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«ROLE OF THE IGC TRACECA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT»

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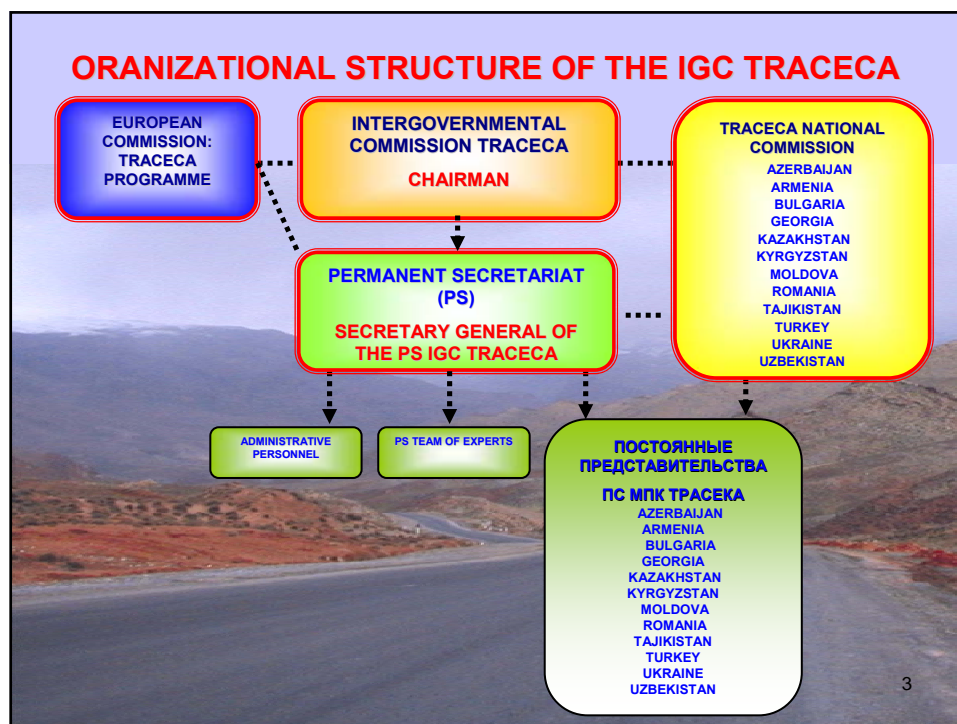
In May 1993 during the Brussels Conference the European Union initiated a programme on the development of Europe – the Caucasus – Asia (TRACECA) transport corridor

On 8 September, 1998 at the Summit in Baku the TRACECA member-states signed:

BASIC MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPE-THE CAUCASUS-ASIA CORRIDOR (MLA)



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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FINANCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INVESTMENT PROJECTS

THE PROJECTS ARE AIMED AT:

- Harmonizing legislation;
- Simplification of border crossing procedures;
- Improving tariff policy;
- Institutional strengthening;
- Capacity building;
- Developing transport infrastructure

EU
implemented
60 projects to the
amount of
more than
121 million euro



40% falls at
investment
projects

PROJECTS ARE IDENTIFIED:

- In close cooperation with EC and the MLA Parties;
- approved at the Conferences of IGC TRACECA;

PROJECTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN:

- International trade volumes increase;
- Freight flows growth;
- Creation of attractive investment environment in the region



DIRECT INVESTMENT PROJECTS WERE FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

GENERAL:

1. Bukhara Cotton Export Distribution Center - 2 mln Euro;
2. Container Services between the Caspian Ports of Baku and Turkmenbashi – 2,5 mln Euro;
3. Intermodal Terminal Equipment (Karmir Belur, Chimkent, Aktau, Bishkek) – 2,5 mln Euro;

RAIL:

1. Rehabilitation of the Caucasian Railways – 5 mln Euro;
2. Supply of an Optical Cable System for Communication and Signaling to the Railways of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia- 15 mln Euro;
3. Rail Tank Wagon Cleaning Boilers in Baku-0,475 mln Euro;
4. Supply of Tank wagons to Azerbaijan Railways-1,6 mln Euro;

EU implemented
14 investment
projects
of about
50 million euro



RAIL FERRY:

1. Design and construction of Rail Ferry Facilities in the port of Poti- 3,4 mln Euro;
2. Improvement of existing Rail Ferry Facilities in port of Ilychevsk -6,4 mln Euro;
3. Rehabilitation of the Rail Ferry Terminal in port Aktau-2 mln Euro;

MARITIME:

1. Establishment of Ferry Cargo Movement Computer System and Supply and Installation of Computers and communication Equipment for the ports of Ilychevsk and Poti-1,5 mln Euro;
2. Cargo Container Handling Equipment for the ports of Baku, Turkmenbashi, Poti, Ilychevsk-5,825 mln Euro;
3. Supply of Navigation Equipment to the ports of Baku, Aktau, Turkmenbashi- 1,6 mln Euro;

ROAD:

1. Rehabilitation of the Red Bridge and Construction of New TRACECA Bridge- 2,5 mln Euro

THE ON-GOING 13 TACIS PROJECTS:

1. Analysis and Forecasting of Traffic Flows for the TRACECA Countries and Interregional Transport Dialogue between the EU and NIS Countries
2. Maritime Training
3. Improvement of Maritime Links between the TRACECA Countries and TENS
4. Supervision over Reconstruction of the Gazi-Magomed Highway
5. Training of Operational Air Transport Control Staff of South Ring States
6. Regulation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods along the TRACECA Corridor (under completion)
7. Freight Forwarding Training Courses (under completion)

FOR CENTRAL ASIA

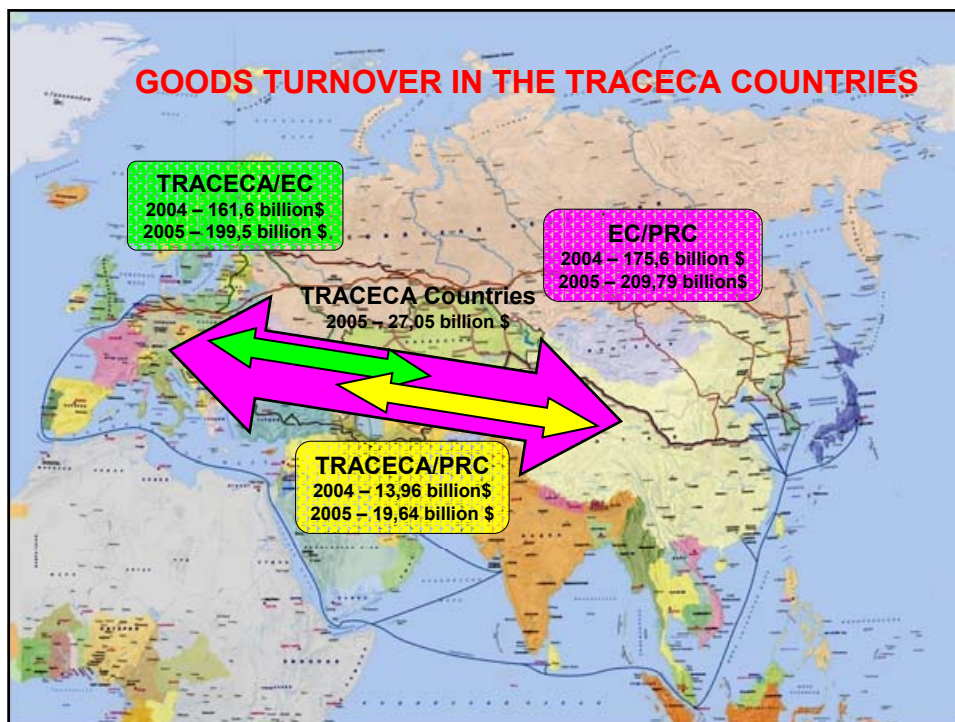
8. Development of Equipment Certification Centers for Transportation of Perishable Goods in Central Asia in the Frame of ATP Convention
9. Reconstruction of the Galaba-Termez Railway Line
10. Navigational Channel for the Port of Turkmenbashi
11. Development of Coordinated National Transport Strategies in the Central Asian Countries
12. Development, Master Planning and Feasibility Study for the Port of Aktau
13. Pre-feasibility study for the road Sari Tash-Tajik Border

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THERE ARE PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION 8 PROJECTS MORE

1. Logistic Centres Network for All TRACECA Countries: Central Asia, Caucasus and European TRACECA
2. Strengthening of Transport Training Capacities in NIS Countries
3. Rehabilitation of the Railway Line between Tbilisi and Yerevan
4. Moldova Feasibility Study M-3 Road
5. Ukraine Port Strategy Development and Feasibility Studies
6. Development of Common Security Management System and Cooperation in the Area of Maritime Safety and Ship Pollution Prevention for the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea
7. Training of Civil Aviation Administration and the Personnel Involved in the Air Transportation
8. Motorways of the Sea (MoS) for the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea

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Implementation of the projects continues

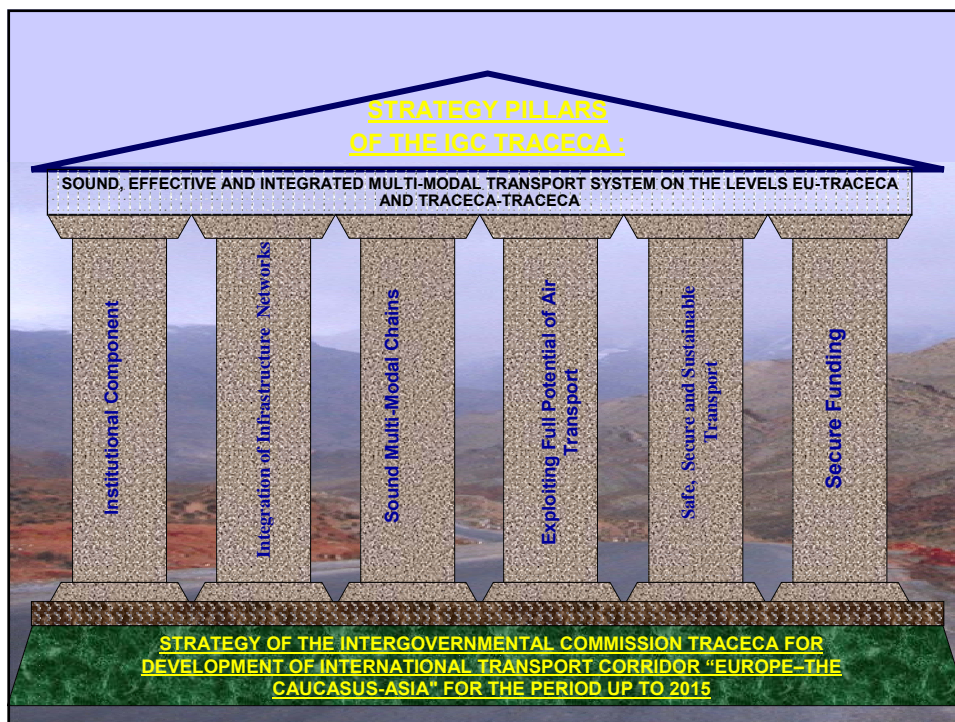
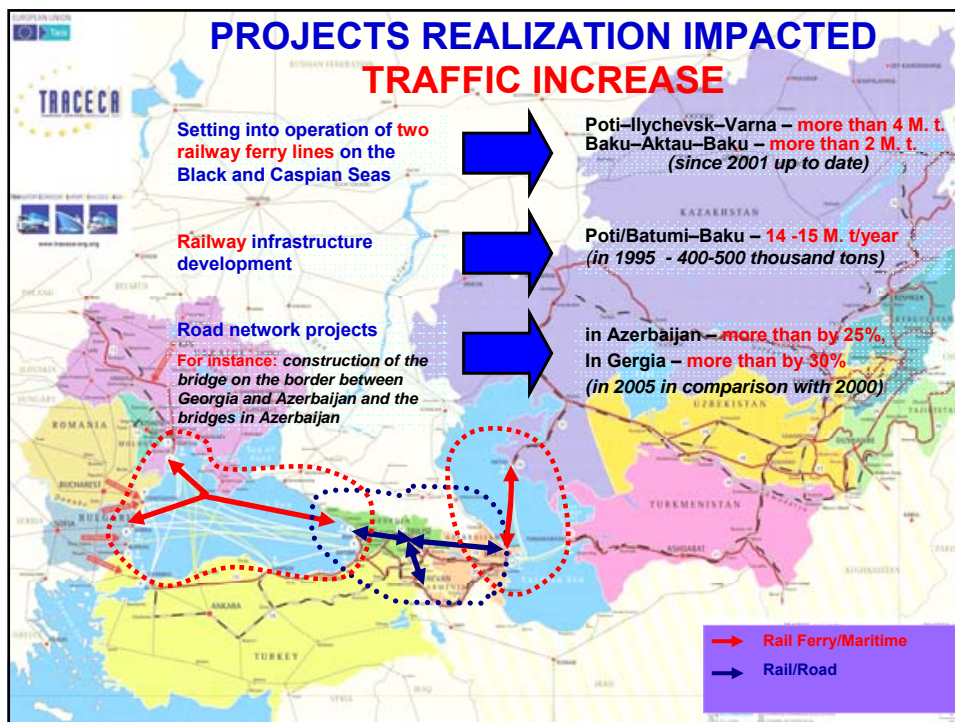
In 2006 at the completion of TACIS, the EU will proceed with its support will be within the frame of:

- EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY INITIATIVE (ENPI)
- PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

TWO PROJECTS TO THE AMOUNT OF 14 MILLION EURO ARE PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION :

- Transport Dialogue and Networks Interoperability between the EU and its Neighbouring Countries, and the Central Asian Countries
- Transport Safety and Security

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**THE MAIN PRIORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
STRATEGY OF THE IGC TRACECA FOR THE PERIOD
UP TO 2015 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

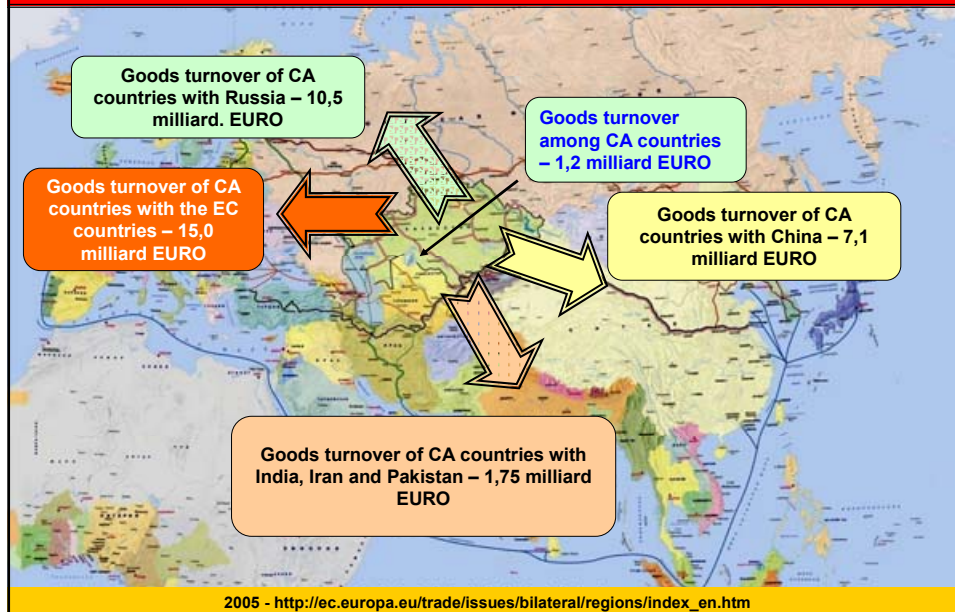
- to ensure safety and security of transport through harmonization of legislation, institutional development and capacity building
- improvement of transport infrastructure through identification of key bankable projects and their implementation by attracting investment from various sources and optimization of their use

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**THE FOLLOWING VITAL ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED
AT THE IGC TRACECA ANNUAL MEETING
(22-23 NOVEMBER, 2007, ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN):**

- **Action Plan for 2008-2009** for implementation of the TRACECA Strategy for the period up to 2015
- Amendments to clause 2, article 6 of the MLA (as regards introduction of preferential conditions and tariffs along the TRACECA corridor)
- Amendments to the Technical Annex to the MLA on Customs and Documentation Procedures (**simplification and harmonization of customs procedures**)
- Establishment of legal basis for multimodal (combined) transportation and freight forwarding activity
- Expediency of creation of the Investment Fund and Business Advisory Council of the IGC TRACECA (**development of Public-Private Partnership**)

ANALYSIS OF GOODS TURNOVER IN CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES



MAIN FACTORS TO ENSURE FURTHER DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRACECA CORRIDOR

- Geo-strategic situation of the TRACECA countries, especially the Central Asian countries neighboured by China;
- Active development of the routes passing through the TRACECA countries, including construction of the lacking and new "straightening" transport links in the corridor system in the near future;
- Further development of container traffic along the TRACECA corridor extended towards China;
- Increase of container flow on the existing ferry lines Varna (Bulgaria)–Ilychevsk (Ukraine), Varna–Poti / Batumi (Georgia), Ilychevsk–Poti / Batumi and Ilychevsk – Derindje (Turkey), as well as on the perspective line Constantza (Romania)–Samsun (Turkey)– Batumi / Poti;
- Growth of volumes of transcontinental freight traffic from China to the Caspian ports;
- Increase of crude oil transportation due to commissioning of the oil pipeline Baku-Tbilisi-Djeikhan and joining it by Kazakhstan;
- Construction of a grain terminal in the port of Poti, which will allow to connect other grain terminals in the port of Aktau and the recently established one in the port of Baku into a common transport chain;
- Taking measures to ensure all aspects of competitiveness of the TRACECA corridor by the MLA Parties with active support of EU.

TRACECA CORRIDOR – “REVIVED SILK ROAD” was officially acknowledged by the leading international organizations as the natural transit bridge connecting Europe with Asia



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