



Roundtable on financing transport infrastructure for corridor development

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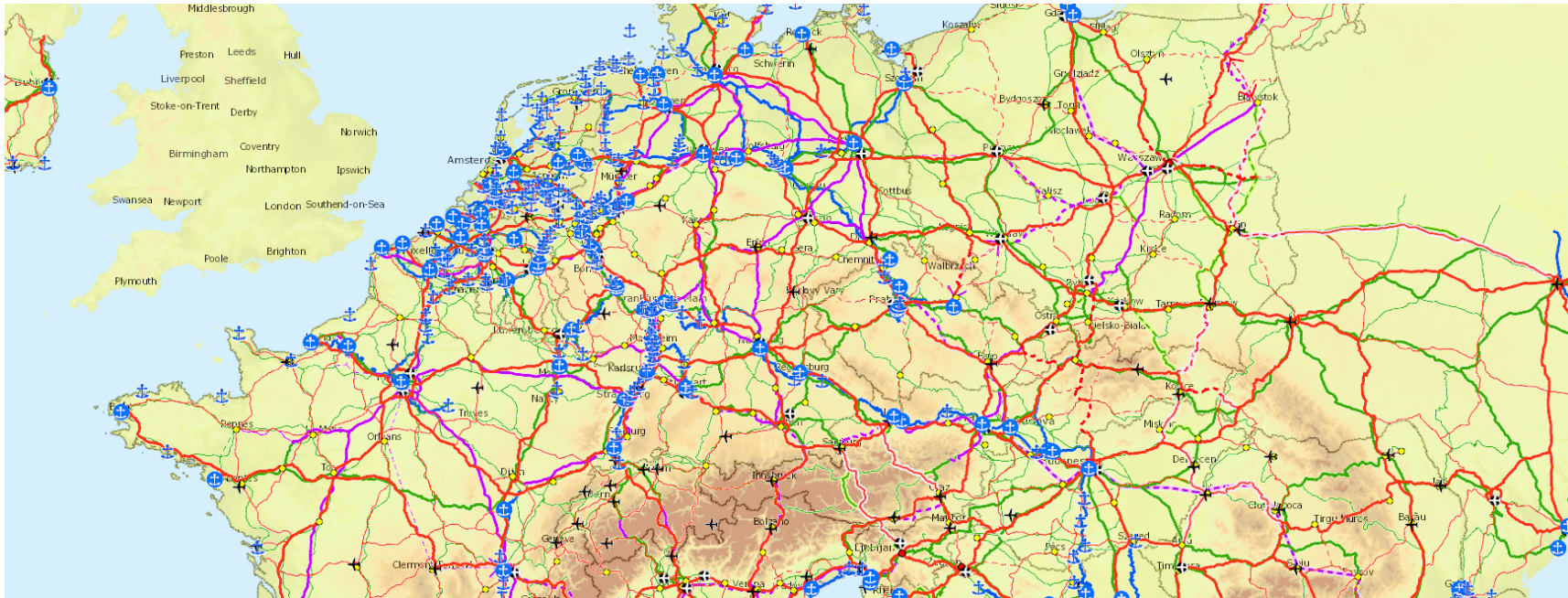
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Institutional setting of the EU

- 27 Member States are part of the EU, but the **EU is supranational**.
- The **laws** that are adopted at European level are **binding**.
- EU context is very **different from an international context**.
- However, **inspiration can be taken from the EU approach** to develop corridors internationally.

The trans-European transport network

- The TEN-T is the European **transport infrastructure planning tool**.
- The TEN-T is built on an **objective methodology**.
- The TEN-T is **legally binding**.



The TEN-T methodology <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52013SC0542>

Cross-border sections

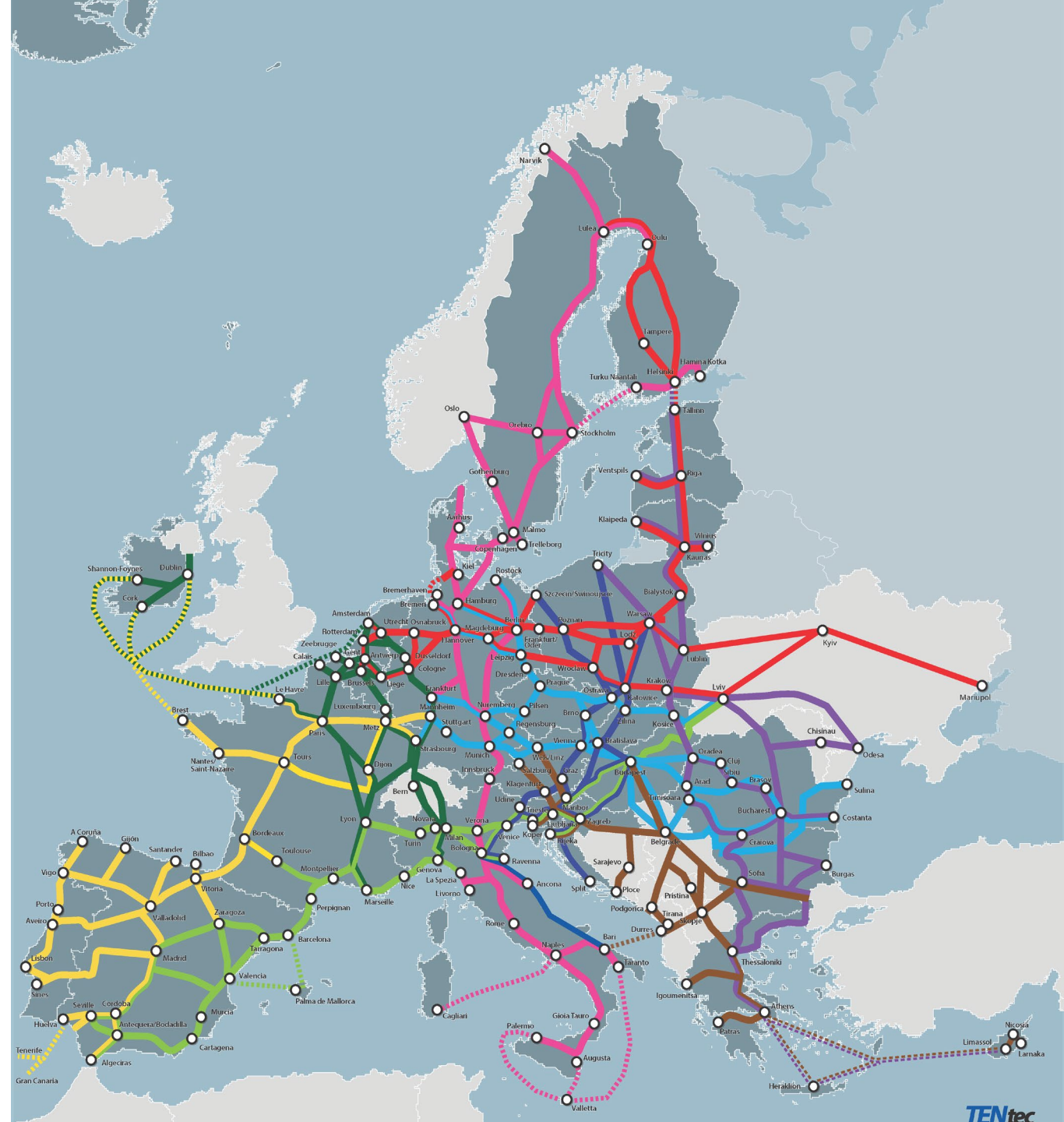


- **Most challenging parts**
- **Public funds are needed** for cross-border infrastructure.
- The **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)** has played a crucial role over the past decade

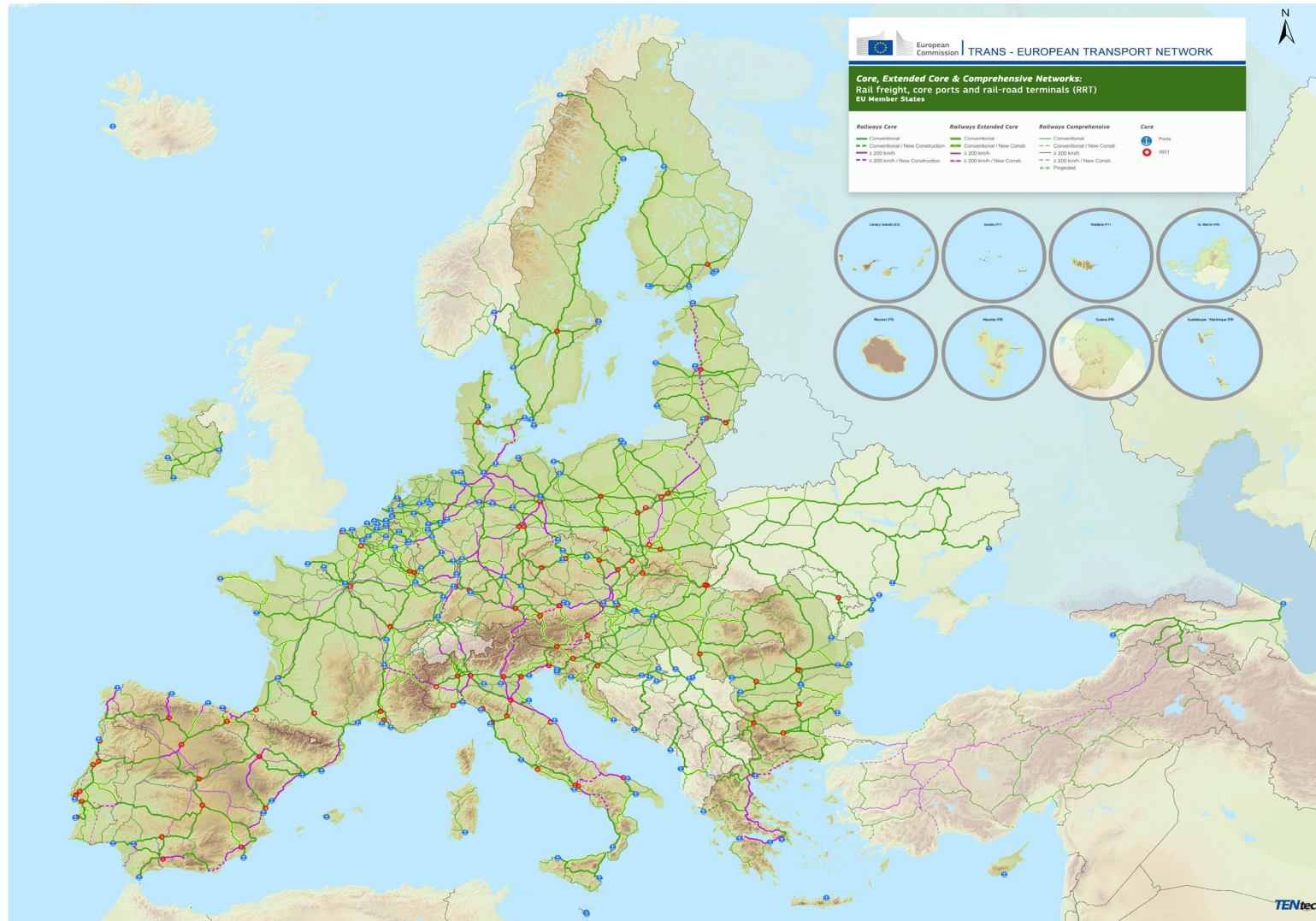
The European Transport Corridors

Role of corridor coordinators:

- describe the **characteristics** of the corridor, in particular the cross-border sections
- analyse the state of **compliance** of the corridor with the transport infrastructure requirements
- Identify **missing links and bottlenecks**
- analyse the **investments** required in the corridors

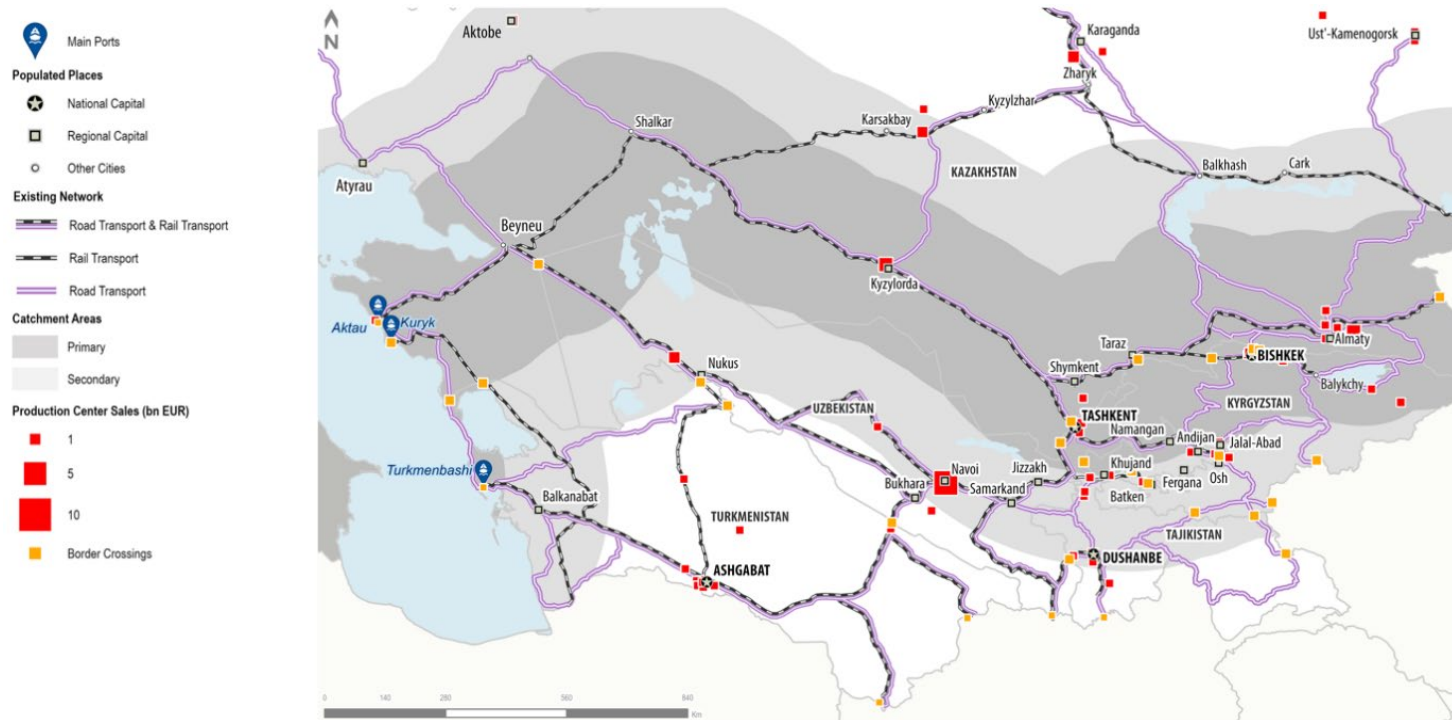


TEN-T extension to the EU's neighbourhood



Connectivity with Central Asia

Network of the most sustainable transport connections between Europe and Central Asia (EBRD study, 2023)



Financing tools

To develop corridors internationally, there needs to be **flexibility to deploy a combination of funding instruments** that best meet the needs of specific cases and countries concerned.

- Public funds
- Private funds
- Investment from international financial institutions and multilateral development banks (IFIs, MDBs)
- Grants

Conclusions

- Corridor development needs a long-term and objective infrastructure planning policy.
- The TEN-T is particularly suitable for cross-border networks.
- The EU context is different from the international context.
- Nevertheless, if a group of states is interested in having a regional network, the TEN-T could be an inspiration.