

# Item 4.1 Transport infrastructure projects, activities and initiatives at national and international level

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# Road Routes





# Rail Routes



## EATL Phase III (2013-15)

- The principal objective for EATL in Phase 3 is to operationalize nine rail and nine road overland routes identified in previous EATL phases
- International Financial Institutions and the relevant national infrastructure development bodies ought to direct their activities to coordinate infrastructure investment plans, as well as to attract private investment
- Promote coordination and facilitation of financing of infrastructural projects

## EATL Phase III (2013-15)

- Facilitation of transport by removing physical and administrative bottlenecks when crossing borders
- Further improve GIS internet free-access application and develop a web tool to compare inland transport options and maritime
- Funding – sponsors and hosts are welcome

## EATL Phase III (2013-15)

- Number of countries increased from 27 (Phase II) to 38 countries
- Mandate extended for another year in May 2016
- First draft Report planned for end 2016

### Expert Group meetings:

- 3-4 February 2015 in Geneva
- 9-10 June in Dushanbe
- 20-21 October 2015 in Istanbul (informal)
- 2-3 February 2016 in Vienna (informal)

# Expert Group Meetings

Objectives of the meetings were to:

- identify the specific structure of cargo that could be transported overland between two continents;
- to facilitate the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links;
- to identify of needs and requirements of producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the EATL routes;
- and to consider further application of the Geographical Information System (GIS) on EATL routes.

# Conclusions

- EATL overland routes offer a viable alternative to maritime routes for trade
- There is an increasing business interest in using overland routes between Europe and Asia
- EATL infrastructure needs further development
- EATL project provides a continuous platform for the coordination of long-term national and regional investment plans



# Thank you



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