



## Operationalization of Euro-Asian Transport Links

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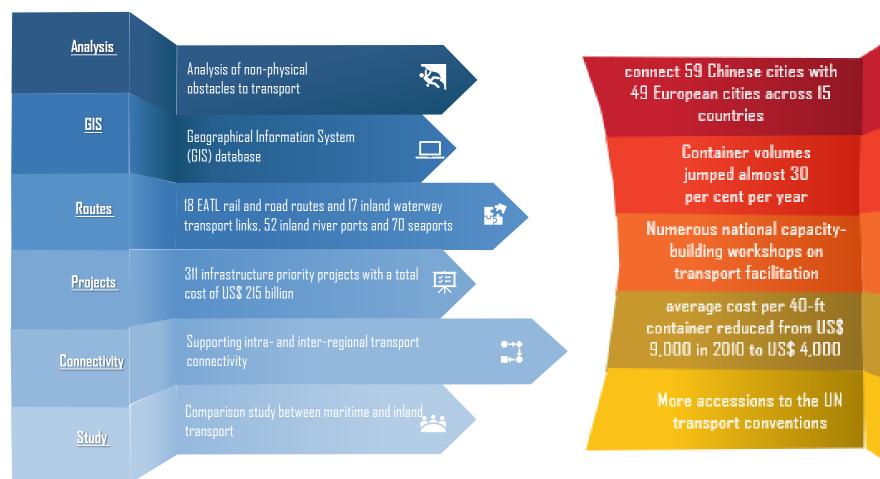
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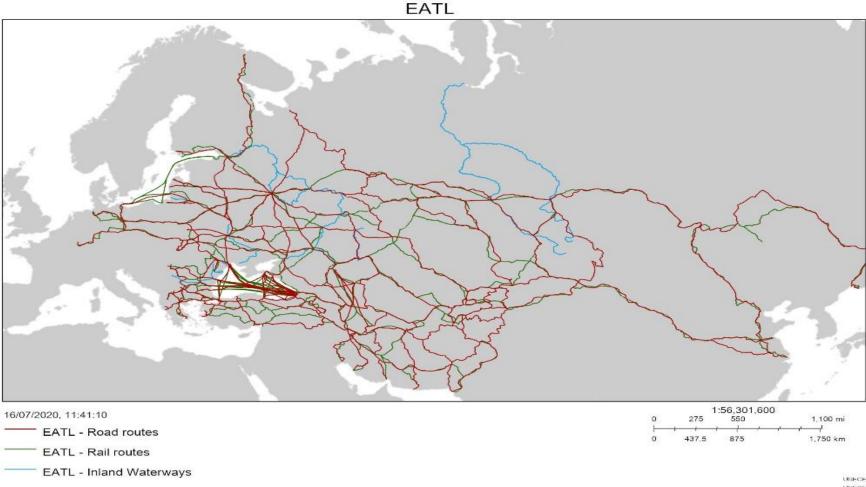






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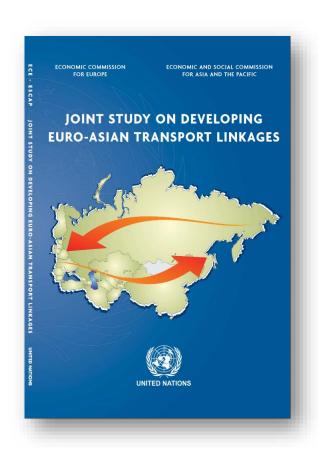


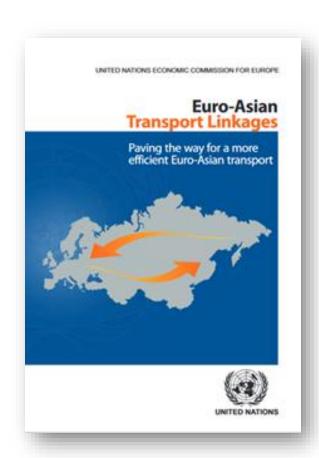


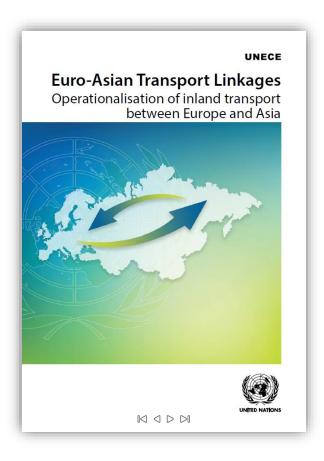


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## Need for enhanced operationalization

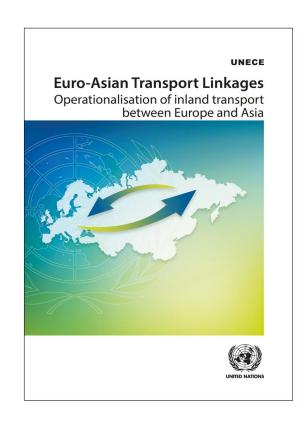


What do we know? (source EATL phase III project)

Corridors need to:

- be competitive
- meet the requirements of modern supply chains

Physical and non-physical gaps are obstacles to meeting the objectives







## Ways to enhance operationalization



**Operationalization** – infrastructure connections and interoperability standards, efficient corridor management, harmonization and simplification of border-crossing formalities and administrative formalities, application of new technologies and digitalization

In concrete terms: development of integrated and reliable transport services, i.e. block trains, one tariff – one time schedule for the whole corridor (or segments thereof)



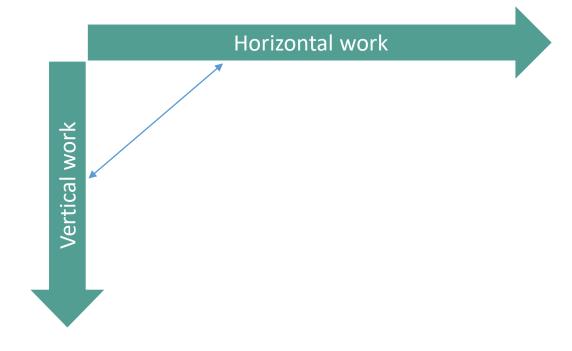
### Ways to enhance operationalization



Operationalization is complex and challenging

#### In a country:

- national strategy
- necessary conditions through laws and procedures (border and transit facilitation, infrastructure)



#### **Across countries:**

- interoperability priorities
- operational targets and work plan





### **UNECE** Instruments available





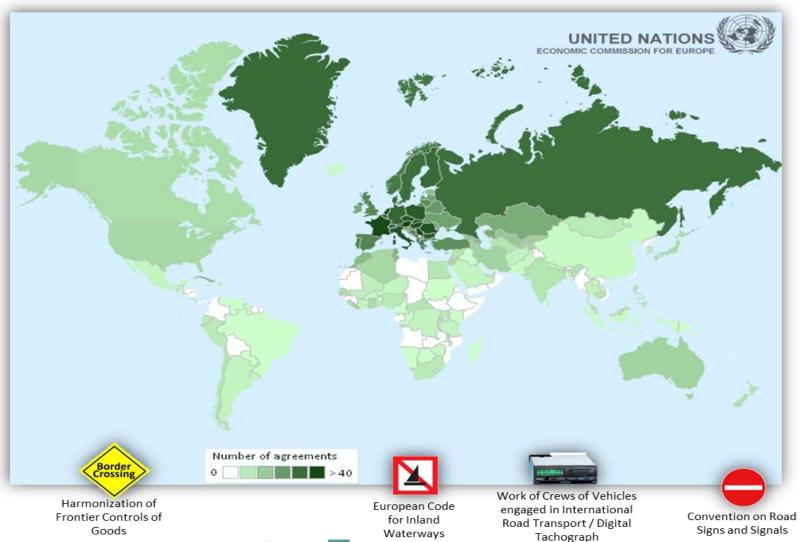






Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road







World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP 29)



International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways





International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road



Infrastructure Agreements for roads (AGR), Rail (AGC), Inland Water Transport (AGN), Intermodal Transport (AGTC)



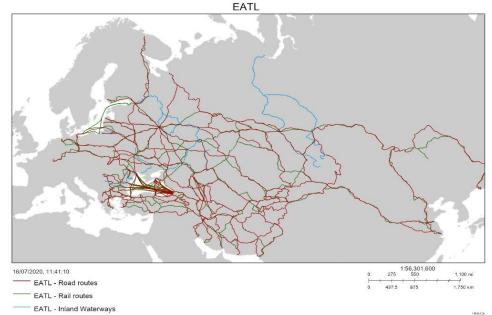
## **Corridor Management Groups (CMGs)**

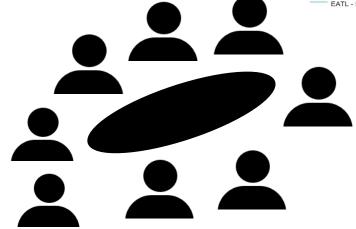














## Possible next operationalization steps



- Establishment of pilot Corridor Management Groups which could focus its efforts on improving coordination among a selected group of stakeholders from EATL countries on specific EATL corridors or parts thereof
- This would require, i.e.:
  - Identification of voluntary pilot countries
  - Institutional set-up/ creation of such Groups (including ToRs, appointment of a Coordinator, corridor management work plan based on TEN-T, CCTT experience)
  - CMGs resume their work with guidance of an inter-governmental platform (designated working party or advisory group)



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- At inception of pilot stage no budgetary requirements, if required at a later stage ExB funding could be attracted i.e. through partner organizations
- Any progress requires a full buy-in of public and private sector stakeholders



Thank you for your attention

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