

# EURASIAN TRANSPORT NETWORK

## FACTS AND FIGURES

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### EURASIAN TRANSPORT NETWORK (ETN)

The Eurasian Transport Network is a system of interconnected latitudinal and meridional international transport corridors and routes promoting Eurasia's intra- and transcontinental connectivity.

The backbone of the Eurasian Transport Network consists of international transport corridors crossing the Eurasian landmass along East-West and North-South axes, linking Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

**50,000 km** of railroads along the main routes of five key ITCs

**More than 30** ETN "nerve clusters" (transport hubs, major ports, break-of-gauge points)

**260** million tonnes and **3.2** million TEU were transported internationally along ITCs in 2023

**x3** is the container traffic growth in 2013–2023

**x200** is the growth in the number of container trains to/from China in 2013–2023, including transit

**x1.5** is the forecasted growth in international freight traffic along corridors in Central Asia by 2030 (95 million tonnes)

**x1.7** is the forecasted growth in international container traffic along corridors in Central Asia by 2030 (1.7 million TEU)

## ETN CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK: 10 SYSTEM ELEMENTS

-  Synergies of international transport corridors and routes are achieved through their interconnection and complementarity
-  The development of the Eurasian Transport Network leads to the creation of a transport hub in Central Asia
-  The priority of intraregional transport connectivity includes reducing the costs of transport between countries along corridors, as well as to seaports
-  Developed transport and logistics infrastructure creates a momentum for realising the agro-industrial potential
-  Eurasian land routes serve as insurance for global supply chains in times of maritime shipping disruption
-  The Eurasian Transport Network helps to reduce imbalances in the geography of trade across Eurasia
-  The development of integrated logistics services enables a shift from competition between corridors and modes of transport to interaction between them
-  The focus should be on "nerve clusters" – junctions of international transport corridors and routes, transport hubs, border crossing points, and key seaports
-  The development of operators, terminals and technologies leads to increasing containerisation, which enables a significant acceleration of goods distribution in Eurasia
-  Efficient transport infrastructure development is facilitated by improving soft infrastructure

## ETN EFFECTS

**40%**

of additional freight traffic is generated owing to the interconnection of transport corridors

**600 million people**

can be potentially fed owing to Eurasia's exports of agricultural products with adequate development of transport and logistics infrastructure

**Up to 3 times**

is the potential for trade growth between Central Asian countries and India through the development of the INSTC and new meridional routes

**15%**

can be the reduction in transport costs through the introduction of integrated multimodal logistics technologies

**18%**

would be the export growth in Central Asian countries if border delays are reduced by a factor of 2

**4 days**

can be saved at border crossing with transition to digital technologies and shipping documents



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