

Partnerships for Infrastructure Development in North-East Asia

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In spite of the favorable economic conditions in the emerging economies in North-East Asian region there is still imbalance of socio-economic development among the countries of the area, as well as among different regions of the countries. One of the inequality reasons is different conditions in infrastructure development. Given the raising interdependence of the economies in the region as well as the regional or even global character of the businesses running in the region, it is highly important to think over complex infrastructure development projects, which would reduce transaction costs of doing business in North-East Asia.

Currently there is a number of competitive framework initiatives, as well as financial instruments contributing to infrastructure development in the region. The most important of them are associated with the Belt and Road Initiative and relevant EAEU infrastructure projects. All of them are focused on addressing the development and infrastructure needs of the countries in the region. In order to achieve the best development results and to implement the infrastructure projects in the most effective and efficient way the initiatives and relevant financial instruments have to be considered in a single framework.

However, there is a set of factors, which make initiatives inconsistent with the interests of stakeholders from different countries of the region. The factors are associated with modes of engagement for production of goods and services and political influence in the region. The elimination of the barriers would uncover full potential of the infrastructure initiatives. To this end, public-private partnerships, joint production and relevant financial mechanisms can contribute to efficient investment projects implementation.