

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

CAREC Secretariat
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What is CAREC?

- **Partnership**

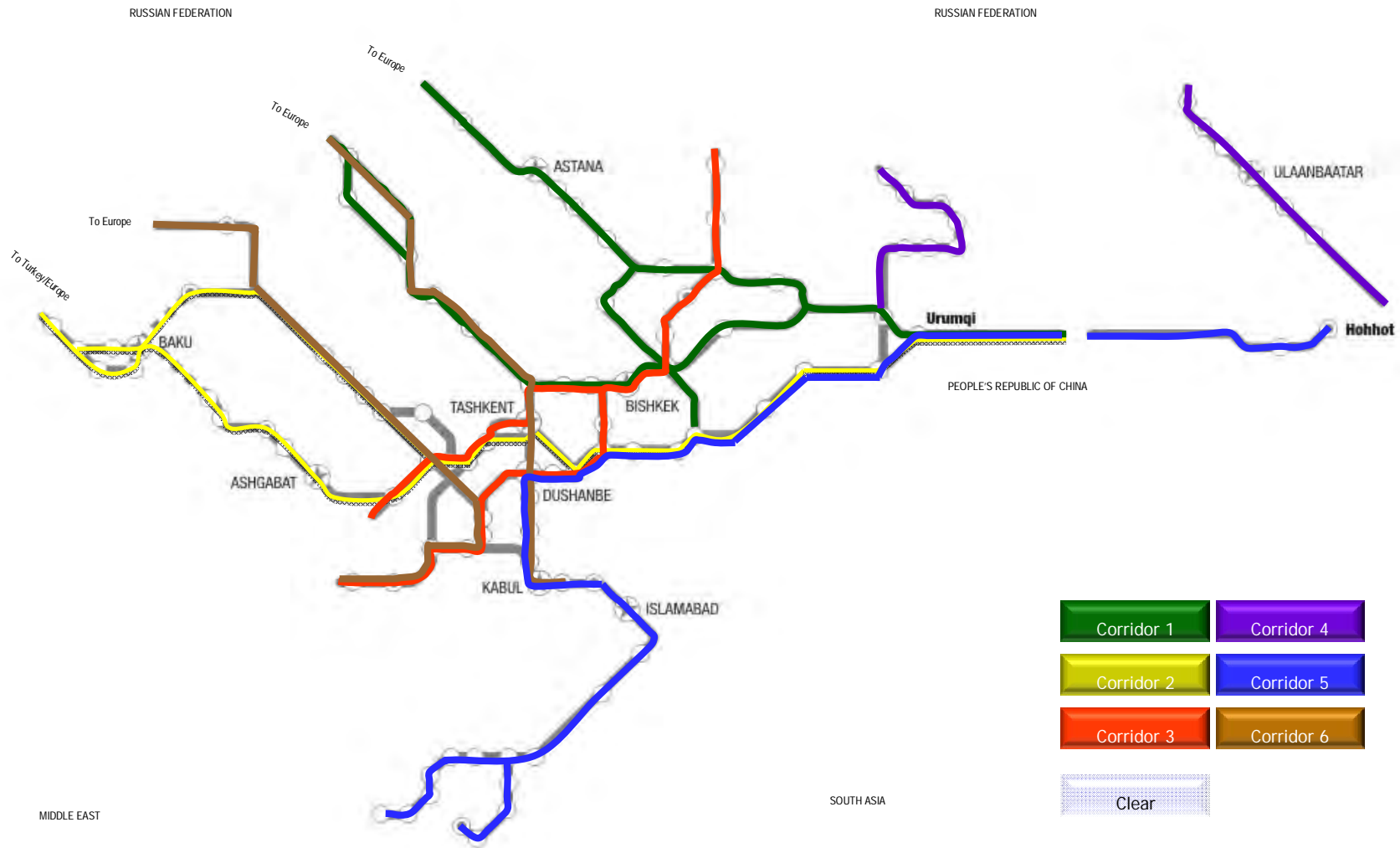
- 10 countries and 6 MIs, each with clear roles
- Strong MI collaboration, but leadership by countries
- ADB is CAREC Secretariat

- **Action-oriented**

- Based on clear strategy and action plan
- Invest in transport, energy, and trade facilitation
- Promote capacity development and networking



CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION TRANSPORT CORRIDORS



Progress (as of Feb 2012)

CORRIDOR	ROADS & RAILWAYS COMPLETED
1 Europe and East Asia	Roads – 1,650 km (43%) Railways – 1,650 km (45%)
2 Mediterranean-East Asia	Roads – 940 km (59%) Railways – 110 km (13%)
3 Russian Fed-Middle East and South Asia	Roads – 1,270 km (81%) – Afghanistan's first railway completed
4 Russian Fed-East Asia	Roads – 690 km (35%) Railways – 210 km (82%) PRC's Jining-Zhangjiakou railway completed
5 East Asia-Middle East and South Asia	Roads – 698 km (75%) Tajikistan's Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Rehabilitation Phase II completed
6 Europe-Middle East and South Asia	Roads – 1,183 km (48%) Railways – 599 km (50%) Uzbekistan's railway project 3 completed
TOTAL ROADS: about 4,000 km or 49% of the total	
TOTAL RAILWAYS: about 2,240 km or 37% of the total	



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Key Achievements in Trade Facilitation

- **Promoted customs cooperation and transit**
 - Capacity building and investments on customs reforms
 - Customs modernization, adoption of risk management and post-entry audit, and joint customs control started
 - Safe packet systems in KAZ and KGZ in place
 - Cross-border transport agreement signed by KGZ and TAJ
- **Carried out integrated trade facilitation**
 - Regional association of road carriers and freight forwarders established
 - Corridor performance being monitored and measured
 - Regional improvement of border services (improvement of border crossing points and set up of single windows)



Approved CAREC Projects (\$ million; as of Jan 2012)

Sector	Funding Source						Total
	ADB	EBRD	IsDB	WB	Govts	Others	
Transport	5,059	642	1,041	4,065	2,933	435	14,175
Trade Facilitation	48	-	14	133	50	1	246
Energy	1,108	348	247	373	831	368	3,275
Total	6,215	990	1,302	4,571	3,814	804	17,696

CAREC 2020: Focus, Action, Results

- **Strategic objectives**
 - Expanded trade
 - Improved competitiveness
- **Operational priorities**
 - Transport, energy, trade
 - CAREC Institute, economic corridors
- **Medium-term priority projects list**
- **Country ownership**
- **Better partnerships**



TTF Future Directions

- Conduct midterm review of TTF strategy and action plan
- Implement priority projects/address gaps
- Implement transport facilitation measures
- Continue customs modernization and other measures (including SPS)
- Improve border facilities and implement single window
- Study transformation of transport corridors into economic corridors



CAREC 2020: *Focus, Action, Results*

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