Developing Euro-Asian Inland Transport Links

Progress
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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
- Objectives:
  - To identify Euro-Asian inland transport links
  - To strengthen the capacities of national officials
  - Put in operation Euro-Asian transport links
- Participants: 18 countries along on the Euro-Asian land bridge
EATL 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
Interregional transport linkages
UNDA funded global capacity-building project (2003-2007)
ECE-ESCAP-ESCWA-ECA
Priority interregional rail transport and maritime linkages
Approved results, committed cooperate and implement, agreed to continue through setting a monitoring mechanism
Signed a Joint Statement
EATL Phase II

- ECE Group of Experts to monitor and coordinate EATL developments
- EATL Phase II (2008-todate) objectives
  - Wider geographical coverage;
  - Continue projects’ prioritization 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 Government’s – co-funding MoT Kazakhstan, Turkey, OSCE, BSEC
- UNECE secretariat and technical backstopping and support
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. 404 projects proposed - total cost US$ 271 billion.
   - 311 projects along EATL routes with US$ 213 billion cost and
   - 117 projects of national importance;
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 - EATL free access internet application*

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 sometimes 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
Rail Routes

Legend
- Route Group 1
- Route Group 2
- Route Group 3
- Route Group 4
- Route Group 5
- Route Group 6
- Route Group 7
- Route Group 8
- Route Group 9
EATL Phase II
Prioritization of projects

Of 311 along EATL routes $213 bill.

146 road  $113 bill. - 53% of total cost.
121 rail   $75 bill. - 35% of total cost.
44 other  $25 bill. - 12% of total cost.

33% Secured funding
Of 51 EATL Projects ($112.2 bill.)
- 18 Road ($72 bill.)
- 23 Rail ($23 bill.)
- 5 Maritime (no cost estimate)
- 5 Intermodal Terminals ($17.2 bill.)

16% of funding secured
24 Projects along EATL Routes cost $40,2 bill.
- 8 Road ($12.5 bill.)
- 9 Rail ($23 bill.)
- 7 Maritime ($4.6 billion)
39% of funding secured.
EATL GIS Web Viewer
Access free to interested users

Configurable Menu - data for load

Available background types for the map (Streets, Topographical, Imagery)
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe - Transport Division

EATL the way ahead

• Continuing new Phase III – Coordination and monitoring
• Extension of the EATL Group of Experts for 2 more years
• EATL Meeting of Minister of Transport in 2012
• Partial funding of Phase III from Russian Federation
• Focused workplan to be discussed at 7th EGM aimed at making Euro-Asian inland transport links 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 projects (NS): RF-IRN-IND and (EW-North / Central / South) Transsiberian, TRACECA and CHI-CA-IRN-TUR-W.EUR), case studies and best practices
- Further improve GIS internet free-access application and develop a web tool for comparison between inland transport options and maritime

• Extend geographic coverage and promote inter-country cooperation for the coordinated development of EATL routes
Thank you!

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