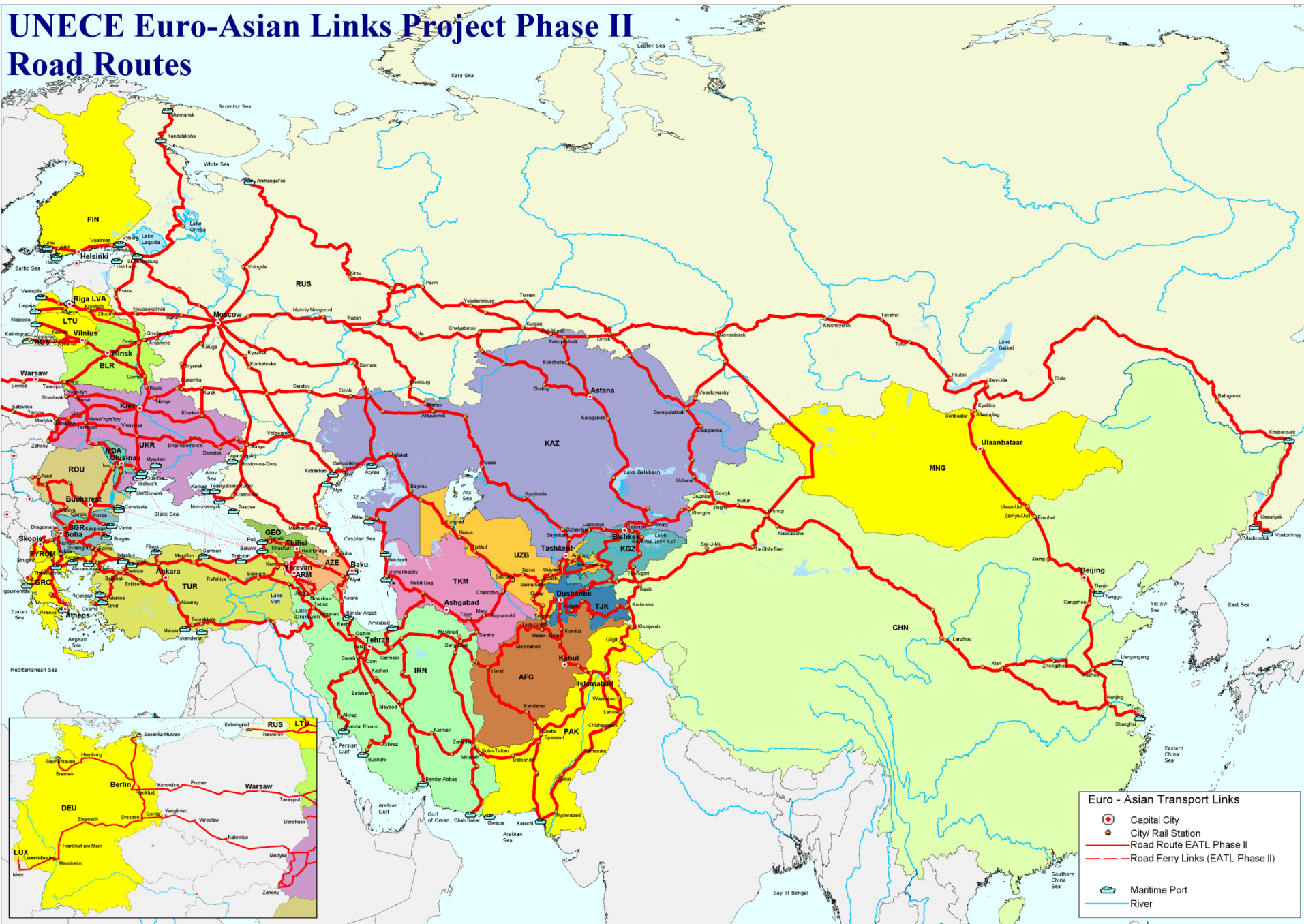
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Phase 2 - Report

- **SWOT Analysis:** Useful information on strong and weak points of EATL inland transport links, potential for further development and threats
- **EATL GIS application is available at <http://apps.unece.org/eatl/>**
- **Non-physical obstacles to transport along the Euro-Asian Transport routes are identified based on questionnaires and field missions: *Long waiting times at BCP some times a whole day; few work 24H/7Days, long delays for veterinary, phyto-sanitary, passport, transit, visa and other controls***

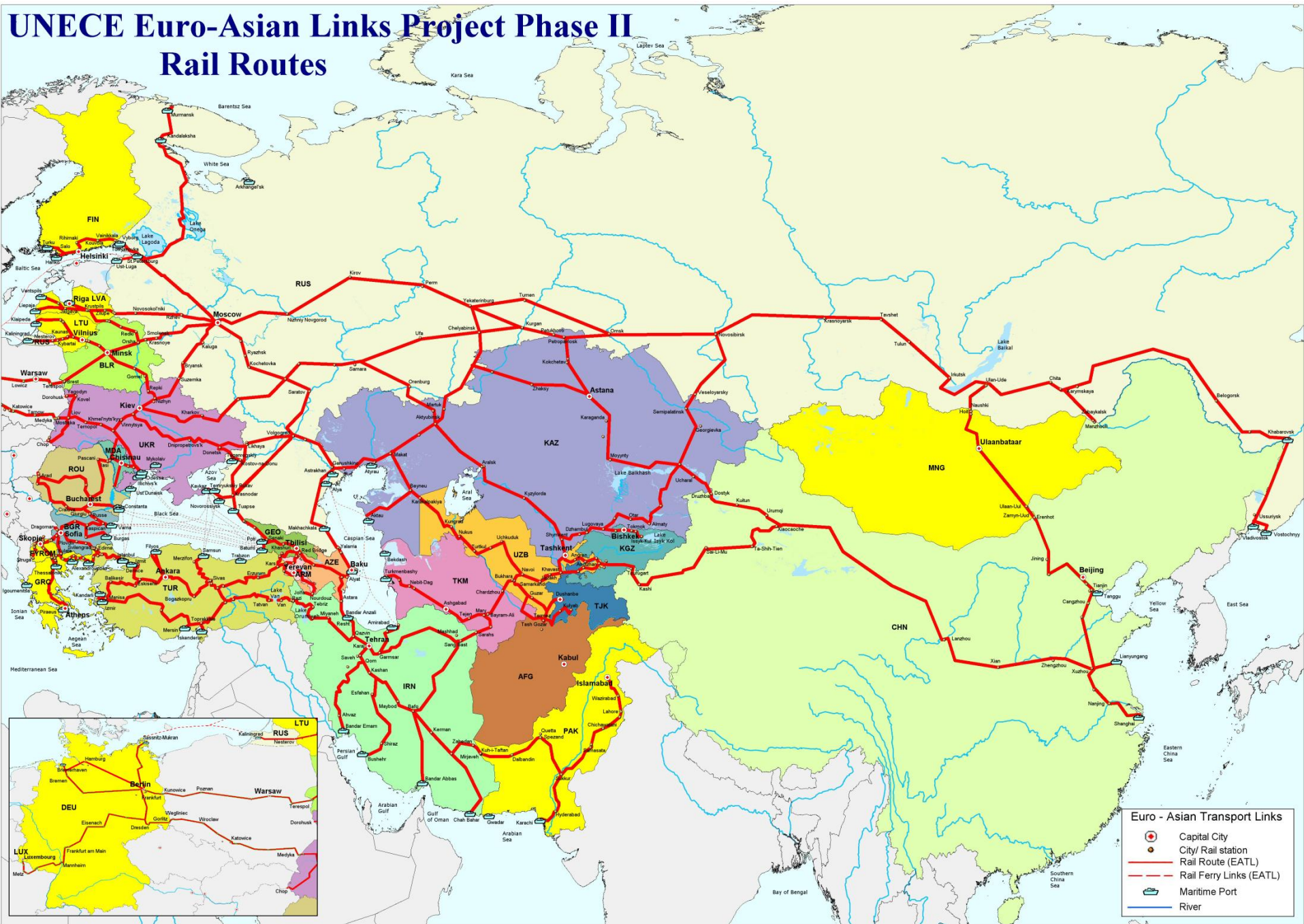
UNECE Euro-Asian Links Project Phase II

Road Routes



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Rail Routes





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EATL Phase 3

- **Group of experts: coordination, monitoring, analysis and policy recommendations to make EATL operational**
- **Analyse and compare existing transport needs with inland transport solutions**
- **Facilitate and simplify customs procedures and assist capacity-building**
- **Support national transport and trade facilitation action plans and committees**
- **Promote initiatives and new projects to attract IFIs**
- **Case studies and best practices**
- **Further improve GIS internet free-access application and develop a web tool to compare inland transport options and maritime**
- **Extend geographic coverage and promote inter-country cooperation for the coordinated development of EATL routes**
- **Poland joined in July 2012**
- **EATL Meeting of Ministers of Transport in Geneva on 26 February 2013**
- **Draft Joint Statement**
- **Funding of Phase 3 – sponsors are welcome**



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Thank you!

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