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THE PAN-EUROPEAN CORRIDOR VIII

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WHAT THE CORRIDOR IS ABOUT

FROM TRANSPORT CORRIDOR TO ECONOMIC
CORRIDOR

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

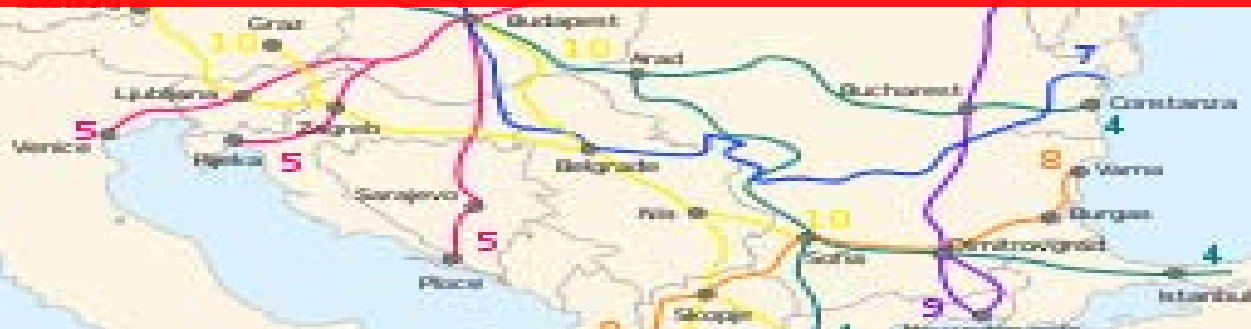
RESULTS WE GOT AND LESSONS WE LEARNED

The Pan-European Transport Corridors were defined at the 2nd Pan-European Transport Conference in Crete (1994), as routes in Central and Eastern Europe that required major investment over the next ten to fifteen years.

Additions were made at the 3rd Conference (Helsinki, 1997).



THE PAN-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CORRIDORS



Therefore, these corridors are sometimes referred to as the "Crete Corridors" or "Helsinki Corridors", regardless of their geographical locations.

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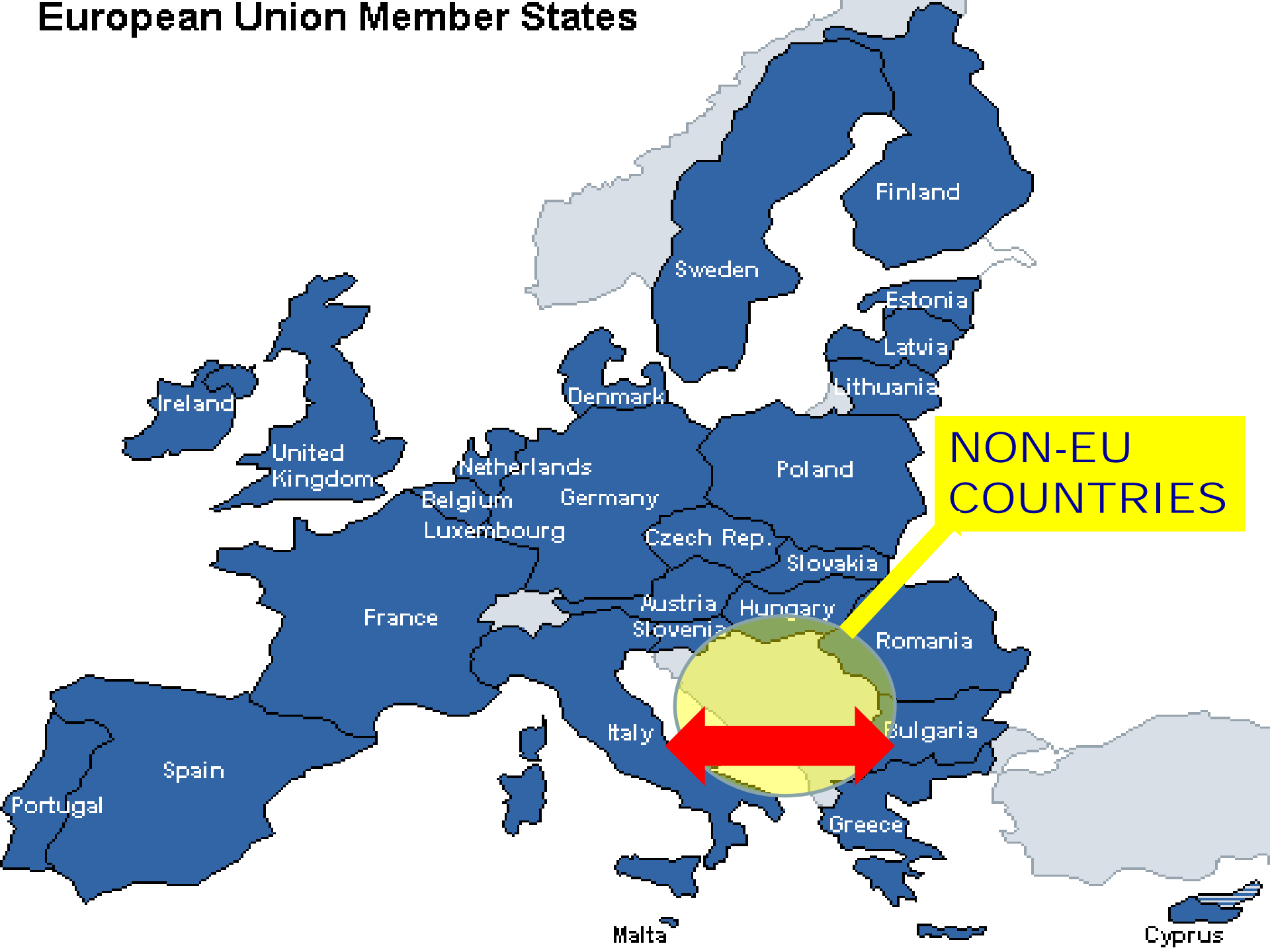


**FROM SOUTH-EASTERN ITALY
TO THE BLACK SEA**

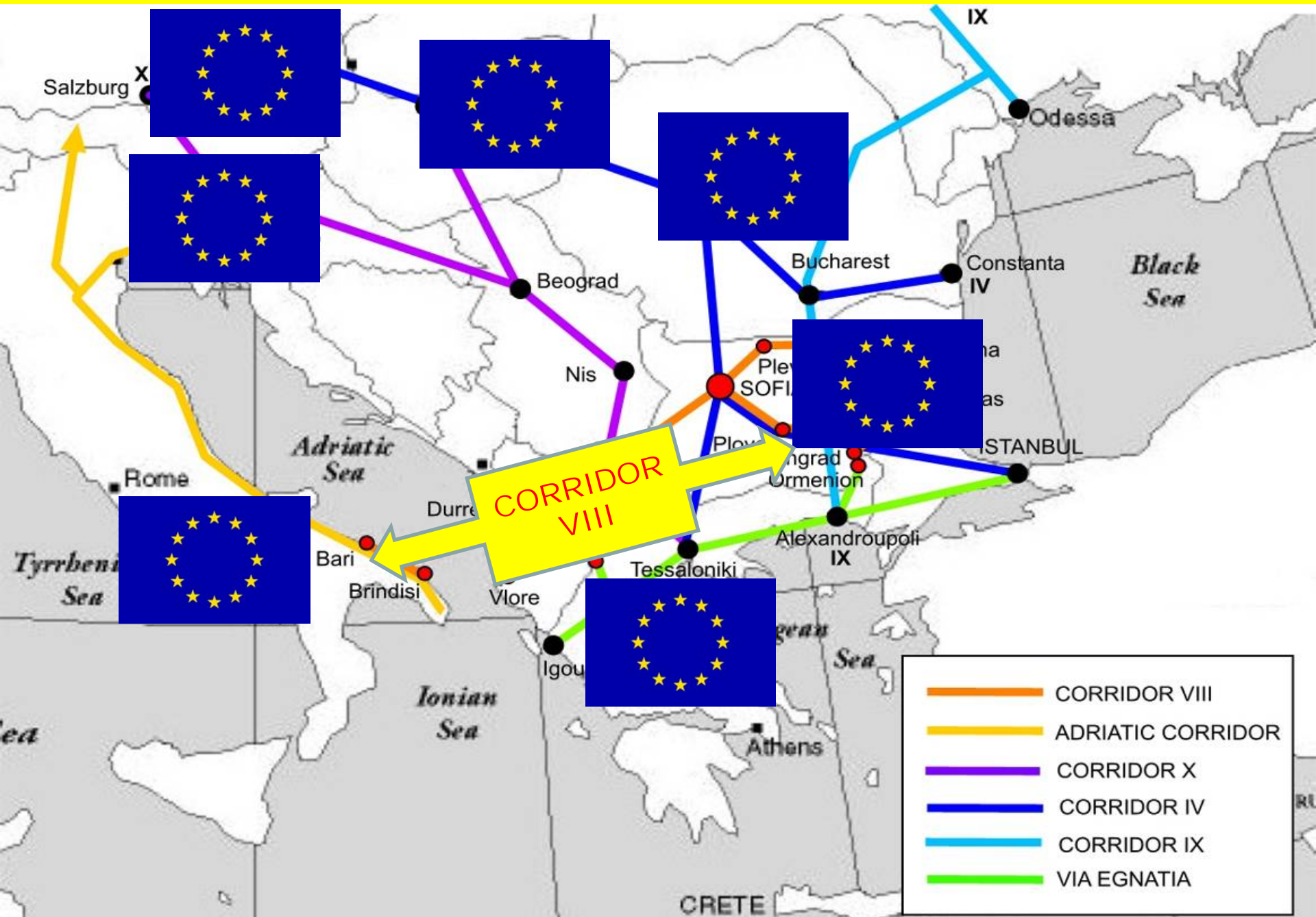


**A 2000-YEAR-OLD ROAD CORRIDOR,
LINKING THE ITALIAN TOWNS OF BARI AND BRINDISI
TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE BLACK SEA PROVINCES**

European Union Member States

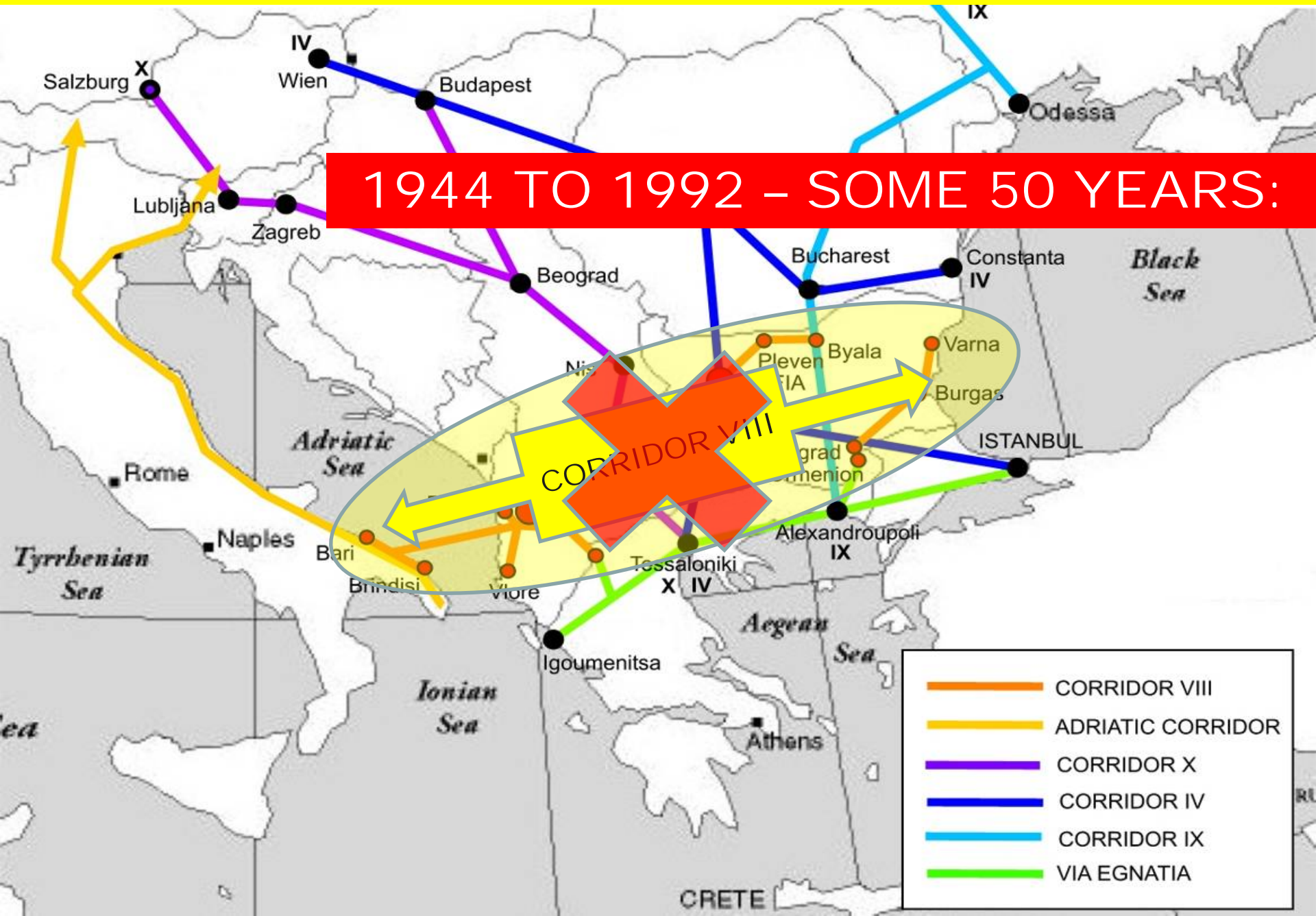






THE PAN-EUROPEAN CORRIDORS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE



THE PAN-EUROPEAN CORRIDORS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

1944 TO 1992 – SOME 50 YEARS:



-  CORRIDOR VIII
-  ADRIATIC CORRIDOR
-  CORRIDOR X
-  CORRIDOR IV
-  CORRIDOR IX
-  VIA EGNATIA

THE PAN-EUROPEAN CORRIDOR VIII,

NOW



ROADWAY: km 960

RAILWAY: km 1,270

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BARI CITY RING ROAD

ROADWAY: km 960

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ROADWAY: km 960

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BULGARIAN WEST-EAST HIGHWAY

ROADWAY: km 960

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ROADWAY: km 960

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BOTTLENECKS IN ALBANIA AND MACEDONIA

ROADWAY: km 960

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ROADWAY: km 960

RAILWAY: km 1,270

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BARI CITY CENTRAL STATION

RAILWAY: km 1,270

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RAILWAY: km 1,270

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SOFIA - BLACK SEA LINE

RAILWAY: km 1,270

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RAILWAY: km 1,270

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MISSING LINKS IN ALBANIA AND MACEDONIA

RAILWAY: km 1,270

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3 STUDIES ON THE C/8 TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Carried out by the Corridor 8 Secretariat
with the participation of technicians from the
Ministries of Transport of Italy, Albania, Macedonia and Bulgaria



1: Study on the development of the Railway Axis

2: Technical assessment of the Road Infrastructure System

3: Technical assessment of the Ports and Logistic System

3 STUDIES ON THE C/8 TRANSPORT SYSTEM

FINDINGS:



SHOULD WE GIVE UP ON CORRIDOR 8?

**PRESENT ROAD BOTTLENECKS
and RAILWAY MISSING LINKS**

CAN NOT BE FIXED IN THE SHORT TERM

DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS IN NON-EU COUNTRIES

AND TIME-CONSUMING ROAD/RAILWAY WORKS

GUIDELINES

1 – IN THE LONG TERM (3 to 5 years):

FINALIZE THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM OF CORRIDOR 8

HOW? BY PROVIDING NON-EU COUNTRIES WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON SPEEDING UP THE (ALREADY PLANNED) ROAD/RAILWAY WORKS, AND SEARCHING FOR ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SOURCES

2 – IN THE SHORT TERM:

DEVELOP TRADE AND BUSINESS COOPERATION AMONG CORRIDOR 8 COUNTRIES

HOW? BY WIDENING THE TRANSPORT CORRIDOR CONCEPT DESIGNING, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING THE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR CONCEPT

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MACEDONIA

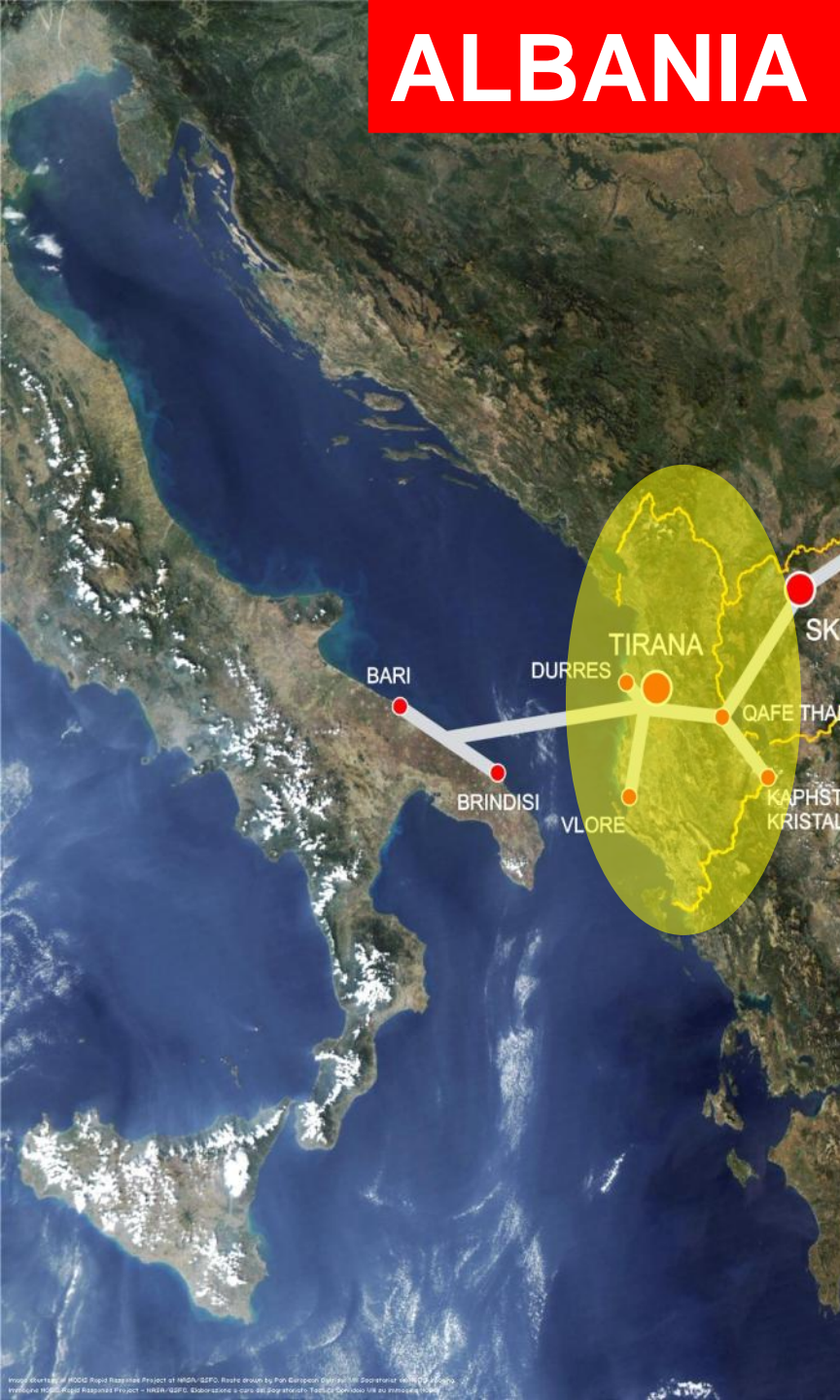


ALBANIA

Quick Facts

	2010
Population, total (millions)	3.20
Population growth (annual %)	0.4
Life expectancy at birth, female (years)	80
Life expectancy at birth, male (years)	74
GDP (current US\$) (billions)	11.78
GDP growth (annual %)	3.5
GNI, Atlas method (current US\$) (billions)	12.67
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	3.5
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP)	9
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force)	13
Time required to start a business (days)	5
Internet users (per 100 people)	40.7

Data Source: [World Development Indicators](#), World Bank



“Albania has made great strides over the last years and is considered an IDA (International Development Association) success story”.

World Bank, Country Brief, 2011



“Albania’s economy weathered the impact of the global financial crisis rather well, enjoyed an average annual rate of growth of over 6 percent over the past decade, and reached upper middle-income status in 2010.”

World Bank, Country Report, 2011

MACEDONIA

Quick Facts

	2010
Population, total (millions)	2.06
Population growth (annual %)	0.2
Life expectancy at birth, female (years)	77
Life expectancy at birth, male (years)	72
GDP (current US\$) (billions)	9.12
GDP growth (annual %)	0.7
GNI, Atlas method (current US\$) (billions)	9.32
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	-0.3
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP)	247
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force)	32.2
Time required to start a business (days)	3
Internet users (per 100 people)	51.8

Data Source: [World Development Indicators](#), World Bank



“FYR Macedonia has made great strides in reforming its economy over the last decade. The World Bank has actively supported the country in strengthening its competitiveness for sustained economic growth, improving the business environment, strengthening human capital, improving the transport and energy infrastructure, and supporting the decentralization process.”

World Bank, Country Program, 2011

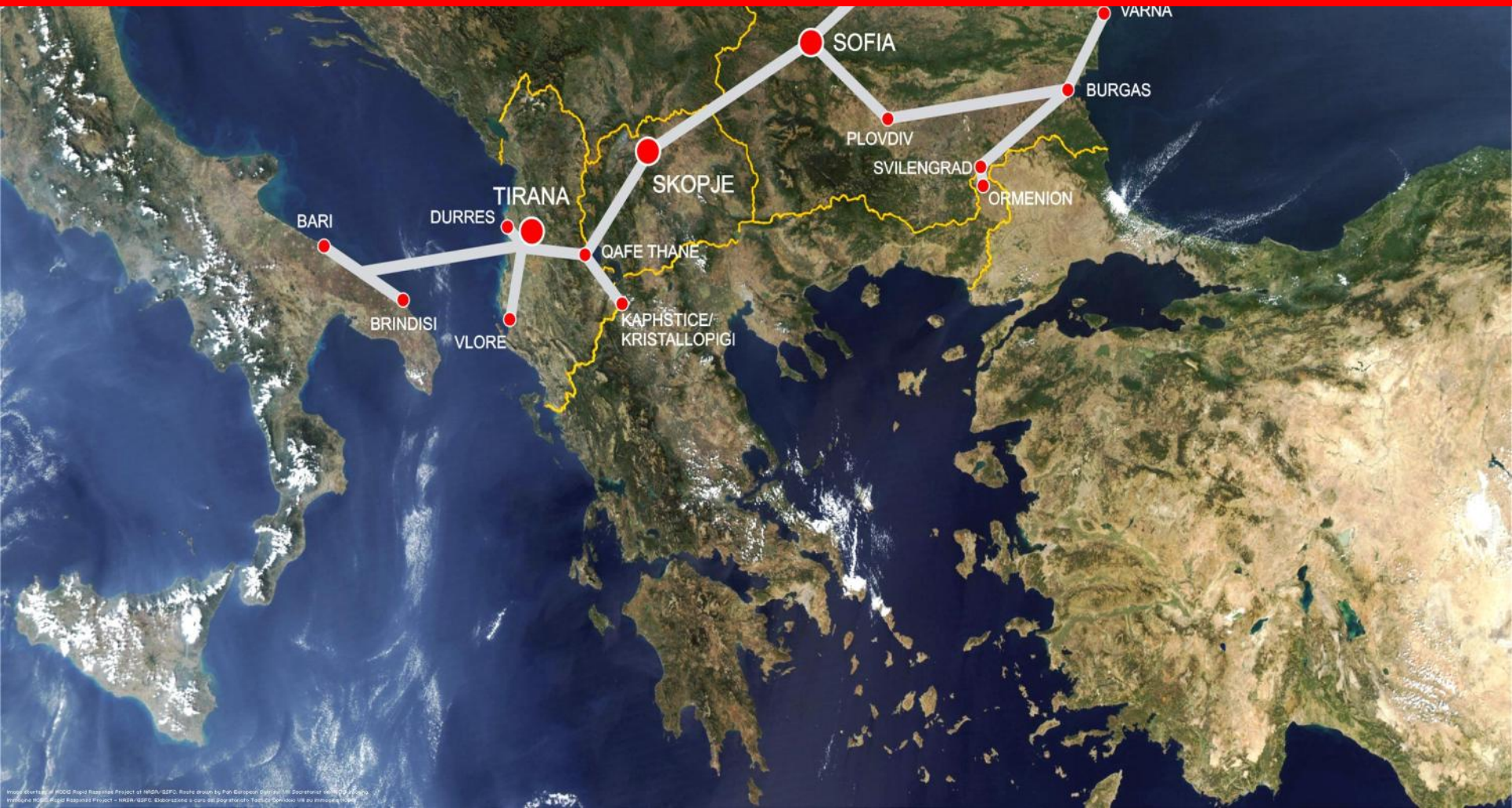


“Growth accelerated to around 4-5 percent in the first half of 2011. Exports continued to perform strongly (...). At the same time, domestic demand, which was largely depressed at the start of 2010, has been gradually recovering. Investments rebounded as a result of loosened monetary policy, improved business confidence, and higher public spending.”

World Bank, Country Program, 2011

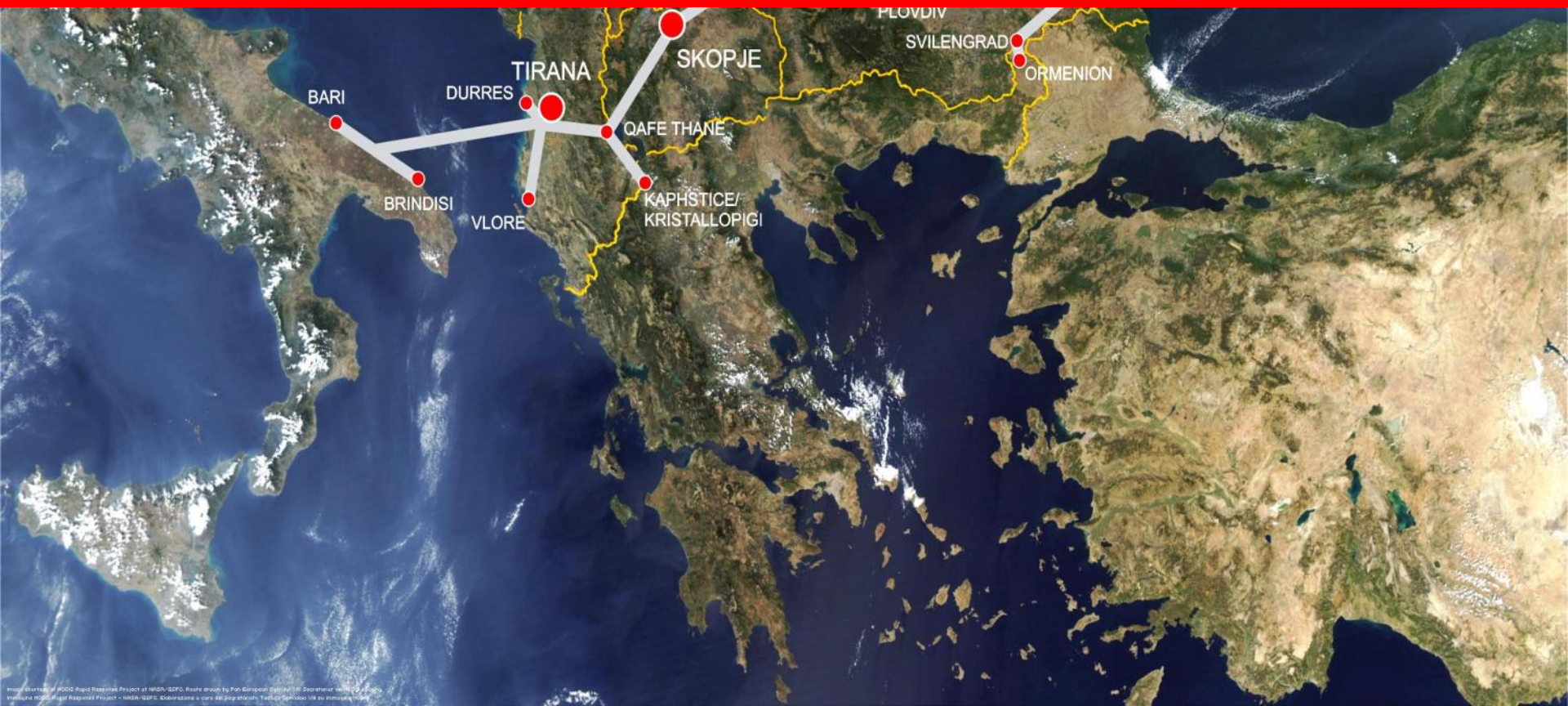
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: STATEMENT # 1

**BOTH ALBANIA AND MACEDONIA ARE GROWING.
THEIR ECONOMIES ARE GROWING AT A VERY FAST PACE.**



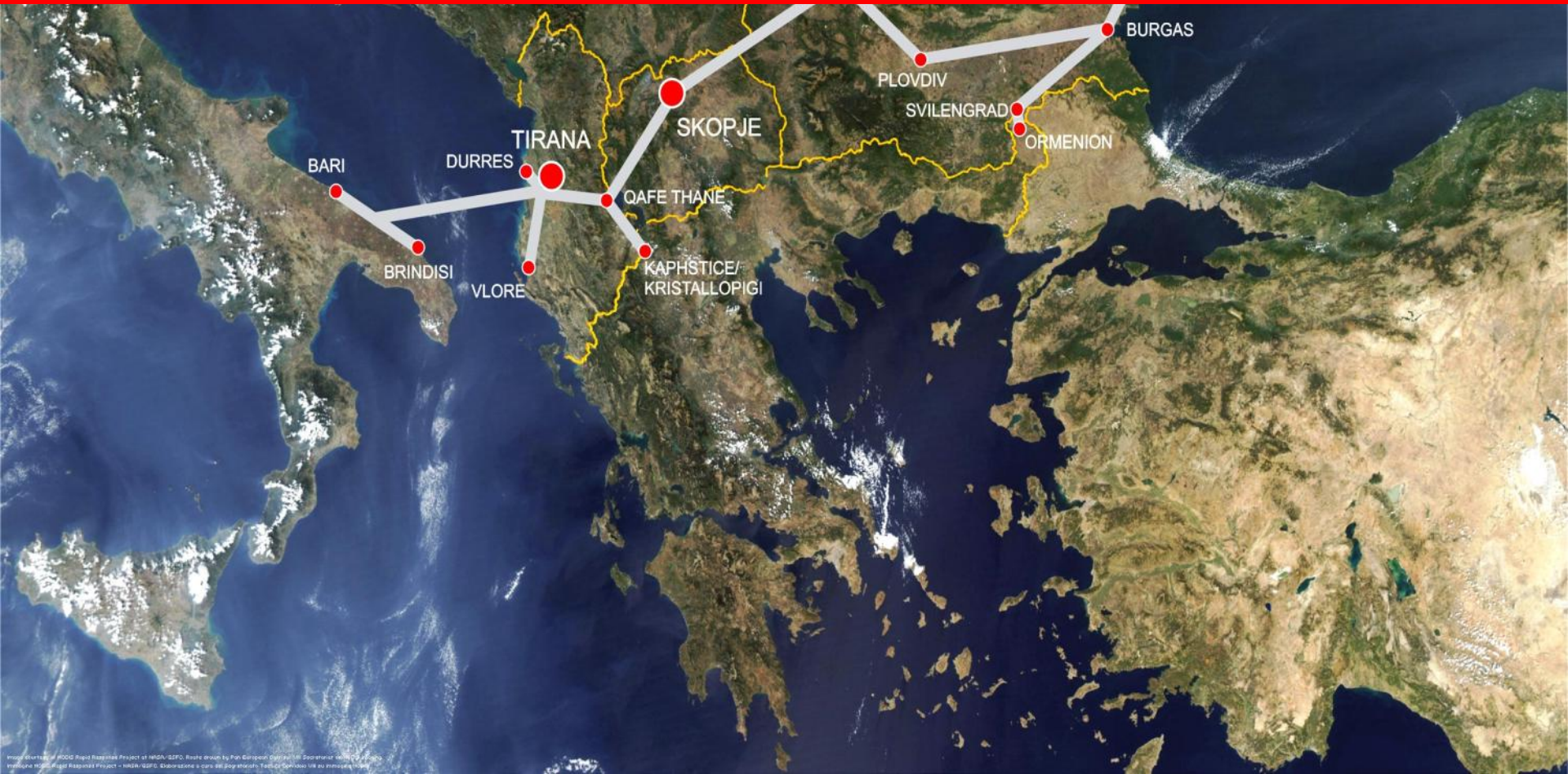
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: STATEMENT # 2

THE ITALIAN SUPPORT TO THE WEST BALKANS' DEVELOPMENT CANNOT JUST 'STAND BY' UNTIL THE LOCAL ROAD+RAILWAY NETWORKS ARE UPGRADED. THE FINALIZATION OF TRANSPORT CORRIDORS TAKES TIME, BUT THE BUSINESS OF ITALIAN AND BALKAN SMEs CAN'T WAIT.



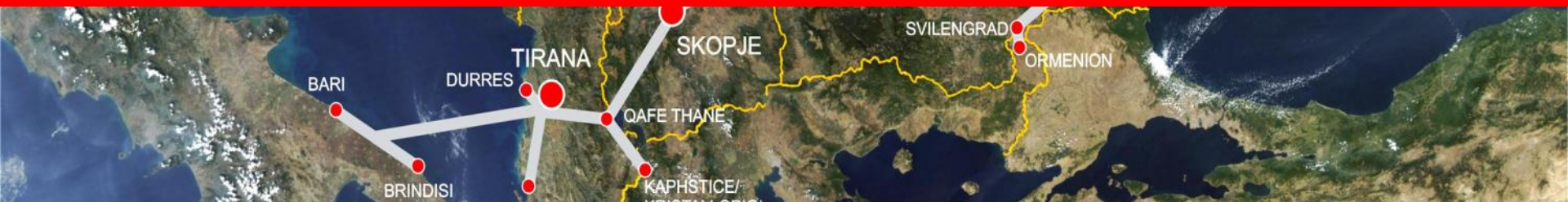
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: STATEMENT # 3

**A CORRIDOR PAVED WITH PROFITABLE BUSINESS
WILL ALLOW THE CIRCULATION OF PEOPLE AND GOODS,
IN SPITE OF BUMPY ROADS AND SLOW TRAINS.**



ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: STATEMENT # 4

**ITALY MUST PAVE THE WAY
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC CORRIDOR 8
AIMING AT SUPPORTING THE GROWTH
OF BUSINESS COOPERATION
BETWEEN ITALIAN AND BALKAN SMEs.**



**THE ITALIAN PUBLIC MONEY INVESTED
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR 8
WILL PAY THE TICKET TO RIDE
THE WEST BALKANS' ECONOMIC GROWTH.**



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Collaborazioni Operative**

**A 2-YEAR PROJECT
(2010-2011)**

FUNDING: 2 MILLION US \$



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FACTS and FIGURES



2 TRADE FAIRS IN MACEDONIA

3 TRADE FAIRS IN ALBANIA

21 TECHNICAL SEMINARS IN IT, AL, MK AND BG

1 BUSINESS MISSION TO MACEDONIA

1 BUSINESS MISSION TO BULGARIA

6 INFO DAYS IN ITALY ON BULGARIA, ALBANIA, MACEDONIA

**30 ISSUES OF A FORTNIGHTLY E-NEWSLETTER ON GREEN
ECONOMY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BALKANS**

MEDIA CAMPAIGNS IN ITALY, ALBANIA AND MACEDONIA

6 MINISTRIES PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE EVENTS

MORE THAN 100 ITALIAN SMEs PARTICIPATING



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Bridging South-East Europe and the Caucasus Region



...AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE

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THANK YOU
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