Developing Euro-Asian Inland Transport Links

Results

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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
- Participants: 18 countries along on the Euro-Asian land bridge

Results
- 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 EGM and capacity building national, regional and interregional workshops
- Joint ECE-ESCAP study with results, conclusions and recommendations on the way to proceed
Approved results, committed cooperate and implement, agreed to continue through setting a monitoring mechanism 
Signed a Joint Statement
EATL Phase II achievements

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. **421 projects proposed - total cost US$ 273 billion.**
   - 311 projects along EATL routes with US$ 1251 billion cost and
   - 110 projects of national importance with US$ 58 billion cost;
6. Comparison study of Euro-Asian maritime routes with selected rail routes: \textit{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: \textit{New GIS maps prepared for the EATL region and each country involved.}

8. Analytical work on non-physical obstacles to transport along the Euro-Asian Transport routes is ongoing. \textit{One thousand questionnaires have been sent. Long waiting times at BCP. Few BCP work 24H/7Days. Long delays for Veterinary, Phyto-sanitary, passport, transit, visa and other controls
UNECE Euro-Asian Links Project Phase II
Rail Routes
EATL the way ahead

- Continue in a new Phase III – Coordination and monitoring and extension of the mandate of EATL Group of Experts for 2 more years
- EATL Meeting of Minister of Transport in Autumn 2012
- Implement a well focused workplan aimed at making Euro-Asian inland transport links operational (already discussed at the 7th EGM in Astrakhan)
- Extend geographic coverage and promote inter-country cooperation for the coordinated development of EATL routes
- Russian Federation is considering co-funding of Phase III
- Other governments and donors are invited to co-fund EATL Phase III

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