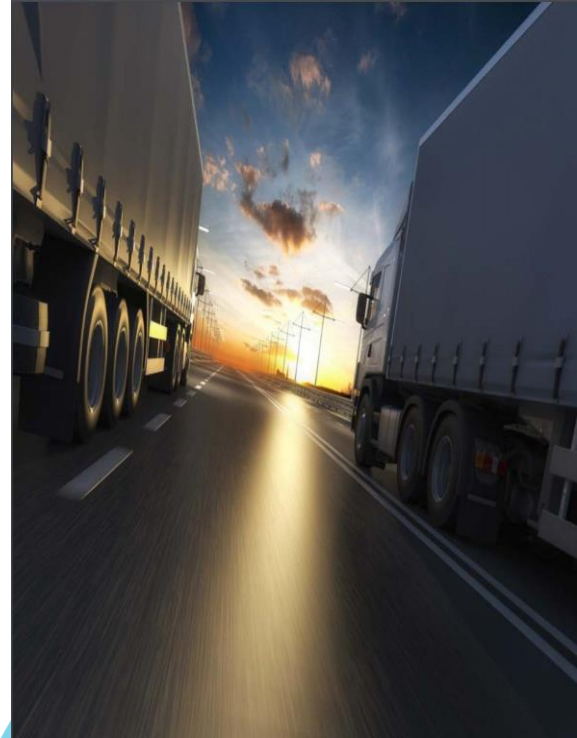


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Online Training-Workshop**

**China-Mongolia-Russia
Economic Corridor and
ESCAP's
related activities**

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I. UNESCAP project on developing coordination arrangements for selected intermodal corridors in Asia

Comparative study on selected existing or potential intermodal transport corridors

- Republic of Korea - China – Central Asia – Russian Federation – further to Europe
- Viet Nam (and further to ASEAN member states) – China - Russian Federation - further to Europe
- India – Islamic Republic of Iran – Azerbaijan – Russian Federation («North – South International Transport Corridor»)
- China – Mongolia – Russian Federation

Comparative study

- Overview of current status of operation of transport corridors in question or estimate of the potential demand in establishment of a transport corridor
- Analysis of institutional mechanisms (if available) for management existing transport corridors covered by the study
- Review of good practices on transport corridor management; and
- Proposed recommendations on management arrangements for the transport corridors
- Text of the study report can be found at:
<https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Finalized%20study%20report%20on%20intermodal%20corridors%20December%202019%20%20.pdf>



Developing Coordination and Institutional Arrangements for the Management of Intermodal Transport Corridors in the ESCAP Region

STUDY REPORT 2019



Proposed overall corridor characteristics framework

1. Background
2. Infrastructure (and Services)
3. Traffic Volume
4. Policy and Legal Framework
5. Roles & Responsibilities
6. Institutional Framework
7. Related Subregional Initiatives
8. Leadership
9. Resources
10. Participation of Stakeholders
11. Monitoring

Focus on institutional matters

- Policy and Legal Framework
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Institutional Framework
- Related Subregional Initiatives
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- Resources
- Participation of Stakeholders
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Key considerations for the China-Mongolia-Russian Federation Economic Corridor (“CMREC”)

- The current arrangements on the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor appear to be contributing to its development
- In 2018 a Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a Joint Mechanism to Advance the Development of the Economic Corridor signed, addressing a broad range of issues, transport being one of the elements
- The “Program for Creating the Economic Corridor China - Mongolia – Russia” (2016) had a list of projects, many of them in transport sector. The majority of these transport projects were feasibility studies of road and rail corridors
- Therefore, the need for and form of corridor management arrangements could be considered as part of the studies
- Efficient implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network is an important component of development of the CMREC

II. Support to the implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network

Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network

- UNESCAP secretariat developed the draft agreement subsequently discussed and elaborated at a series of negotiating meetings organized by UNESCAP TD and SRO-ENEA
- Signed by the Governments of China, Mongolia and the Russian Federation during the third session of the Ministerial Conference on Transport, on 8 December 2016
- Entered into force on 21 September 2018

Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network



The agreement opens the Asian Highway route No. 3 from Ulan-Ude (Russian Federation) - Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) –Beijing to Tianjin port (China), and Asian Highway route No. 4 from Novosibirsk (Russian Federation) – Urumqi (China) – Kashi – Honqiraf (Chinese border with Pakistan) providing for international road transport operations on these routes.

Continued support to implementation

- In 2017, ESCAP Transport Division prepared a Handbook on Cross-Border Transport and Ancillary Facilities along the Asian Highway Network Routes 3 and 4. the text of the Handbook can be found at: <https://www.unescap.org/resources/handbook-cross-border-transport-and-ancillary-facilities-along-asian-highway-network>
- In preparation for the implementation of the Agreement the UNESCAP secretariat (Transport Division and Subregional Office for East and Northeast Asia) organized a capacity-building seminar (Ulan-Ude, Russian Federation, August 2017) and two expert meetings (in Ulaanbaatar, November 2018, and in Incheon, June 2019).
- As the year's 2019 Chair of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement, China printed the transport permits for the year 2019 and organized the first meeting of the Joint Committee held in Manzhouli, China, on 3-4 July 2019 which launched the practical operation of the Agreement.
- In December 2019, the secretariat organized the Expert Group Meeting on Review on initial Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement.
- The meeting discussed the main issues and challenges in the initial period of the Agreement's implementation and identified the ways of addressing them. It also explored the possibility of extending the scope of the Agreement to passenger operations.

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