



Economic Cooperation Organization

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Russia

Ukraine

Kazakhstan

Turkey

Azerbaijan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

Kyrgyz Republic

Tajikistan

China

Iran

Afghanistan

Disputed territory of Kashmir

Pakistan

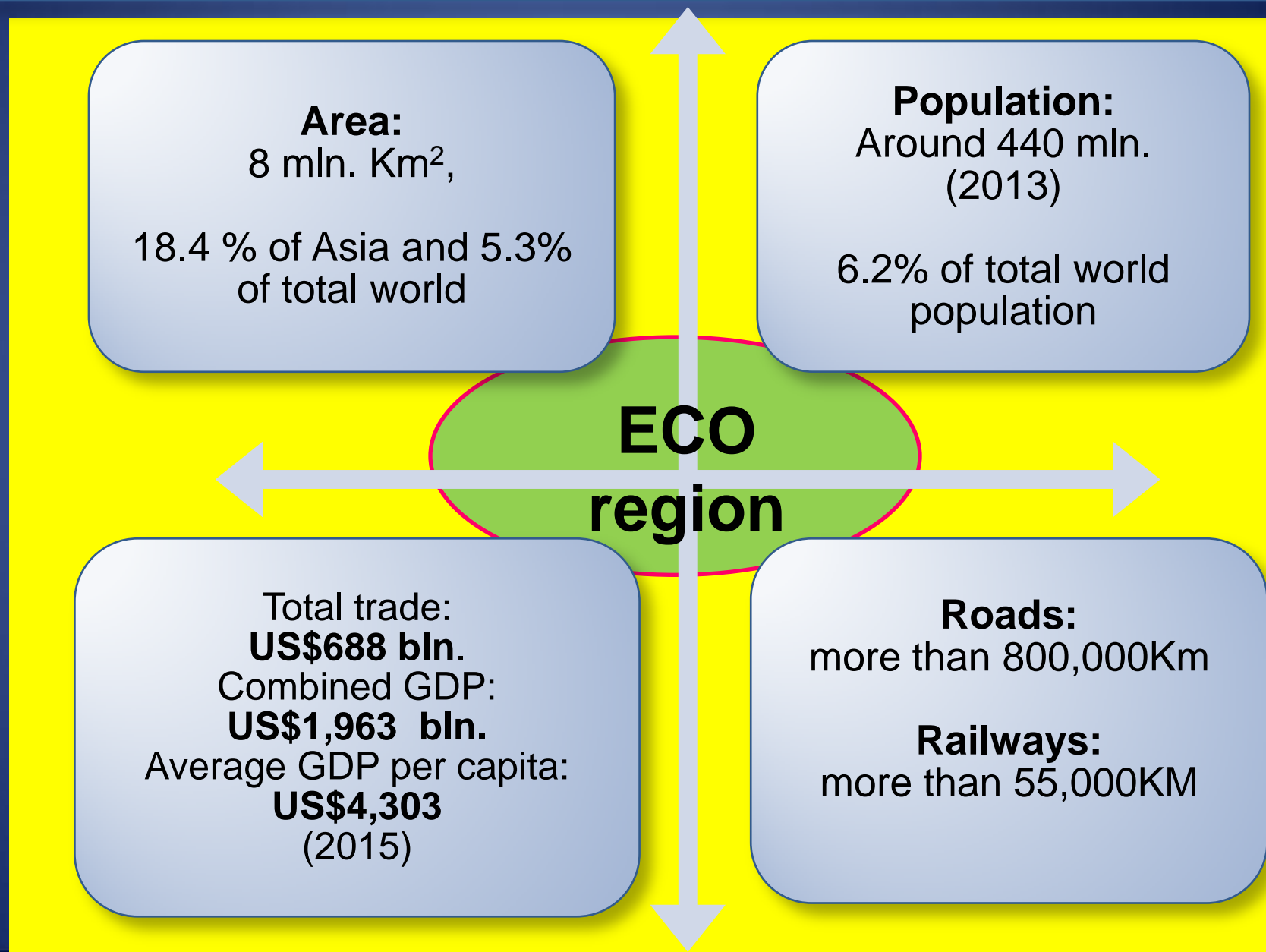
Saudi Arabia

Egypt

India



General information on the ECO region





ECO Vision 2025

Strategic objectives

double intra-regional trade, increase share in global trade and tap regional potential for economic growth

maximize connectivity, mobility and accessibility by making major ECO transport corridors commercially viable and operational

**ECO Vision 2025
is aimed to:**

enhance energy security and sustainability through wider energy access and trade within the ECO Region and beyond.

increase standard of living, quality of life, economic welfare and well being of people through social protection and environment preservation policies



ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA)

Basic facilitation tool

Facilitation
of movement of goods
and passengers

Ensuring the safety of
goods and passengers
and avoiding
unnecessary delays
during the transit traffic

Cooperation
and coordination
of the efforts to avoid
the incidence of
customs frauds and
tax evasion

Harmonizing
necessary
administrative
affairs dealing with
transit traffic.

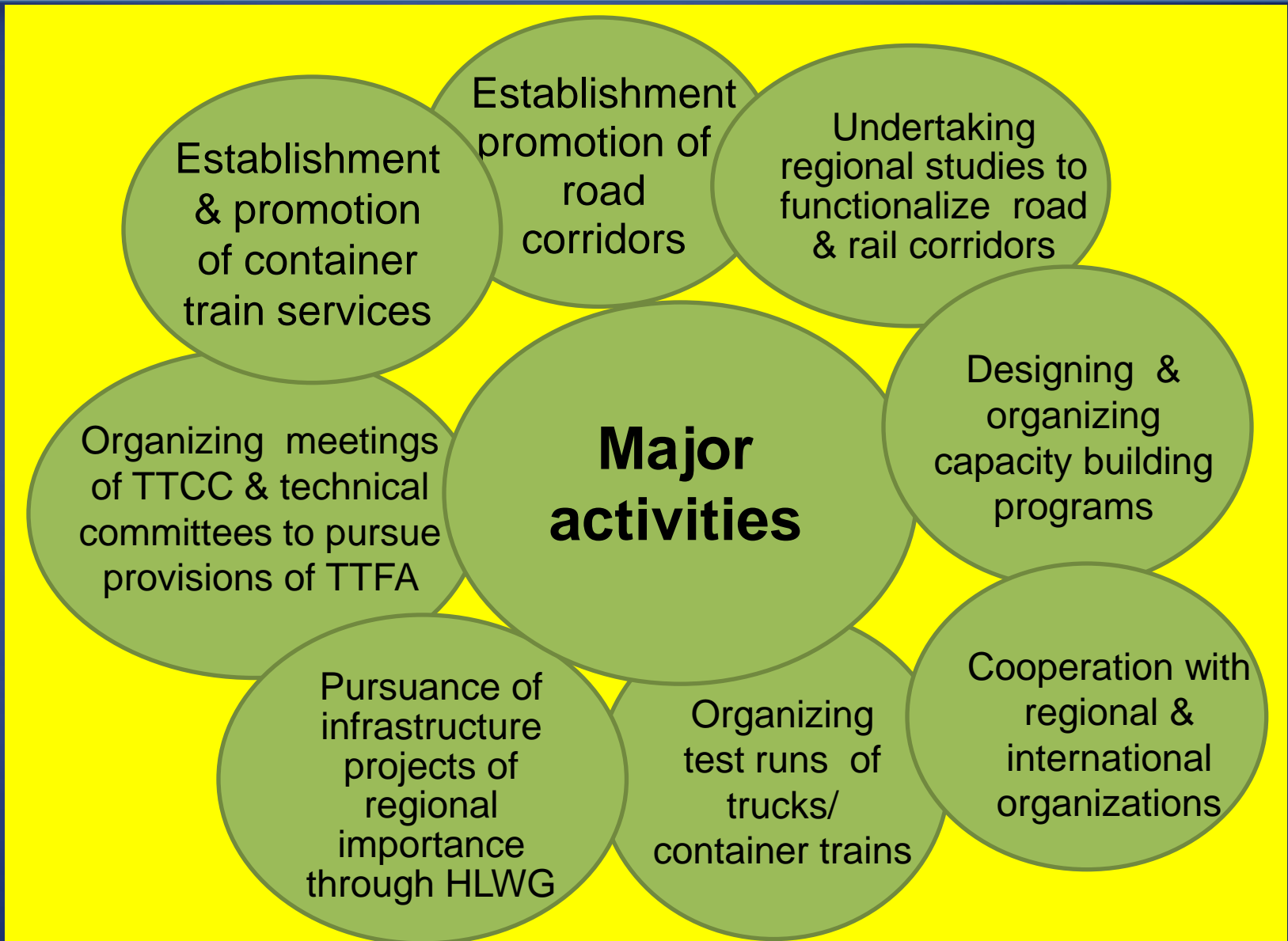
TTFA





ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA)

Transit facilitation





ECO/IDB Joint Project on implementation of TTFA

Corridor study

ECO Road Network Development Plan enabled to:

- ❑ Define **seven** priority ECO Road routes with branches
- ❑ Identify around **forty seven** regionally important infrastructure projects along the ECO road routes for priority development
- ❑ Develop an **Investment Plan** for the priority projects. with the estimated cost of **US\$21bln**, out of which approximately 48% projects with the secured funds.

ECO Railway Network Development Plan enabled to:

- ❑ Define **five** priority ECO Rail routes with branches
- ❑ Identify about **forty** (40) regionally important infrastructure projects along the routes for priority development.
- ❑ Develop an **Investment Plan** for the priority projects. with the estimated cost of **US\$43 bln**, out of which 38% of projects with the secured funds..



ECO Road Network Development Plan

Corridor Management Studies under the Project on Implementation of the TTFA



ECO Railway Network Development Plan

Corridor Management Studies under the Project on Implementation of the TTFA





2nd Phase of ECO/IDB Project on implementation of TTFA

“Feasibility study on customs reform and modernization of border crossing points in the ECO region” (2016)

All Member States who are Contracting parties and a Signatory to TTFA participated in the Study. Comprehensive data was collected via Questionnaire on the status of customs procedures and border crossing facilities and infrastructure as well as national plans.

Customs borders of Iran with Turkey, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Azerbaijan, borders of Kyrgyz with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, Bandar Abbas (Iran) and Aktau (Kazakhstan) ports as well as Karachi Customs House (Pakistan) have been visited by the Consultancy team.

Kapikule BCP of Turkey considered as a model for ECO MSs was arranged for the participants of the Wrap up meeting (March 2016).

In total, 19 projects were reported by the MSs, sixteen are ongoing projects and three are planned projects to improve and modernize border crossing points and its operation.



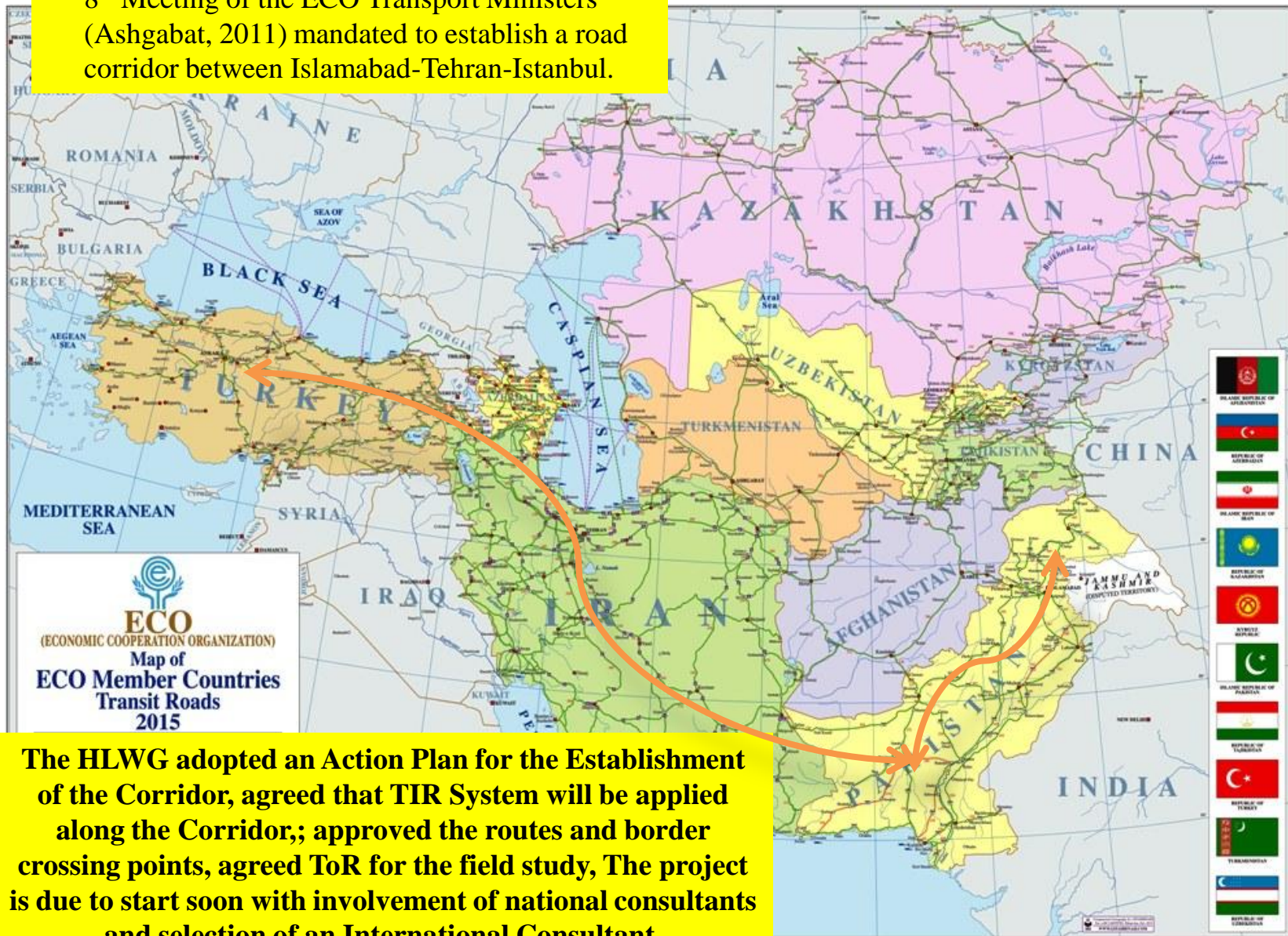
road corridor activities



Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI)

8th Meeting of the ECO Transport Ministers (Ashgabat, 2011) mandated to establish a road corridor between Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul.

ECO road corridor



The HLWG adopted an Action Plan for the Establishment of the Corridor, agreed that TIR System will be applied along the Corridor; approved the routes and border crossing points, agreed ToR for the field study, The project is due to start soon with involvement of national consultants and selection of an International Consultant.



Kyrgyz-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran (KTAI)

8th Meeting of the ECO Transport Ministers (Ashgabat, 2011) mandated to establish a road corridor between Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran .

ECO road corridor



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**Railway infrastructure projects to
establish new corridors**



Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran Railway Project

ECO Corridor

A concept of “Corridor Management Model” has been prepared in order to translate the present status of “random operation” of the corridor into a “regular run” through a transnational mechanism for coordinated management of the route.

Support of IDB and ESCAP was received to provide financial and technical assistance to the initiative.

Support of KTI enroute countries was also received.

The meeting of KTI Heads of Railways was organized (Tehran, February 2017) to discuss and agree on the technicalities of the project.

Among major decisions, a time bound Action Plan for implementation of the intergovernmental agreement was agreed including activities to commercialize KTI .

The railway
was inaugurated on
on 3rd December 2014.

The Project is considered as a major step towards seamless transit transport connectivity, enhanced transit trade, economic growth and better access for all countries





The Republic of Azerbaijan-Iran Railway Project

ECO corridor



The Project has three parts. Two parts, namely Qazvin-Rasht and Rasht-Astara with a total length of about 369 km are located in Iran, and one part (less than 10 km) is located in Azerbaijan. 95% of infrastructure work and 70% of superstructure work at Qazvin-Rash is completed. 8,3 KM railway link in the territory of Azerbaijan is completed and a bridge over Astara Chai River has been constructed.

Negotiations between the Governments of Azerbaijan and Iran are ongoing to co-finance the remaining (Rasht-Astara) segment in the territory of Iran.

ECO container train services



ECO Container Train on Istanbul-Almaty Route

ECO corridor



This route is the most direct and feasible transport route which can facilitate East-Asian trade with Europe through Central Asia. Total distance of route is 5626 km. The route is operational since 2002. HLWG is following up timetable, tariff and other technical matters to streamline the train services.



ECO Container Train on Bandar Abbas-Almaty Route

ECO corridor



The first demonstration run of the ECO Container Train on Bandar Abbas-Almaty Route (3710 km) was organized on 17 October 2011 from Bandar Abbas. HLWG is following up timetable, tariff and other technical matters to streamline the train services. Measures are ongoing to mobilize cargos.



Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran (KTAI) Rail Project

ECO corridor



The Project of construction of railway from China to Europe through Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran (KTAI) is coordinated by ECO. The feasibility study in Tajik segment is completed. A considerable portion of this corridor i.e. 1000 kilometers is inside the territory of Afghanistan. The pre-feasibility and feasibility study from Sherkhan Bandar to Mazar-e-Sharif and up to Shibargan are completed. Negotiations with ADB and other donor agencies are ongoing to to fund construction works. From Shibargan to Herat (around 460 km) pre-feasibility study was completed and feasibility studies are being planned for 2017. Segment Khaf-Herat (150 KM) is divided into 4 portions. Two portions, Khaf-Sangan in the territory of Iran was constructed. 3rd portion is expected to be completed by end 2017. 4th portion feasibility/pre-feasibility studies are due to be completed soon and construction works tare expected to start

ECO MSs	Agreement on International Carriage of Goods (SMGS)	Convention concerning International Carriage of Goods by Rail (COTIF)
Afghanistan	x	
Azerbaijan	x	x
Iran	x	x
Kazakhstan	x	
Kyrgyz Republic	x	
Pakistan		x
Tajikistan	x	
Turkey		x
Turkmenistan	x	
Uzbekistan	x	



Areas for CAREC & ECO Cooperation

- Exchange of experiences and studies
- Joint activities for capacity and awareness building in issues of road/rail safety, harmonization of regulations and border management mechanisms in the member countries.
- Joint trade facilitation studies
- Taking part in each others transport related activities
- Cooperation on transport corridors connecting the CAREC corridors to ECO corridors
- Jointly Initiating 'Exclusive Corridor Management Mechanisms' on indentified rail or road corridor/s

Thank You