Improving transport connectivity in the UNECE region

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Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL)  
Trans-European Motorway and  
Trans-European Railway (TEM & TER) projects
Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Phase III - Goal and Activities

**Goal:** Identify measures to enhance the operational capacity of the inland transport links between Europe and Asia

**Activities:** 16 sessions of the EATL Group of Experts
Report of Phase III

I. Euro-Asian trade routes and freight flows
II. Initiatives, project and studies along EATL routes
III. Main obstacles hampering the development of Euro-Asian Transport Links
IV. Euro-Asian Transport Links - Looking into the future
V. Conclusions and recommendations.

Findings of Phase III

Economic growth and growth of international trade is not driving the increase in freight flows as before

There are commodity groups traded between Europe and Asia for which inland transport modes can compete with maritime and air modes

Markets created new opportunities (e.g. e-commerce) that can drive freight flows on inland routes between Europe and Asia

**Railway transport** is developing on EATL routes – importance of block trains, however further improvements are needed

**Road transport** does not operate on long distance – what should be its role – local/regional to complement long-distance rail?

Need for: competitiveness, integration, intermodality and flexibility
International Transport Infrastructure Observatory

Open to Governments, IFIs, corridor organizations in UNECE region

Will include:
Data on transport networks and modes
Data on corridors, infrastructure projects,
Traffic and cargo flows
Transport facilitation

Centre for inland transport agreements
Transport facilitation

- Broader geographical coverage of TIR and eTIR
- UN CMR & eCMR
- UN Harmonization Convention

Increased levels of digitalisation!
Facilitation

- Creation of a Unified Railway Law
Transport and SDGs
Thank you