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**Advance Practices in Establishment  
of Effective Railway Corridors**

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# TURKMENISTAN

Turkmenistan – a country in Central Asia.

Turkmenistan has numerous advantages, including a favorable geographical location being located at main transport routes connecting the Central Asian region with Caucasus, Europe, Asia, Far East.

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- Turkmenistan is interested in an intensive promotion in the international market of railway services related to expansion of the railway network in our region.
- Enhanced transport integration through development of international transport corridors will provide an opportunity to determine modalities for closer cooperation among European and Asian countries. Railway communications of Turkmenistan make transit and export and import freight operations possible among Far East and Middle East countries and the countries of Central and East Europe.

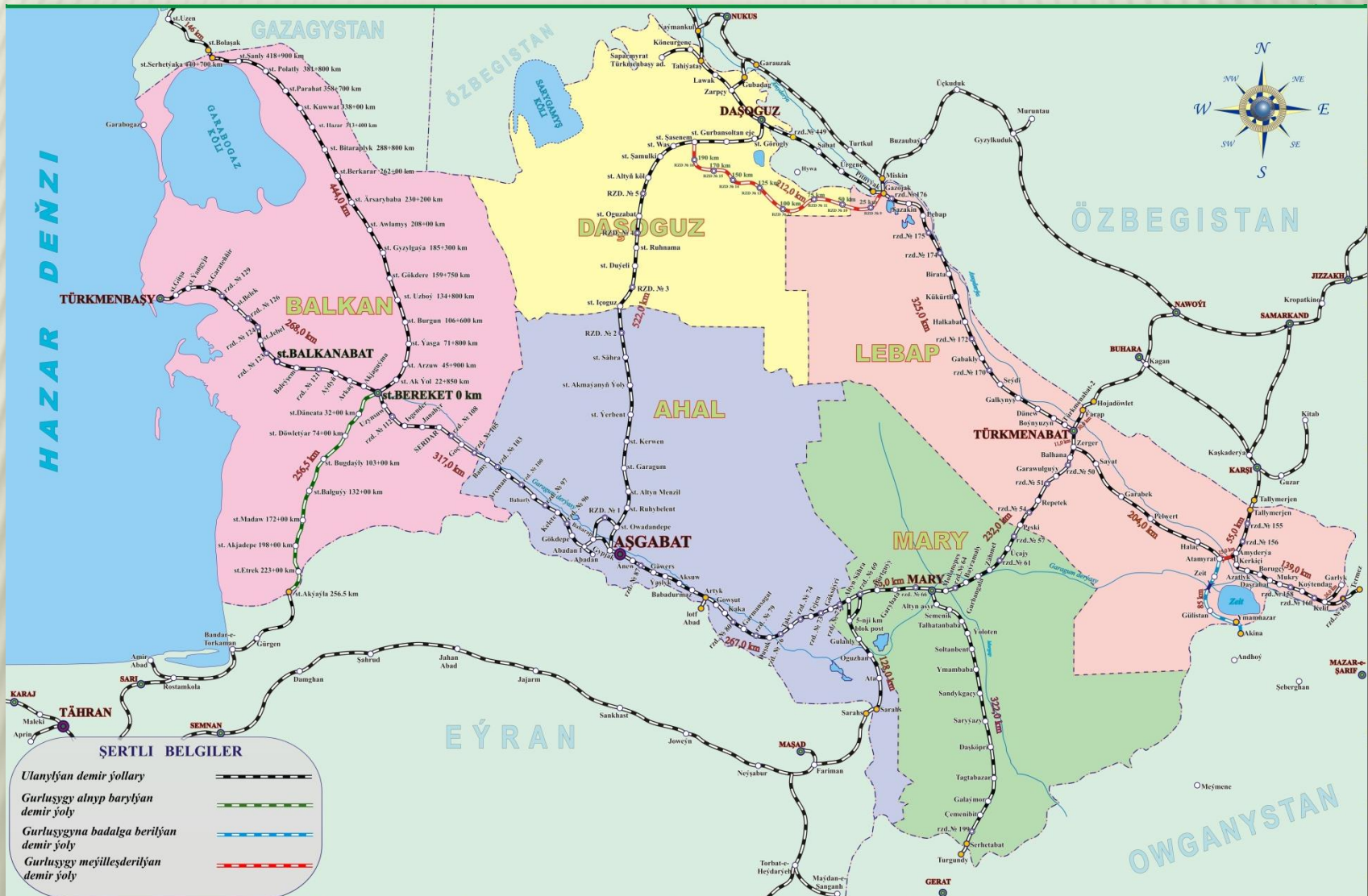


# INFRASTRUCTURE

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- The total length of the railways is 3,580.9 km.
- During the independence period more than 1,000 km of railways have been constructed.
- First of all, great efforts have been taken to construct new railway lines connecting remotes parts of the country in the North and East. Additional cross-border railway links were needed to provide for connectivity with neighboring states.

# Map of Railways in Turkmenistan



# CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LINES AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS

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- The first railway constructed under the program was the 308-km railway line Tadzhen-Sarabs-Meshhed (Iran), of which 132 km have been constructed in the territory of Turkmenistan.
- The next one was Turkmenabat-Atamyrat 215-km railway line, which was put in operation in 1999. The line goes along the left bank of the Amu-Darya River through the areas not covered by the railway operations before, thanks to which the time for delivery of passengers and cargoes across the river has been reduced significantly, and in addition, one more transit route has been opened to neighboring countries – Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan.
- During 2000-2006 a new 540-km railway line was constructed in the country – Ashgabat – Karakum – Dashoguz. It is the shortest link connecting two large regions – Akhalsky and Dashguzsky, having reduced the travel distance between these regions by 700 km, and the travel time by a half. Besides, this is one of the attractive tourist routes.



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- ✖ In 2009 a bridge was constructed across the Amu-Darya River (1,415 meters), which linked the new line with Talimarjan-Kelif section and reduced the distance for transport operations to Tajikistan for more than 200 km.
- ✖ In December of 2014 the transnational railway trunk line Kazakhstan – Turkmenistan – Iran was put in operations, The new railway line, as a ‘golden link” of the North-South international transport corridor, is aimed at ensuring convenient and cost-effective freight operations from Europe to Central and South Asia, Middle East. Its operations are important given the possible connection with the East-West transport network, i.e. the transcontinental route across the Caspian Sea: China – Central Asia – Caucasus – Europe.

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- A new sea port under construction in Turkmenbashi city will create the most favorable conditions to provide access for European countries to commodity markets of Middle East and the states in the Indian Ocean basin.
- An important link in international transport operations among Asian states in the region will be the railway Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Tajikistan. Phase one will include construction of two railway sections : 85-km line Atamyrat – Imamnazar in the territory of Turkmenistan and 38-km line from Imamnazar to Andhoi in the territory of Afghanistan. The new line is mainly intended for export of oil and oil products, inert and other shipments.



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- International transport corridors have become key mechanisms in the world economy globalization process. Not staying outside these processes, Turkmenistan is establishing one of the important transport centers of the continent in its territory, improves competitiveness of national products and services in global markets, which will help to have a well-deserved position in post-industrial global framework.

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Thank you for attention!