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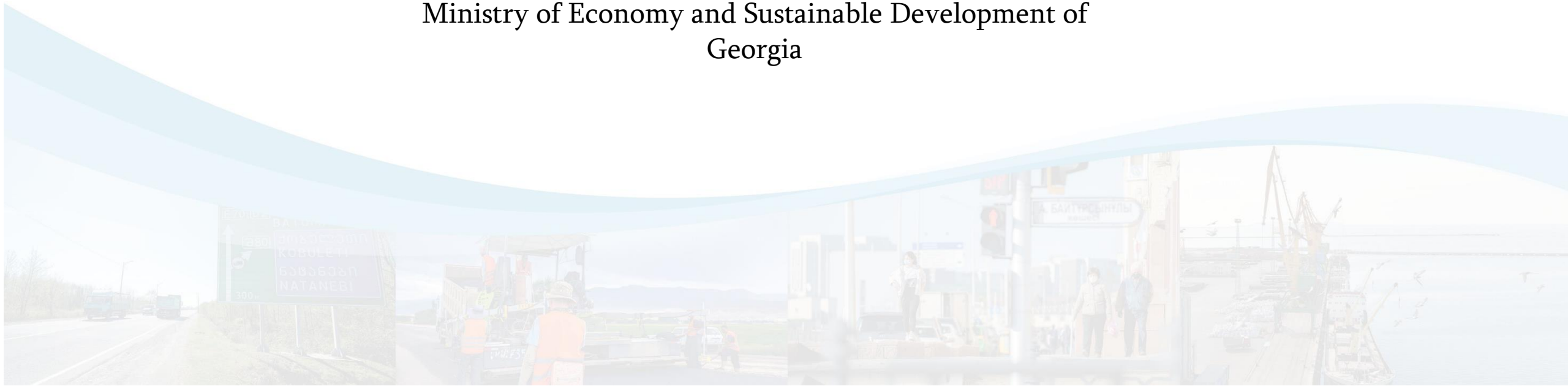

Development of the Georgia's Transit Potential

Key Priorities

- ❑ Implementation of transport-logistics infrastructure projects
- ❑ Enhance multilateral and bilateral cooperation with the regional countries
- ❑ Development of new transport corridors and routes
- ❑ Digitization of transport corridors
- ❑ Raising the level of qualification in the transport and logistics sector by prioritizing education
- ❑ Approximation of legislation with European standards
- ❑ Increase the safety and security of transport operations



Development of the Georgia's Transit Potential

Georgia as a Getaway to Europe and Asia





Strategic Goals set by Georgia's National Transport and Logistics Strategy:

1.Increasing the efficiency and competitiveness of the logistics sector
2.Development of human capital in transport and logistics
3.Sustainable development of transport sectors, safe transport connections and corridors

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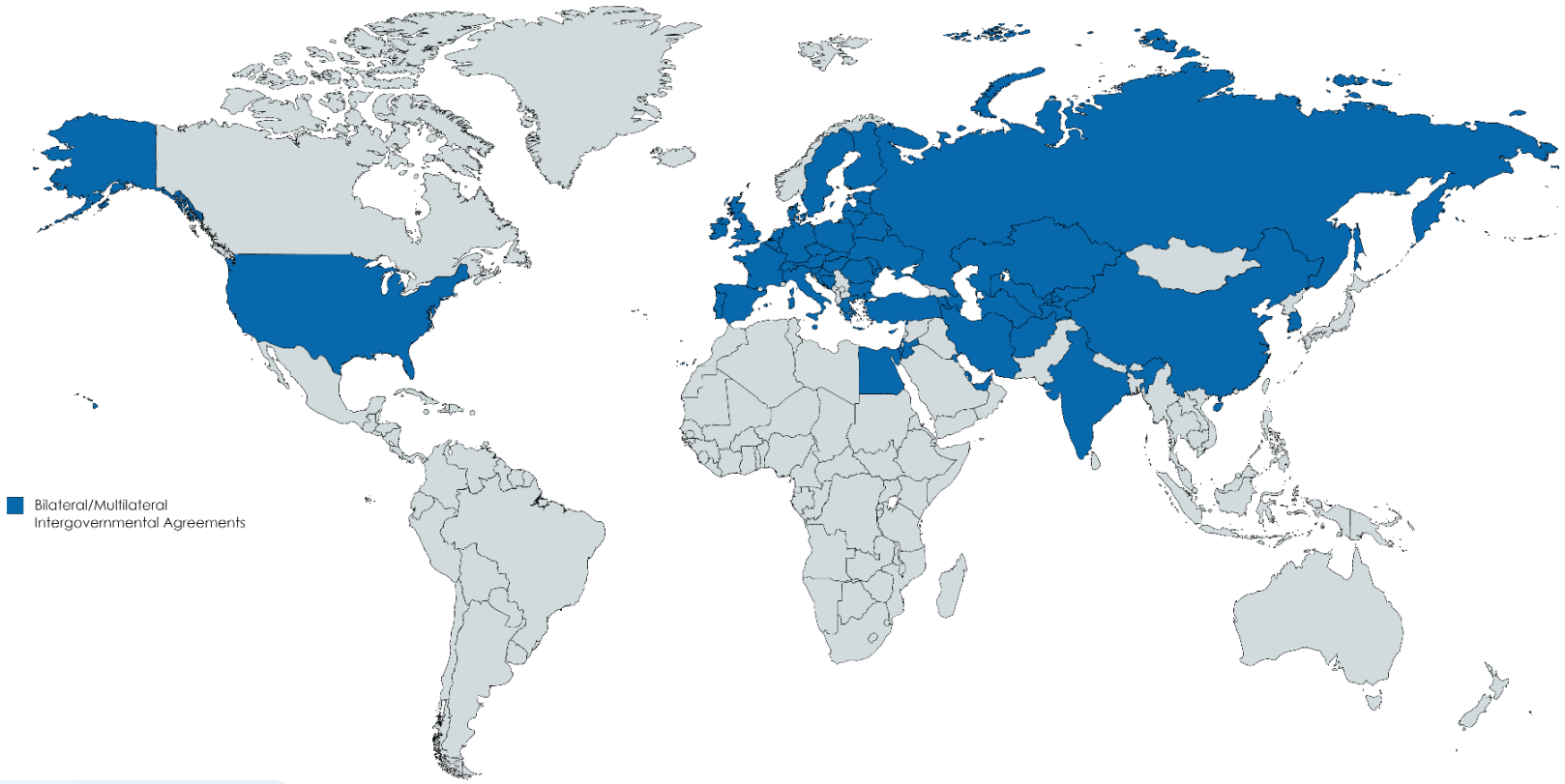
Improving Transport Links



Civil Aviation

- Bilateral air services agreements signed with 40 countries
- Common Aviation Area Agreement signed with EU and its member states
- Air services agreements planned with 14 countries

Maritime Transport

- Bilateral agreements signed with 17 countries
- Planned with 4 countries

Road Transport

- Bilateral agreements signed with 32 countries
- Planned with 3 countries

Railway

- Bilateral agreements signed with 10 countries

Transport Corridor Agreements

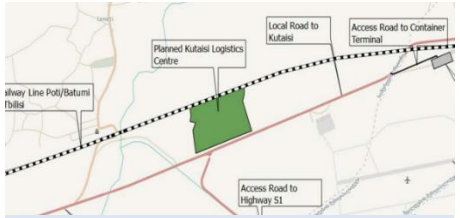
- TRACECA Basic Agreement
- Lapis Lazuli Route Agreement
- International Transport Route "Black Sea – Caspian Sea" (Route)

Transport Infrastructure Development

Completed & Ongoing/Planned Transport Infrastructure Projects



Anaklia Deep Sea Port



Kutaisi Logistics Centre



Railway Modernization



East-West Highway



PACE Terminal (Phase I)



Expansion of Poti Seaport





Batumi Carbamide Terminal



Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway



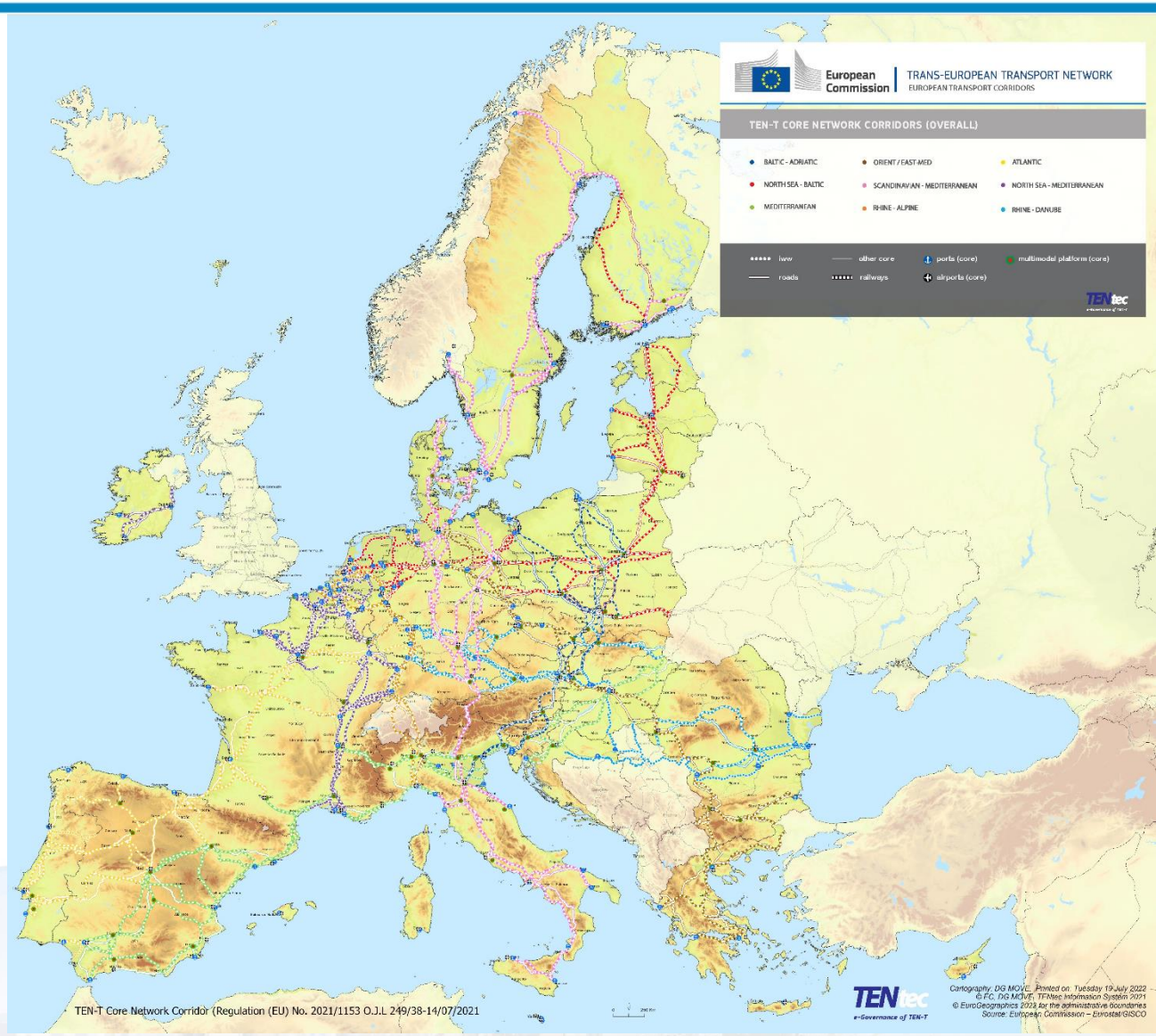
Tbilisi Logistics Centre

Transport Infrastructure Development
Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)

- Georgia is part of the extended T-ENT network
- In 2019, the investment plan was developed
- The plan includes priority infrastructure projects to be implemented until 2030





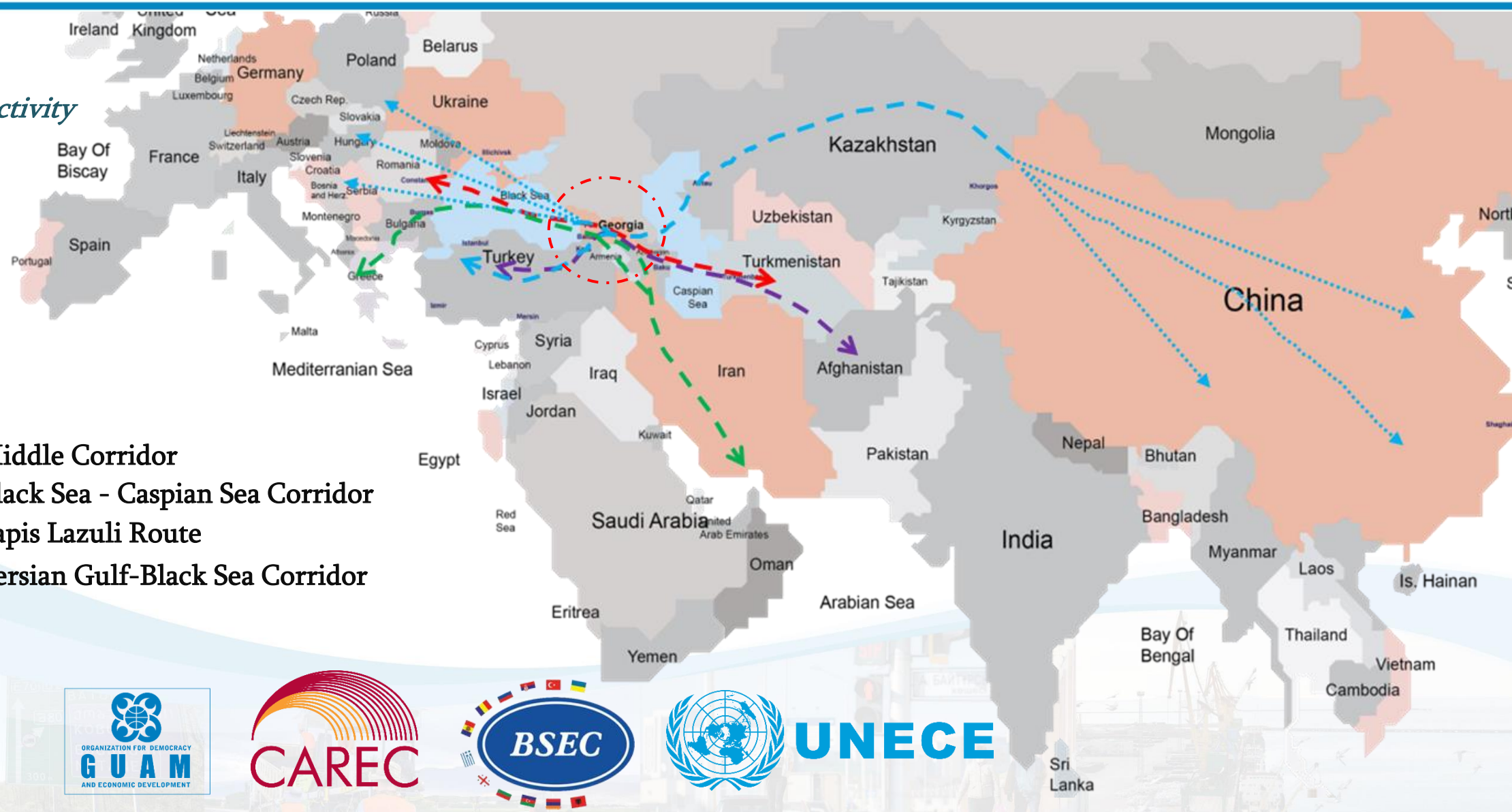


Development of New Transit Routes and Corridors

Regional Cooperation and Transport Connectivity

❑ Main Priority:

Improving Connectivity on the Black Sea



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Development of New Transit Routes and Corridors

Why the Middle Corridor?



- ❑ Providing access to key markets of Europe and Asia
- ❑ Providing opportunities for route diversification
- ❑ Providing integrated transport services

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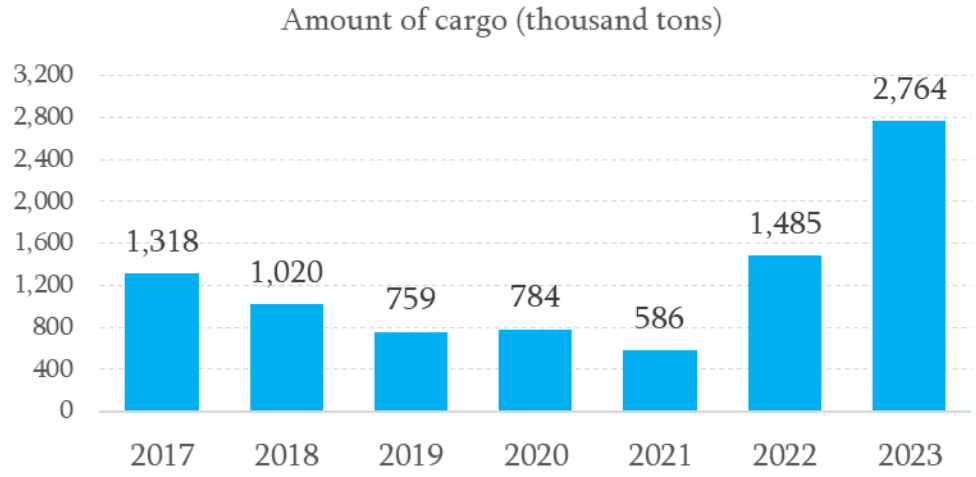
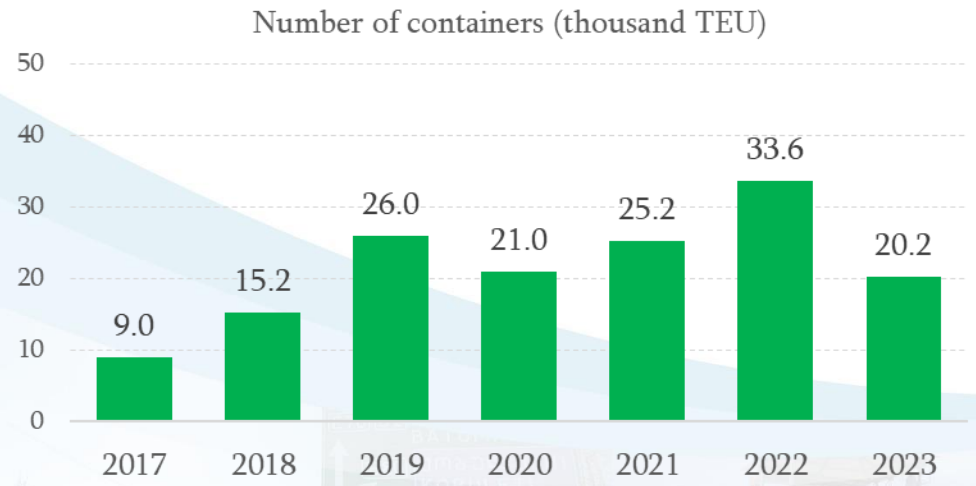
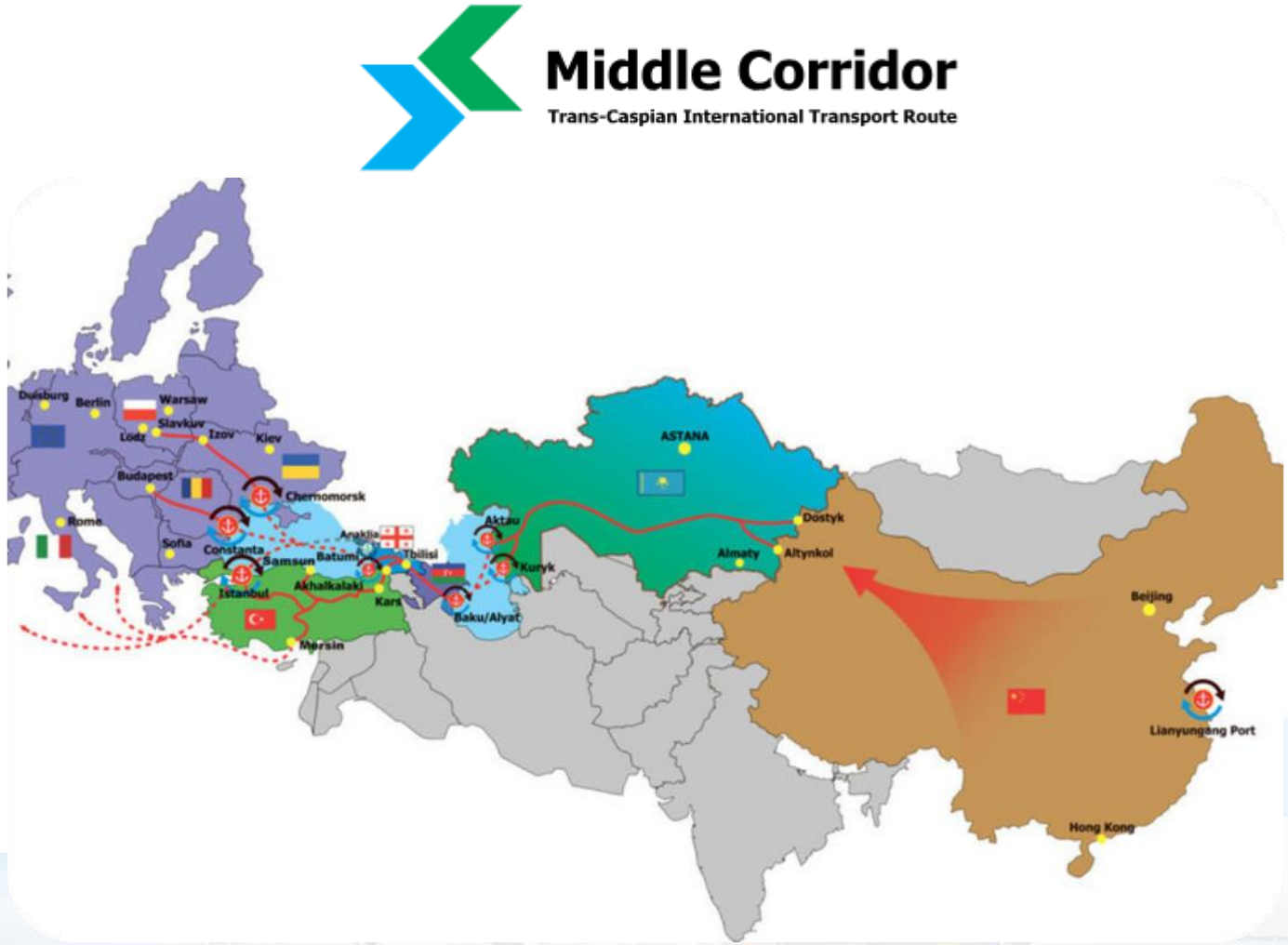
Middle Corridor







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Development of New Transit Routes and Corridors
Development of the Middle Corridor

- **A ROADMAP for the simultaneous elimination of bottlenecks and the development of the Middle Corridor for 2022-2027 was signed in Aktau, Kazakhstan on November 25, 2022**
  - Development of Transport and Logistics Infrastructure
  - Operational Optimization, Determination and Attraction of Additional Cargo flow
  - Implementation of a Unified Tariff Policy
  - Development of the Network of Logistics Centres
  - Sustainable Development of Multimodal Transportation, Development of the Middle Corridor
  - Integration of Information Systems into National Transport Companies for Implementation of a Unified Digital Transport Corridor
  - Improving the Regulatory and Legal Framework

Digitalization of Transport Corridor Passing Through Georgia

Improvement of transport infrastructure and transport network

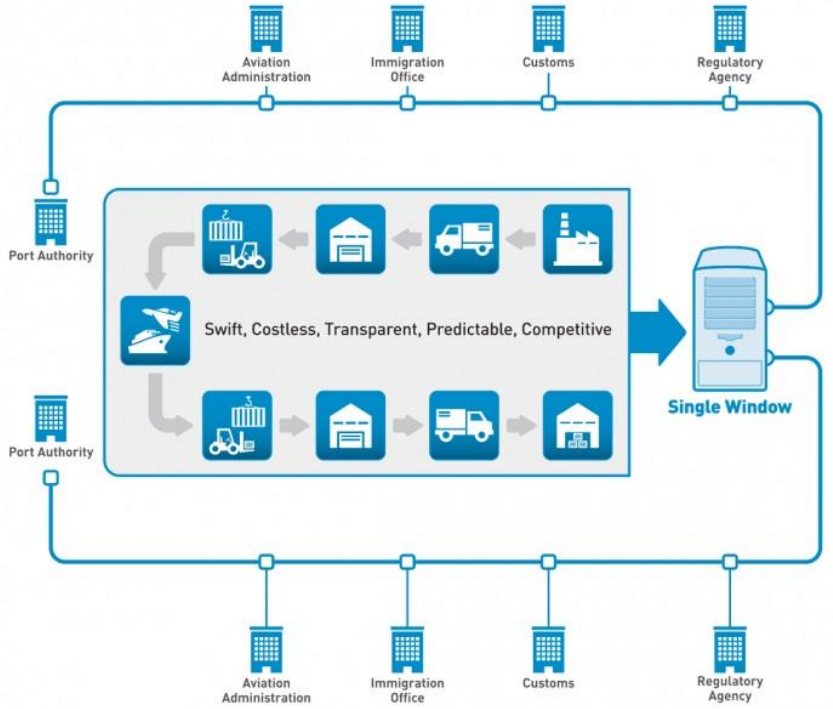
- With the support of the World Bank, we are also working on the digitalization of the Middle corridor. The study is underway to identify key challenges and possible digital solutions for the corridor. The project supports stakeholders in the Middle Corridor to initiate the planning process for the digitalization of the corridor to facilitate information exchange amongst member countries, users and stakeholders. Because of the member countries' multinational nature and high number of shippers, operators and infrastructure providers, digitalization offers potential for significant benefits to improve transparency, convenience and speed of information exchange. We believe that more efficient information exchange can speed regulatory processes, commercial transactions, and optimize operations and infrastructure utilization.



Digitalization of Transport Corridor Passing Through Georgia

Maritime Single Window

- The digitalization of the port sector services is of high importance in the agenda of the Government of Georgia. Maritime Single Window concept Implies simplification of administrative procedures, division of Georgian port services and unification of state and private services into one digital space. The obligation to implement the concept derives on the basis of the Association Agreement signed between the European Union and Georgia.
- The ships' clearance process for arrival/departure from Georgian ports will be digitized and processed through one single window principle. This project will greatly increase and ensure trade and security in the Black Sea.
- In 2020, with the financial assistance of the Office of Export Control and Related Border Security, a feasibility study for the development of the MSW in Georgian ports has been successfully conducted.
- The implementation phase has started in 2023, which will develop the hardware and software components of the system.
- The system shall be operational for 2024.



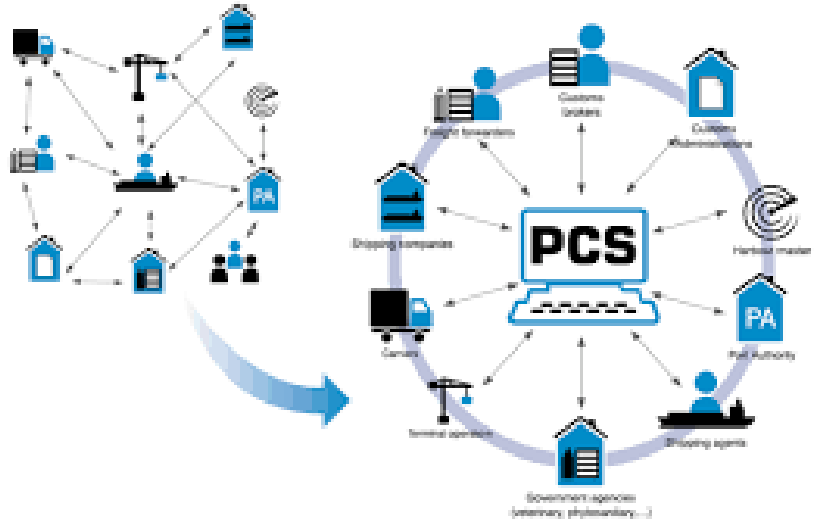
Digitalization of Transport Corridor Passing Through Georgia

PCS

- Port Community System (PCS) concept connects the systems in different port sectors to logistics center systems as well as to Maritime Single Window.

- Feasibility study for PCS, which was financed by the EBRD, has been successfully concluded. The study analyzed possibilities for integration of logistics and transport systems, as well as provided a strategy for its implementation and successful operation. Therefore the implementation strategy along with its guidelines have been developed.

- Implementation of PCS will result in faster processing times, helping reduce ship and truck turn around and waiting times and the length of cargo dwell; Streamlining customs procedures; and, in turn, significantly enhancing the regional competitiveness of Georgia's seaports.



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