



# TRANS-EUROPEAN RAILWAY (TER) PROJECT



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# TER PROJECT

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# Background

**Founded in 1992 by Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries, to assist the:**

- Development of coherent efficient rail and combined transport systems
- Improvement of quality and efficiency of international rail and combined transport operations in Europe
- Alleviation of congestion and reduction of environment and safety problems in major national and international transport networks in Europe
- European transport integration and development



# TER Member and Observer Countries

The map displays the following countries and their status:

- Member Countries (Yellow):** ITA, AUT, SVK, CZE, POL, LTU, HRV, BIH, HUN, ROU, BGR, TUR, GRC, ARM, GEO.
- Observer Countries (Light Yellow):** UKR, BLR, MDA, SCG, MKD.
- Other Countries (Grey):** France, Germany, Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Malta, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Malta, Cyprus.

**Country Legend**

- Member
- Observer
- Other

**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe - Transport Division**





# TER Structure

- Under UNECE, acting as executing Agency
- Self financed by Member countries
- UN Trust Fund
- Steering Committee
- National coordinators
- Project central office
- Project Manager and Staff
- WPs, Conferences, Round tables, Training courses, Ad-hoc working groups





# Main Achievements

- Elaboration of studies, publication of technical documents, guidelines, recommendations (TER standards)
- Collection processing and updating of uniform data on TER Network
- Dissemination of know-how and expertise
- Harmonization of border crossing procedures
- Identification of TER network constituting the backbone of the Rail Corridors in CEE countries
- Elaboration of a realistic investment strategy for the development of transport infrastructure in 21 countries (TER Master Plan)



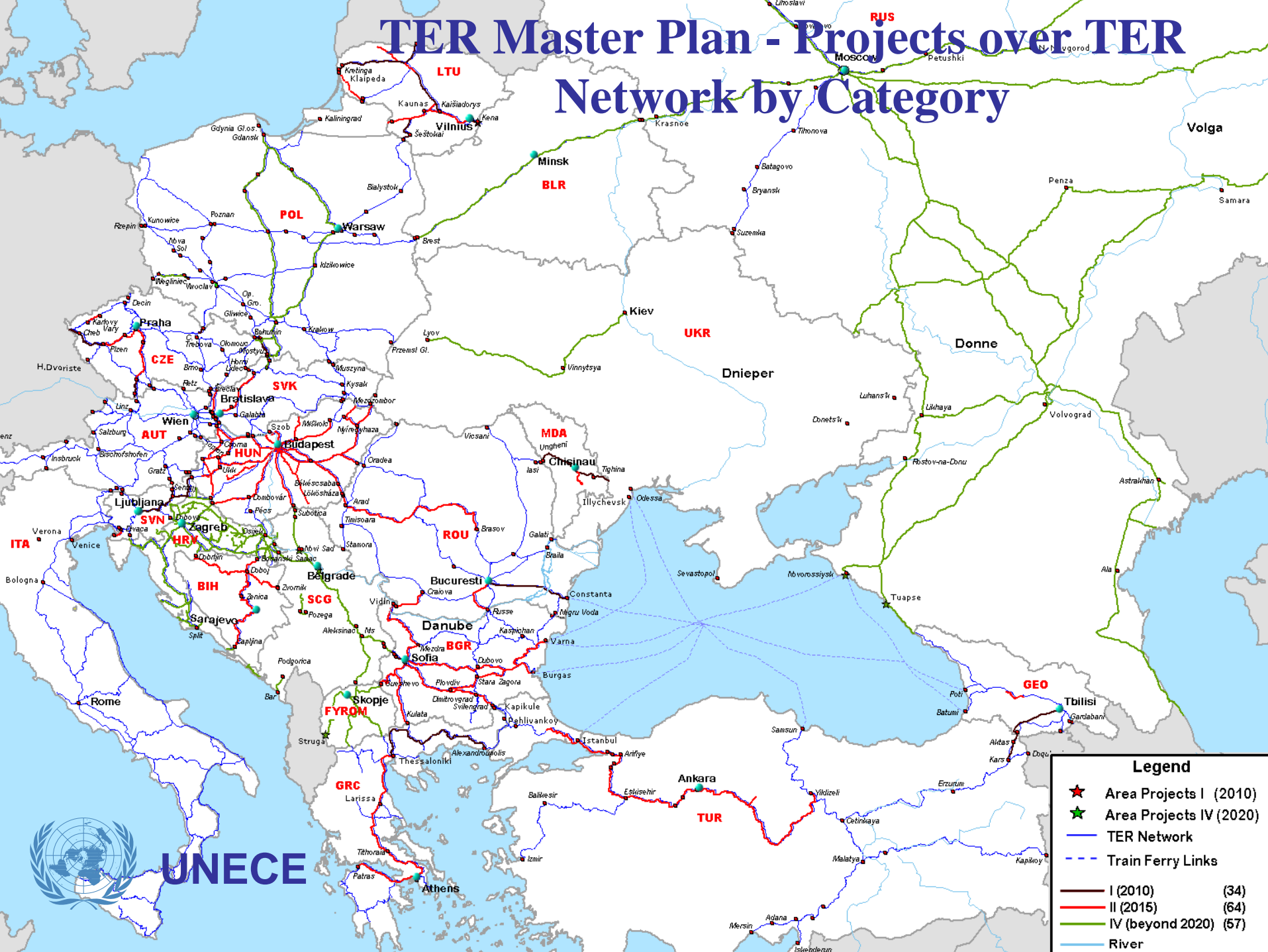


# The TER Master Plan

- **A commonly agreed methodology**
  - Two scenarios of growth: moderate and optimistic
  - Demography, GDP growth, Trends in foreign trade
  - Forecast of transport demand up to 2020
- **172 rail projects Evaluated and Prioritized in 4 categories**
  - Total value : €52.5 billion
  - Of which €30.5 billion secured (58%)
- **Missing Links**
- **Identification of Backbone network**
- **Border-crossing problems and recommendations for their alleviation**



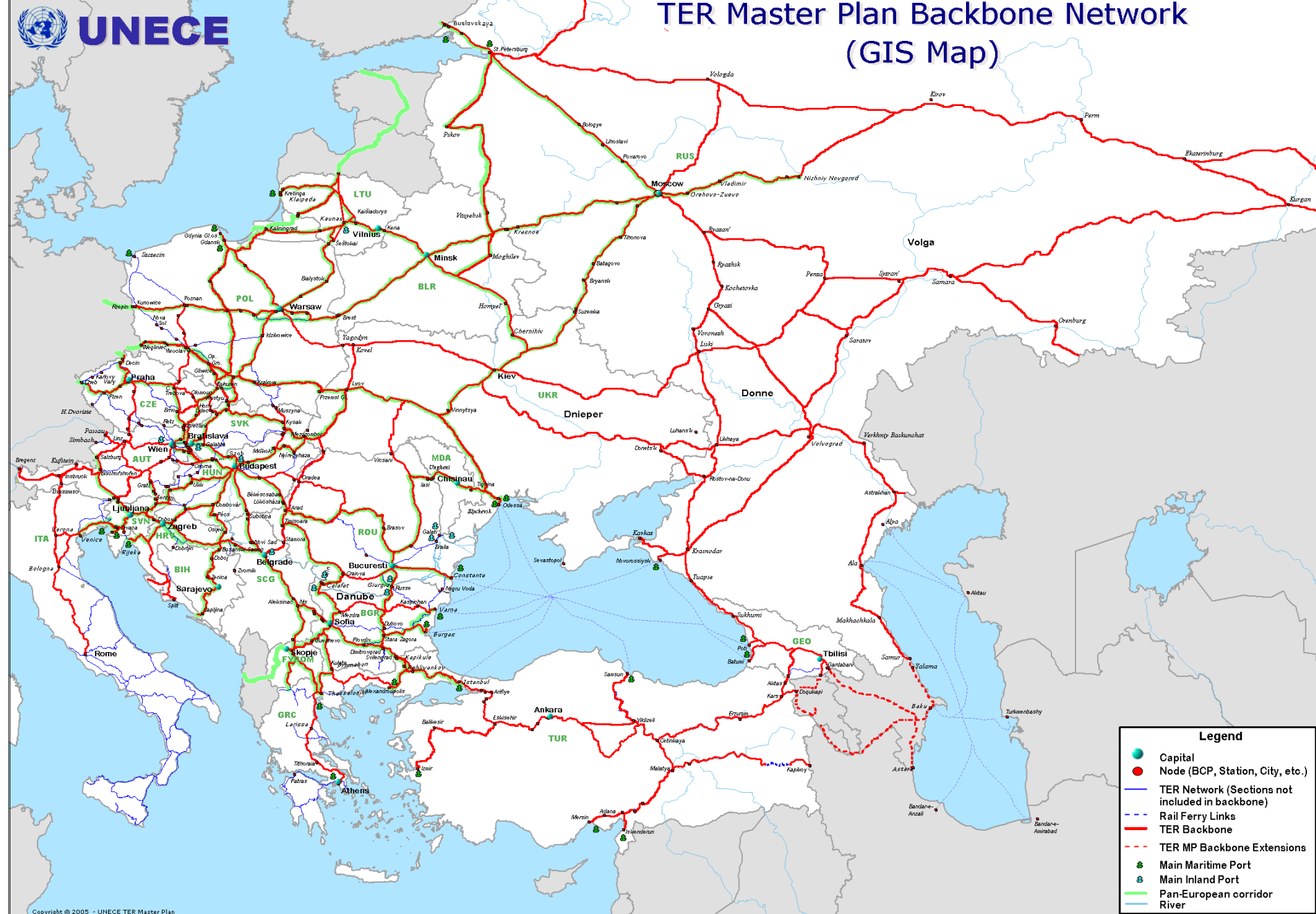
# TER Master Plan - Projects over TER Network by Category



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# TER Master Plan Backbone Network (GIS Map)

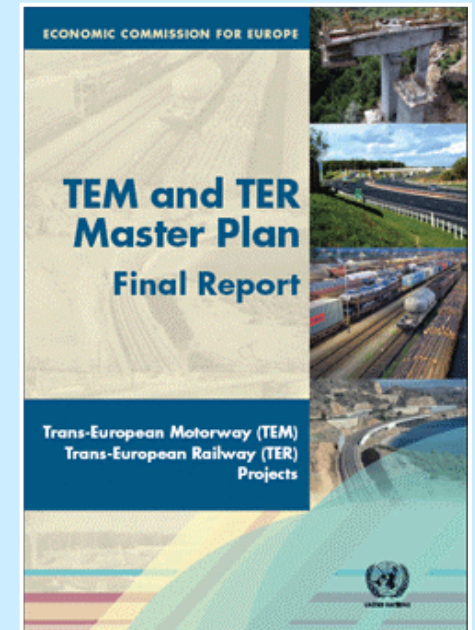






# Master Plan Follow Up

- **Countries to implement**
- **Monitoring implementation**
- **Revision scheduled for 2008**
  - Add new projects
  - Complete data
  - Include other countries
  - Further study funding aspects of priority projects



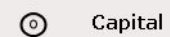




# TER Project - Next Steps

- **Continue the work on the Master Plan**
- **Extent TER Project further East and South**
- **Continue addressing border crossing facilitation**
- **Further develop and update TER database**
- **Share know-how and expertise**
- **Strengthen cooperation with EC**
- **Contribute in the development of Euro-Asian transport links**









# Conclusions

- TER Project is an efficient cooperation mechanism for coordinated development of rail transport links
- TER has produced tangible results
- Implementation of TER objectives is a long-term process that requires political commitment of governments and close cooperation and coordination among them
- TER Member countries and the UNECE support the development of TER Project
- The EC and IFIs are invited to use the work of TER Project and support it





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