

PROMOTING GREEN PORTS AND CONNECTIVITY IN THE CASPIAN SEA REGION

Workshop on Strengthening
security and inter-operability
along Euro-Asian inland
transport corridors

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GREEN AND CONNECTED TRADE IN THE CASPIAN SEA REGION

The OSCE promotes green ports and connectivity in the Caspian Sea region in line with its overarching regional goals

Workstream I: Green Ports

**OSCE DECISION No. 5/13
IMPROVING THE
ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT
OF ENERGY-RELATED
ACTIVITIES IN THE OSCE
REGION (2013):**

“Calls on participating States to engage civil society organizations in the development of policy recommendations as well as the design, implementation and evaluation of projects related to sustainable energy and the environmental impact of energy-related activities” (OP3)

**OSCE DECISION No. 4/16
STRENGTHENING GOOD
GOVERNANCE AND
PROMOTING CONNECTIVITY
(2016):**

“Encourages participating States to promote policies and initiatives reducing the environmental footprint of transport and its impact on climate change” (OP 10)



Workstream II: Connectivity

**OSCE DECISION No. 4/16
STRENGTHENING GOOD
GOVERNANCE AND
PROMOTING CONNECTIVITY
(2016):**

“Recognizes that connectivity through transport and trade facilitation, including through measures at different levels of government, can enhance economic co-operation that is mutually beneficial and contribute to good-neighbourly relations, confidence-building and trust in the OSCE area” (OP7)

“(...) in the development of trade facilitation measures with a view to strengthening good governance, promoting border-crossing facilitation and fostering business interaction” (OP 14)

VISION – GREEN PORTS

Green ports establish the first transportation hubs of the Green Corridor of the future from Asia to Europe



Environmental Footprint



Energy Efficiency Resource Usage

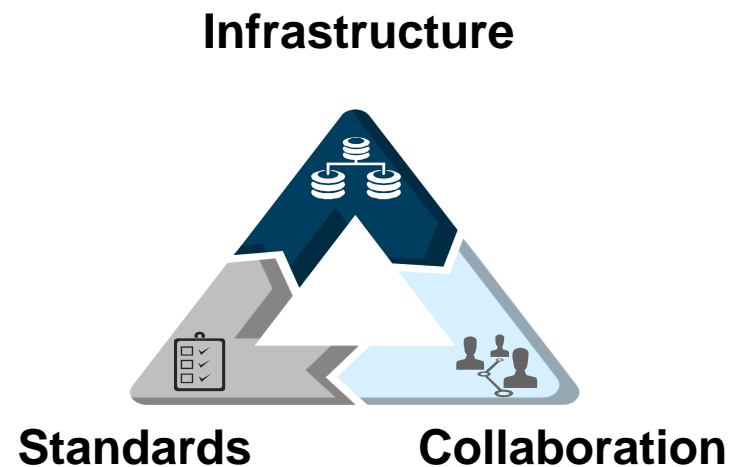


Sustainable port and transport development enhances the transport routes competitiveness and improve its environmental integrity

VISION – CONNECTIVITY

The success of future international trade and logistics will be determined by the degree of connectivity of the parties alongside the value chain

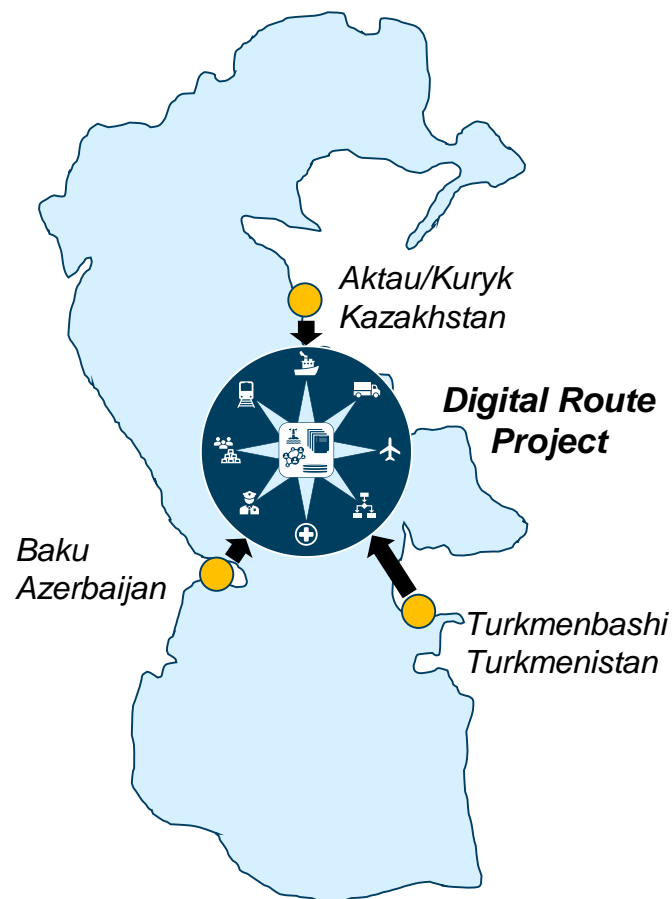
Connectivity can be seen in three dimensions promoting an unhindered flow of goods, services, ideas and people.



Connectivity means therefore to consider the physical infrastructure, but also infrastructure in terms of communication patterns, custom procedures, legislative frameworks, technical agreements...

DIGITAL ROUTE PROJECT - SCOPE AND APPROACH

The Digital Route Project – strengthening connectivity in and among the ports of Baku (Azerbaijan), Aktau/Kuryk (Kazakhstan) and Turkmenbashi (Turkmenistan)



Focus on ports

- ✓ Aktau / Kuryk, Kazakhstan
- ✓ Baku, Azerbaijan
- ✓ Turkmenbashi, Turkmenistan



Cooperation

Strengthening between the ports by means of a joint logistic IT infrastructure – The Digital Route Project



Digitization

Ease and smooth customs operations and logistic processes and significantly speed up stock turnover times



System solutions

Show up possible organizational and technical solutions and estimate implementation cost



Guidance and support

For a subsequent decision concerning the implementation of the Digital Route Project



Logistics Performance Index (LPI)

Improve the overall Logistic Performance of the participating countries

TRADE FACILITATION - POSSIBLE CHALLENGES

During the development of a common digital platform, the project might face a variety of challenges

Strategic level	Management and technical level	Implementation and operational level
Lack of a leading agency	Security issues (data as well as operational)	Lack of information and communication technology
Lack of stakeholder support and / or inadequate coordination between stakeholders	Complicated procedures and document requirements	Organization and human resistance to change
Budget and / or human resource constraints	Laws and legal challenges, inadequate legal framework	Possibly a lack of skilled labor pool

POSITION OF THE OSCE

OSCE is a neutral partner to support and coordinate the development of a solution for trade facilitation within the transport route of the Caspian Sea region



CURRENT PROJECT STATUS – TIMELINE

The feasibility study is conducted in three phases; the findings of the individual work streams will guide decision making at each project stage



PROJECT

- Leading: Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Energy Security



- Consultants:



- Ports visited:



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