

The Belt and Road Initiative Leads to Enhanced Euro-Asia Connectivity

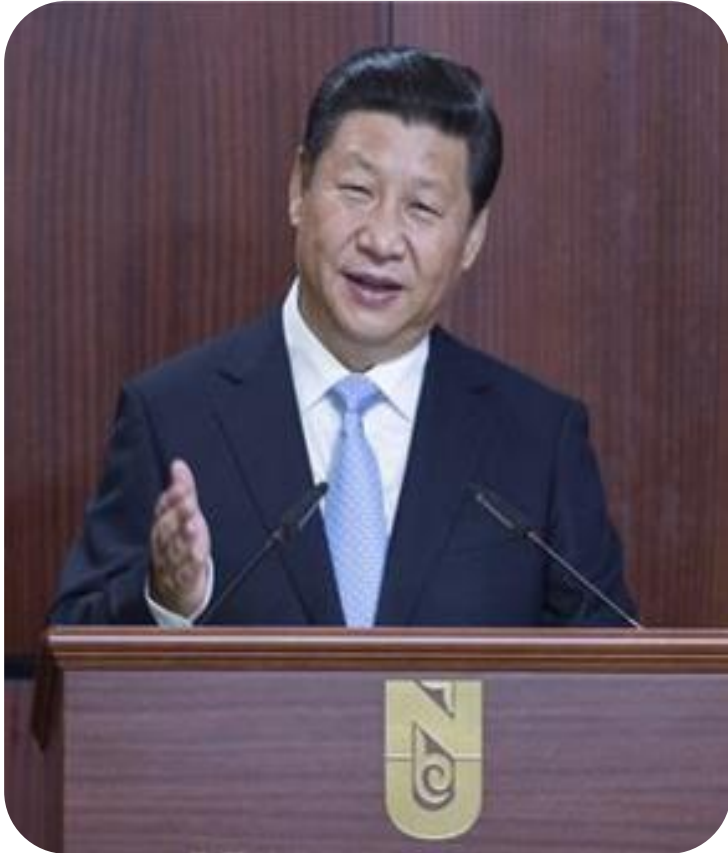
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The Belt and Road Initiative



the Silk Road Economic Belt

September 2013, in Central Asia

the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road

October 2013, in Southeast Asia

4 years on, over **100** countries and international organizations have supported

Belt and Road Forum



- In May 2017, China hosted the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, attracting over **1600** delegates from more than **140** countries and **80** international organizations, including **29** heads of state and government.

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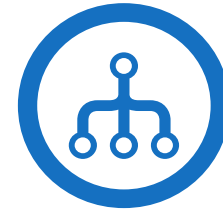
- Focus on **Asian, European** and **African** continents but is open to **all countries** for regional economic cooperation and common prosperity



extensive
consultation



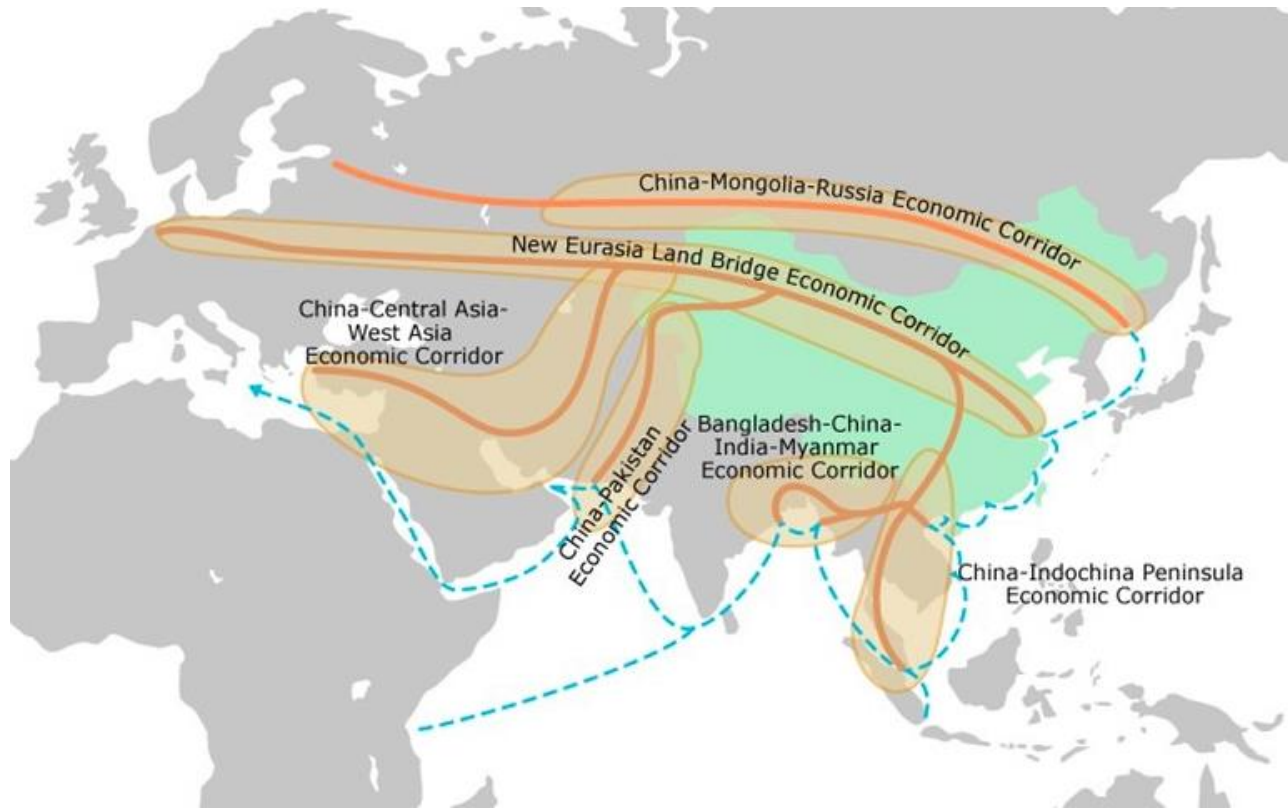
joint contribution



shared benefit

- Work towards connectivity of **policy, infrastructure, trade, finance** and **people-to-people**

The Silk Road Economic Belt



Bringing together China, **Central Asia**, Russia and **Europe**

Linking China with the **Persian Gulf** and the **Mediterranean Sea** through Central Asia and West Asia

Connecting China with **Southeast Asia**, South Asia and the **Indian Ocean**

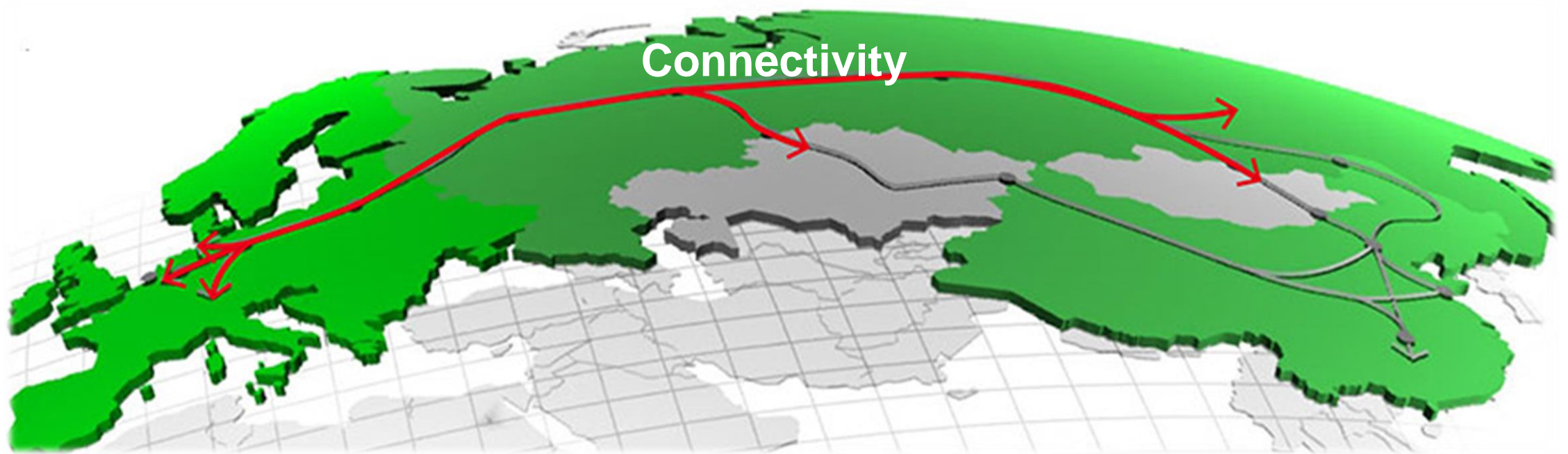
The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road

From China's coast to **Europe** through the **South China Sea** and the **Indian Ocean**

From China's coast through the South China Sea to the **South Pacific**



Wings of a soaring Euro-Asia Continent



Arteries and Veins

Better Transport Infrastructure Network

*China-Pakistan Economic Corridor
China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor
the New Eurasian Continental Bridge*

economic corridors

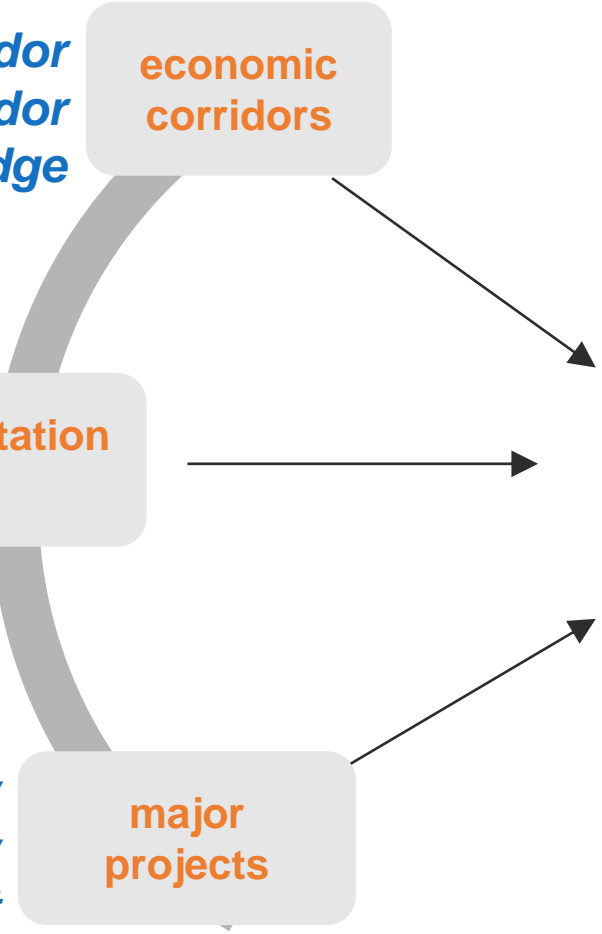
land-sea-air transportation routes



*Railway
Highway
Port
Airport*

major projects

A Multi-dimensional Infrastructure Network



Greater Facilitation in Cross-border Transport



350 road routes open for international passenger and freight transport.

4000 Railway Express trains to **29** cities in **11** European countries.

Collaborative engagement in **GMS** and **SCO** transport facilitation committees and the implementation of **TIR** Convention.

Closer Sea and Air Transport Cooperation

- A secretariat set up specially to coordinate **China-CEEC** maritime issues.
- **Maritime transport cooperation** between China and countries along the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road is becoming closer and closer.
- **4500** flights fly along direct routes connecting China and other **43** countries every week.



Transport Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative



Present new opportunities for the Asian and European countries to **improve people's wellbeing**

Offer new platforms and means for the countries to **step up international cooperation** and **meet the global economic challenges**



Inter-state in Asia and Euro-Asia intercontinental **transport infrastructure** is still **in short supply**

Transport Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative



Leaders Roundtable of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

- **Connectivity** - the priority area of international cooperation in pursuing the Belt and Road Initiative.
- Connectivity is deemed to **break the bottleneck** impeding economic development and unlock development potential of various countries.

Transport Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative

- International transport infrastructure network is **important public goods** and needs joint efforts among **governments** for development and improvement
- Further enhance **communication and cooperation**
- Improve the **hardware** connection of transport infrastructure
- Strengthen **software** connectivity in policies, rules and standards



Enhance Policy Coordination and Communication



- ✓ Develop **multi-tiered intergovernmental mechanisms on transport connectivity.**
- ✓ Align **transport strategies.**
- ✓ Take **CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020** and **GMS Transport Sector Strategy** as important means to strengthen Euro-Asia transport connectivity and continue their effective implementation.

Enhance Transport Infrastructure Connectivity



- ✓ **Strengthen** land, sea, air and cyberspace **connectivity**
- ✓ Concentrate efforts on **key passageways and projects to** develop a **multi-dimensional transport infrastructure network** along Asia and Europe
- ✓ Explore innovative **financing mechanisms** for infrastructure projects

Promote Harmonization of International Transport Rules and Standards



- ✓ Improve **border-crossing efficiency**, **reduce costs** and **promote facilitation** of international transport.
- ✓ Work for better **sharing and cooperation in logistics information** and further develop **trans-regional logistics network**.
- ✓ Work toward better **harmonization of technical standards** to improve connectivity.

UNECE's 70th Anniversary

UNECE is committed to advancing **Euro-Asian transport links and connectivity.**

The Belt and Road Initiative has summoned up the **enthusiasm** of the countries along the route **for transport connectivity, boosting** inter-state and regional cooperation.



We hope that UNECE will play a bigger role and work in stronger partnership with relevant countries, organizations and institutions to

- **build platforms**
- **create opportunities for Eurasian countries to engage in connectivity cooperation in more areas.**

The swan geese can fly long and safe through wind and storm because they move in flocks and help each other as a team.

- President Xi Jinping



China stands ready to work in partnership with other Eurasian countries in developing transport infrastructure corridors along Asia and Europe.

THANK YOU

