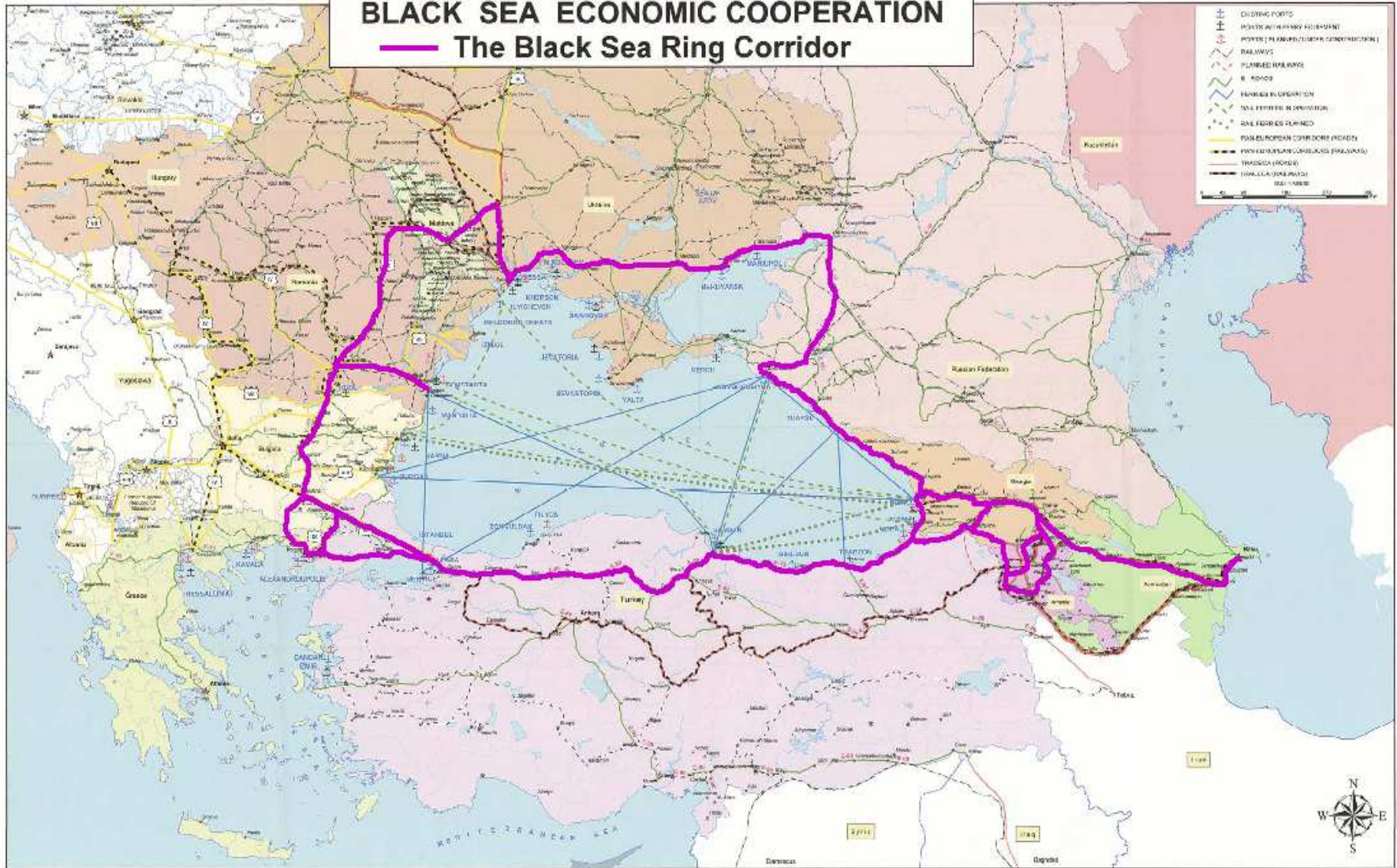


The Black Sea Ring Highway

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The Black Sea Ring Corridor



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The Black Sea Ring Highway is **7.000 km long**, extending around the Black Sea, in the BSEC Member States, with vertical axes to Azerbaijan, Serbia and Albania, which are also member countries of BSEC.

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History

April 2007, Belgrade:

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation of the Black Sea (BSEC) signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** for the construction (unification) of the “Black Sea Ring Highway”.

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Organization Chart



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History

BSRH Steering Committee

“To execute the BSRH Project, the Parties agree to establish the BSRH Steering Committee holding its sessions at least once per year, immediately before or after the session of the BSEC Working Group on Transport.

The BSRH Steering Committee formulates the BSRH development policy and decides on all relevant measures with for its realization.”

- Article 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding -

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History

BSRH Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat

“The Parties agree also to establish a Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat, whose task is to support the works of the BSRH Steering Committee and to proceed to any necessary actions, on the basis of instructions set by the BSRH Steering Committee, for the implementation of the highway.

More specifically, the JPTS shall submit proposals, evaluate studies and cooperate with the BSRH Steering Committee to the identification of financial resources.”

- Article 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding -

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The Project

According to the Memorandum of Understanding, it has been initially decided that the Ring Highway will pass through the following cities:

Tirana	(Albania)
Yerevan	(Armenia)
Baku	(Azerbaijan)
Haskovo, Sofia	(Bulgaria)
Batumi, Poti	(Georgia)
Alexandroupolis, Komotini	(Greece)
Chisinau	(Moldova)
Bucharest, Constantza	(Romania)
Novorossiysk, Rostov-on-Don, Taganrog	(Russia)
Nish, Belgrade	(Serbia)
Edirne, Samsun, Trabzon, Istanbul	(Turkey)
Mariupol, Melitopol, Odessa	(Ukraine)

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Alignment

The above-mentioned initial suggestion is under elaboration, within the framework of the Steering Committee.

10 Member States have replied to questionnaires regarding the alignment.

According to the data provided to the JPTS until now, the situation is depicted as follows:

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Targets

- A major part of this highway consists of existing roads of various categories.
- The main target is to **create an international road artery**, through maintenance, reconstruction, rehabilitation, upgrading and construction of non-existing connections of the main and secondary road infrastructure.

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Targets

- The Black Sea Ring Highway will promote co-operation in the development of **multimodal transport infrastructure**, in order to have adequate road interconnections with the:
 - Trans-European
 - Pan-European and
 - Euro-Asian Transport Networks.

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Targets

Once the alignment of the highway is finalized, several of its sections will coincide with parts of the established European axis.

That is why it is crucial to ensure **well coordinated planning of road construction and restoration work, in order to strengthen links among the EU, Asian and Black Sea countries, who are invited to comply with the future international traffic requirements and standards.**

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Actions

According to the decisions of the Steering Committee and within the framework of its responsibilities, the BSRH JPTS is developing a series of actions with a view to promote the project:

- Identification of Existing Status - Definition of the BSRH alignment (main route and connections)
- Information Management
- New studies
- Financing
- Technical standards and interoperability
- Border crossing and customs co-operation. Operational aspects of transport
- Active communication with third parties.

JPTS Action Plan

The 2-year Action Plan is under approval by the Steering Committee.

Activity ID	Project	BSRH	Finan	Timeline												
				Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2		
BSRH																
A Identification of Existing Status - Definition of the BSRH alignment																
A.1 Collection of existing information regarding the BSRH main route & its connections.																
A.1.1	Drawing up of the Questionnaire by the JPTS on the nat. BSRH main route & connections & submission to Member States	16-Jan-09*	10-Feb-09													
A.1.2	Completion of the questionnaire by the Member States and return to the JPTS.	10-Feb-09*	15-Mar-09													
A.1.3	Data elaboration and report by JPTS, for the SIC to discuss & finalize the BSRH alignment and a pre-cost estimation	16-Mar-09*	15-Jun-09													
A.2 Collection of all existing studies																
A.2.1	Member States to provide the JPTS with the required material.	16-Jan-09*	15-Dec-09													
A.2.2	Elaboration of an inventory and presentation of the conclusions regarding existing studies. Definition of new needs.	16-Dec-09*	15-Mar-10													
B Information Management																
B.1 Creation and operation of Information System/Data Base on the BSRH status.																
B.1.1	Establishment of Integr. Inform. System on the basis of collected data regarding the physical & operat.charact. of BSRH	16-Jan-09*	15-Dec-09													
B.1.2	Collection of information	16-Jan-09*	15-Dec-09													
B.1.3	Monitoring developments on a regular basis	15-Dec-09*	31-Dec-10													
B.2 Development of BSRH Websites.																
B.2.1	Presentation by the JPTS of a demo to the SIC for approval.	16-Jan-09*	15-Jun-09*													
B.2.2	Creation of the BSRH Websites.	16-Jan-09*	15-Jul-09													
B.2.3	Management of the BSRH Website Any updating of information will be subject for approval by the SIC	16-Jan-09*	15-Jun-09*													
C New studies																
C.1 Definition of terms of references for new studies regarding criteria, methodology and other aspects																
C.1.1	Elaboration by the JPTS of terms of ref. for new studies conc. BSRH, in line with the Intern. experience	16-Dec-09*	15-Mar-10													
C.1.2	Necessary actions for the execution of the new designs	16-Mar-10*	15-Oct-10													
D Financing																
D.1 Creation of the necessary environment for the involvement of the International Financial Institutions.																
D.1.1	Information by the JPTS about the conditions under which each International Financial Institution provides financing	16-Jan-09*	15-Dec-09													
D.1.2	Identification of BSRH financial (investment) needs	16-Dec-09*	15-Mar-10													
D.1.3	Investigation of possibilities regarding the Private Sector's potential involvement in the development of the BSRH.	16-Dec-09	15-Mar-10													
D.1.4	Preparation by the JPTS and submission for approval by the SIC, of proposals	16-Dec-09	15-Mar-10													
E Technical standards and interoperability																
E.1 Creation of a common set of tech. standards to secure optimal interoperability and promote interoperability																
E.1.1	Registration of data concerning: 1) Infrastructure 2) Management of Infrastructure 3) Other	16-Dec-09*	15-Sep-10													
E.1.2	Workshops & Training	16-Dec-09*	15-Jun-10													
F Border crossing and customs co-operation. Operational aspects of transport																
F.1 Optimization of operations and procedures at border crossings. Provision of improved conditions for access to BSRH																
F.1.1a	Identification of measures for border crossing facilitation a) Simplification of docs & procedures	16-Dec-09*	15-Jun-10													
F.1.1b	Identification of measures for border crossing facilitation b) Physical improvement of infrastructure at border stations	15-Jun-10	15-Dec-10													
F.1.1c	Identification of measures for border crossing facilitation c) Training of personnel stationed at border crossings	15-Jun-10	15-Sep-10													
F.1.2a	Identification of those border crossings along the BSRH requiring similar action and setting up of a spec. project	16-Jun-10	15-Sep-10													
F.1.2b	Identification of those border crossings along the BSRH requiring similar action-Monitoring effectiveness	16-Jun-10	15-Dec-10													
F.1.3	Consideration of obstacles of institutional character impeding free access to the BSRH	16-Dec-09*	15-Jun-10													
G Support to the Steering Committee																
G.1 Actions required so that the SIC fulfils Organization and Management commitments																
G.1.1	Organizational and technical support to meetings of the Steering Committee and meetings of Ad Hoc Working Groups	01-Jan-09	31-Dec-10													
G.1.2	Preparation of draft reports on specific issues, for consideration by the SIC.	01-Jan-09	31-Dec-10													
G.1.3	Drawing up of action plans for the implementation of the MoU.	01-Jan-09	31-Dec-10													
G.1.4	Monitoring of the implementation of decisions taken by the SIC.	01-Jan-09	31-Dec-10													
H Active communication with third parties																
H.1 Liaison with other similar organisations, institutions and initiatives (TRACECA, BIF etc) active in the region.																
H.1.1	Establishment of communication with third parties	01-Jan-09	31-Dec-10													



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The BSRH webpage is developed and under approval by the Steering Committee.

The screenshot displays the homepage of the Black Sea Ring Highway (BSRH) website. At the top, there is a banner with the title "The Black Sea Ring Highway" and a satellite map of the Black Sea region. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: Home, overview, The Corridor, Structure, R&D, Archive, Event, Focal points, and Contact Us. A search bar is located on the right side of the menu.

The main content area features a login section on the left with fields for Username and Password, and a "Login" button. Below the login section are logos for BSEC, BSRH/RTA, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank, and EGNATIA ODOS S.A. In the center, there is a map of the Black Sea region with a red line indicating the highway corridor. Below the map are flags of the participating countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine. The text "BSRH" is displayed below the flags.

On the right side, there is a section titled "MINISTRIES & PUBLIC COMPANIES IN EACH COUNTRY" listing the relevant ministries and public companies for each country: Albania (Ministry of Transport and Communications), Armenia (Ministry of Transport and Communications), Azerbaijan (Ministry of Transport), Bulgaria (Ministry of Transport and Communications), Georgia (Ministry of Economic Development), Greece (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Moldova (Ministry of Transport and Road Industry), Romania (National Company of Motorways and Routes), Russia (Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation), Serbia (Ministry of Infrastructure), Turkey (Ministry of Transport), and Ukraine (Ministry of Transport and Communications).

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