



Subregional Meeting on Rail-based Intermodal Transport in Northeast and Central Asia

Bangkok, 18-19 September 2017

Project on Development of seamless rail-based intermodal transport services in Northeast and Central Asia for enhancing Euro-Asian transport linkages and its implementation

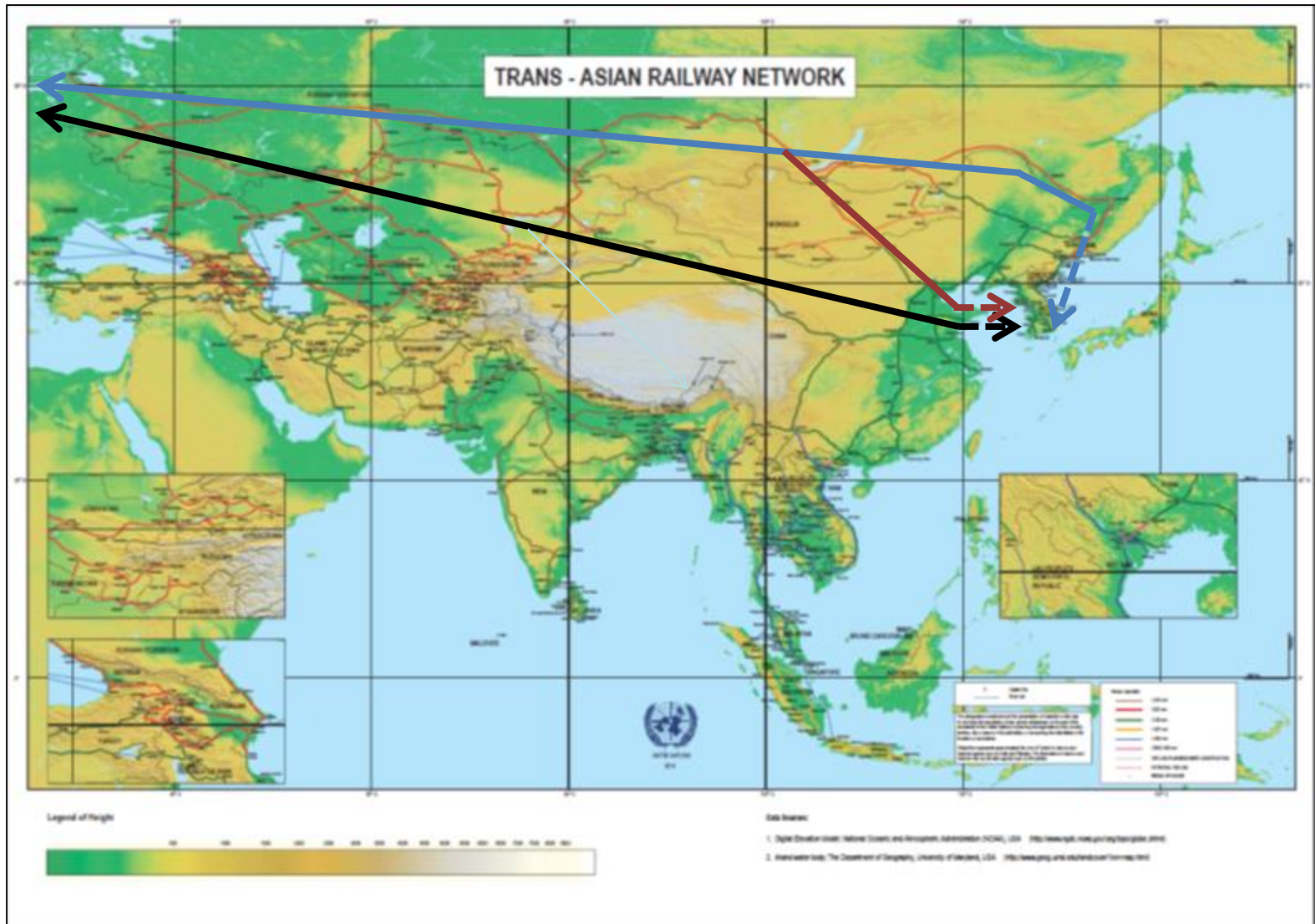
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Objectives of the project



- Proposing ways to simplify and streamline documentation and formalities related to rail-based intermodal transport operations (at seaports, railway border crossings)
- Improving connections of electronic advance information systems for different modes of transport

Geographical scope of the project



Blue, black and dark red lines indicate alternative international transit routes from Republic of Korea to Europe

Implementation strategies of the project

Target beneficiaries of the project	ESCAP member countries located in Central Asia and Northeast Asia
Countries involved	China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation
National partners (Government sector)	Government authorities in charge of land and maritime transport, port authorities, customs authorities
National partners (Private sector)	Railways, shipping lines, freight forwarders, professional associations

Key activities

- Collection of information and documentation on formalities related to: (i) rail-based intermodal transport with road and maritime segments, (ii) crossing borders, and (iii) use of electronic advance information systems by different modes of transport
- Study comprised of two components:
 - simplification and streamlining of documents and formalities at seaports and border crossings
 - improving connections of electronic advance information systems for different modes of transport

Status of implementation as of September 2017

- Draft study reports on (i) documentation and procedures and on (ii) development of information technologies prepared;
- Expert group meeting (Moscow, 1-2 June 2016) and expert session (Ulaanbaatar, 8 September 2016) on information systems organized (in collaboration with CCTT);
- Expert group meeting on documentation and procedures (Bangkok, 30-31 August 2016);
- 2nd expert group meeting on on documentation, procedures and information technology (Incheon, Republic of Korea, 5-6 April 2017);
- Subregional meeting on Intermodal Transport (Bangkok, 18-19 September 2017)

Purpose of this meeting and way forward for the implementation of the project

- Finally adopt the recommendations of the two components of the study;
- Discuss issues related to intermodal transport operations with railway element and priority steps in their facilitation;
- Consideration of potential follow-up activities by ESCAP



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