Infrastructure Connectivity from Transit Country Perspective

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Georgia has Bilateral Treaties (BIT’s) with the 30 countries and is member of ICSID Convention (since 1992)

**Source:** [www.geostat.ge](http://www.geostat.ge)  **-preliminary data**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia**
GEORGIA'S EXISTING TRANSPORT ECONOMY IS ALREADY TRANSIT BASED – CROSS-BORDER SHIPMENTS ROAD/RAIL AND PIPELINES HAVE TRANSIT RATIOS OF ~65% AND ~95% (2014)

THE VISION – A DEEP-SEA PORT

REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE - FIRST PHASE

DEEP SEA PORT OF ANAKLIA
- berths for PanaMax and larger sizes
- 18-20 m natural draft

BOT PROJECT FOR 49 YEARS
* I phase - in 3 years 7 million tons annual turnover
* II phase - in 7 years 20 million tons annual turnover
* III phase - in 12 year 40 million tons annual turnover
* IV phase 12 years and more, 100 million tons annual turnover
* The GOG will provide 1000 ha of land with necessary infrastructure  Railway connection

THE PORT TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE VESSELS WITH CAPACITY AT LEAST 6,500 CONTAINERS

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The new corridor will connect Azerbaijan, Georgian and Turkish railways. The project foresees construction of Kars-Akhalkalaki railway with the length of 98 km, 68 km of which will pass through Turkey and 30 km through Georgia, as well as the reconstruction of a 183-km of Akhalkalaki-Tbilisi section.

- New corridor from the Caspian Sea to Europe via Turkey to be completed by the end of 2017
- The cost of the project is USD 775m
- Will transport both goods and passengers between Central Asia and Europe
  - Increases cargo transportation **capacity by 5mtn to 15mtn**
  - GR owns and operates the link from Gardabani to Marabda, with the remainder of the route expected to be owned 50% by GR and 50% by Azerbaijan Railway
- GR expects this line to **attract cargo transportation business** which may currently use the alternative routes offered through Iran
The Silk Wind Multimodal Block

- Shortest route from China to Georgia
- 9 days are needed for cargo transportation by railway route from China;
- 45 days are needed for cargo transportation by alternative maritime route;

On January 15, 2016 the first test train started from Ukraine in the direction of China and reached the destination station – “Dostyk” (Kazakhstan-China border) on January 31.

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Development of Transport Corridors
Multilateral Agreements

Transit Trade and Transport Cooperation (Lapis Lazuli Route Agreement)
Participating countries:
Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey

Persian Gulf-Black Sea corridor
Participating countries:
Iran, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Greece

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The program aims at:

- Developing regional cooperation;
- Strengthening the connection between the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia and the Trans-European Networks
- Promoting TRACECA projects as means to attract loans from IFIs and private investors

Member states:

- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Iran; 13 countries in total

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)

The program aims at:

- Developing international freight transport
- Simplifying customs and border procedures
- Modernizing transport infrastructure
- Infrastructural projects, study programs, research and technical assistance activities are carried out
- Georgia became the eleventh member state of the CAREC in 2016
- Member states: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia.
Oil Pipeline of Western Route:
Baku – Sufsa ;
Baku – Tbilisi – Ceyhan

Natural Gas Route:
Baku – Tbilisi – Erzurum;
North-south trunk pipeline
Pipeline will be connected to TANAP pipeline on the border of Georgia – Turkey and to TAP pipeline on the border of Turkey – Greece.
Expansion of Transit Potential

Azerbaijan – Georgia – Romania Interconnector (AGRI)
Expansion of Transit Potential

White Stream- in combination with the trans-Caspian gas pipeline
Expansion of Transit Potential

Euro-Asian Oil Transport Corridor (EAOTC)
Business Friendly Environment

Doing Business

#16
Up from #112 in 2005

Georgia is one of the leading countries in the world in terms of starting a business, dealing with bureaucracy and the number of procedures required to launch and operate an enterprise.

Economic Freedom

#13
Up from #99 in 2005

Majority of Georgia’s reforms are oriented on the development of free, open and transparent, private-sector driven market economy.

Corruption Perception

#44
Up from #130 in 2005

Alongside recognitions as the top reformer in the world, Georgia is the leader in the wider region in terms of fighting with corruption.

Crime Index

#7

World

In the last ranking of countries by crime index, Georgia was named as one of the safest place in the world.

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Very simple and service-oriented customs policy

Efficient tax administration

No quantitative restrictions or tariff barriers

Average Customs Clearance ~15 minutes

- 0% customs tax on over 80% of imports
- 0% customs tax on all exports
- 0% VAT on all exports

Most Favored Nation (MFN) since 2000
Tbilisi Silk Road Forum/Belt and Road Forum

Tbilisi Belt and Road Forum on 28-29, 2017

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
IDI 2016 Rank - 72

Regional IDI Rank - 7

Percentage of households with computer - 49.52

Percentage of households with Internet access - 44.81
Thank You!