



**The need to increase efficiency of
international road transport in the
context of the global economic downturn**

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What is Globalisation?

What does it take to have a cup of coffee in a café?



The combined efforts of
29 companies in 18 countries

Road Transport has become a production tool!

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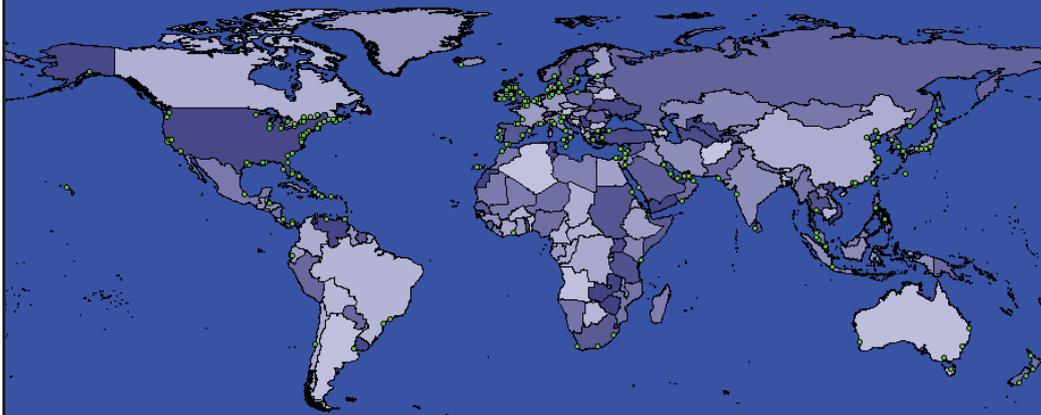
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Evolution of sea containers in ports

Global Container Overslag
1971

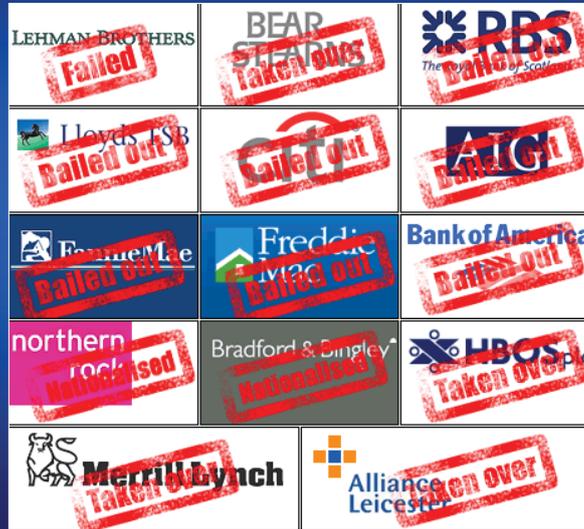


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Governments quick to aid banks during crisis, yet road transport more vital to trade!

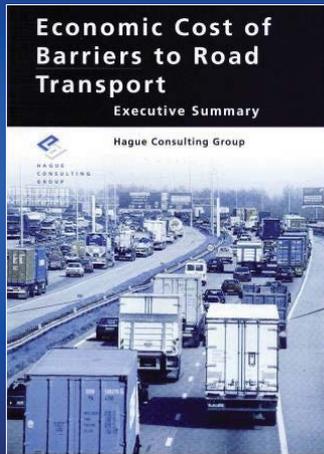


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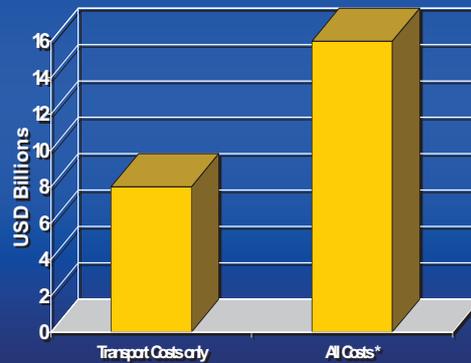
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Any penalty on road transport is an even greater penalty to the economy



Source: Hague Consulting Group, 1998



* Includes lost opportunities

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Interconnecting all the businesses along the reopened Silk Road

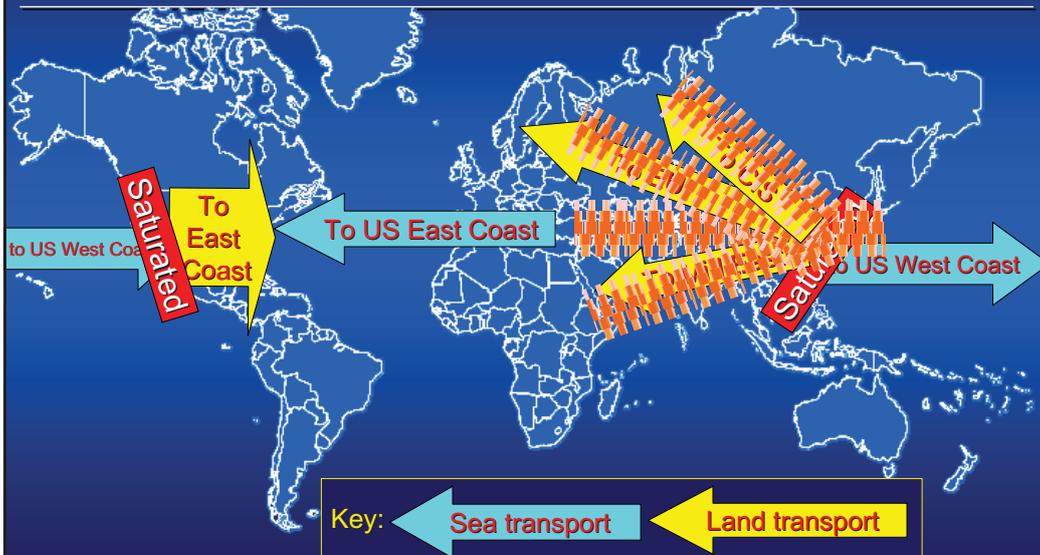


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2005 Launch of Historic Beijing-Brussels Caravan



Beijing



Brussels



US Chamber feasibility study confirms commercial viability!



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NELTI reconfirms road infrastructure is NOT the problem



- 12 road transport companies from 8 countries;

- More than 117 round trips via territories of 24 countries



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Join key UN Global tools to permit road transport to interconnect businesses

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