Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor

Cooperation between the two cities in CAREC region for sustainable and long-term development

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What is the Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor?

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ABEC: A bold vision

❖ Imagine the potential of Almaty and Bishkek if they would be one connected without barriers and commuting between the two cities would be possible well within 2 hours.

❖ The two cities are only 240 kilometers apart but, at the moment, travelling from one city to the other takes around 3-4 hours, including a cumbersome border crossing in between.

❖ The concept is straightforward. The two city regions can achieve far more together than what can be achieved by either alone.
ABEC strategic priorities and sectors

- Transport Connectivity and Border Crossing Infrastructure
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management
- Regional Tourism Development
- Regional Health Security
- Agribusiness
- Annual ABEC Intergovernmental Subcommittee meetings chaired by the Ministries of Economy of two countries
ABEC Support

• ADB technical assistance of $3.225 million for both countries was completed in December 2022.

• In 2022, ADB approved ABEC Support Phase 2 for $1.9 million
  • Output 1: Conceptualization, readiness, and policy reform enabling the preparation of investment projects with regional relevance in the ABEC region strengthened
  • Output 2: Institutional capacity and outreach of the ABEC Subcommittee improved (regional development fund)

• Political support from the Intergovernmental Council to ABEC Subcommittee (ITLC*, BCP procedures and modernization (trucks and busses), Almaty-Issyk-Kul Road PPP project)

*Note: Joint Industrial Trade and Logistics Complex
# ABEC Strategic Alignments

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ABEC Institutions

Kazakh - Kyrgyz Intergovernmental Council
- Policy and strategic dialogue
- Decision body

ABEC Subcommittee meeting
- Complex projects / initiatives approval and coordination
- Oversight and progress monitoring

Ministry of National Economy
Coordination role and monitoring, public and private sector dialogue

Ministry of Economy and Commerce
Coordination role and monitoring, public and private sector dialogue

Working groups among ministries and quasi-public sector (tourism, health, transport, agriculture, etc.)
ABEC Achievements

➢ Strengthening Regional Health Security Project (KGZ, approved in 2022 for $30m)
➢ Issyk-Kul Environmental Management and Sustainable Tourism Project (KGZ, for approval in 2023)
➢ ABEC Regional Improvement of Border Services (KGZ, for approval in 2024)

➢ Pre-feasibility Study on Turgen Mountain Resort Development (KAZ)
➢ Almaty-Issyk-Kul Alternative Road Public-Private Partnership (REG)
➢ ABEC Health and Safety Standards (REG)
➢ Joint Accommodation Classification System (REG)
➢ Clean Air Action Plans for Almaty and Bishkek (REG)
➢ High-tech innovations for reform:
  ➢ 100 Air Quality Monitoring Sensors for Almaty and Bishkek;
  ➢ Mobile Passport Scanners for regular bus connection between Almaty and Bishkek
Thank you!

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