



# The IRU Model Highway Initiative

Road and Rail Finance Conference – launching the study on Europe-Asia  
Transport Linkages, Phase II

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 **International  
Road Transport  
Union**

# Evolution of IRU Membership

2013: 170 Members  
in 74 countries

...and 26 CRIPA  
Members in 22  
countries

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- A world map illustrating the global distribution of IRU membership in 2013. The map uses three colors to categorize countries: dark blue for founding members, medium blue for current members, and light blue for CRIPA members. Founding members are concentrated in Europe and North America. Current members are spread across Europe, North America, and parts of Africa and Asia. CRIPA members are primarily located in Africa and the Middle East.
-  IRU Founding Member Countries
  -  IRU Member Countries
  -  IRU Regional Committee for Africa Member Countries

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Об участии  
в конвенции  
в О

Ана

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## Road Haulage from Europe and China to Afghanistan



Moscow, 2009

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АВТОТРАНСПОРТНАЯ ИНИЦИАТИВА  
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## Road Transport in Kazakhstan 2002-2004



## TRANSPORT OPTIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA: Commercial Feasibility Study

July 2006

Washington  
Copenhagen  
Brussels  
Moscow  
Athens  
Berlin

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## TRANS Lex™

Сборник международных законодательных  
актов по автомобильному пассажирскому

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NEA  
a member of Panavia









# IRU New Eurasian Land Transport Initiative – NELTI



Launched in September 2008

Commercial road transport deliveries performed by road transport companies from the Eurasian countries

4 phases

In cooperation with the ADB, ECO and IDB



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**40% of time lost at border crossings!**

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**Illegal payments account for 30% of additional costs!**

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**Lack of ancillary roadside infrastructure**



# Model Highway Initiative (MHI)



## Model Highway Initiative







“**Model Highway** is a chosen section (2-3 stretches) of an internationally rated trunk road of 1500 – 2000 km in length, crossing the territories of several Eurasian countries and of strategic importance for interconnecting and promoting Eurasian trade and transit by road to major world markets.”

## Creation of modern ancillary roadside infrastructure

→ **Border crossing points (BCP) and facilities**

→ **Rest areas (RA): fuel station, shop/kiosk, café, phone, wi-fi, WC, info**

→ **Service areas (SA): shops, restaurants/café/market, fuel station, parking area, entertainment area, phone, wi-fi, WC, tourist point, etc)**

→ **Safe parking lots for trucks and buses / coaches**

→ **Roadside hotels, motels and campings**

→ **Dry ports and multimodal logistics centres**

→ **Maintenance and repair centers for cars, trucks and buses**

### **Institutional reforms and implementation of best practices in the road transport sector**

**Liberalisation of international road transportation**

**Harmonisation and facilitation of border crossing procedures**

**Accession to and effective implementation of international agreements and conventions on trade, transit and road transport facilitation**



### **Multilateral Investment Mechanism**

**(Regional Infrastructure Fund – MHI RIF)**

**Allocate funds for MHI infrastructure projects**

**Public-private partnership**

**Involve business community (international, national and local businesses) into the process of creation, and modernisation of ancillary roadside infrastructure**

**Model highway operation management**

**Other measures (Including ancillary MHI infrastructure clause into long term credit lines, etc.)**



• Rest area



• Service area



• Parking lot



• BCP (border crossing)



• Dry port

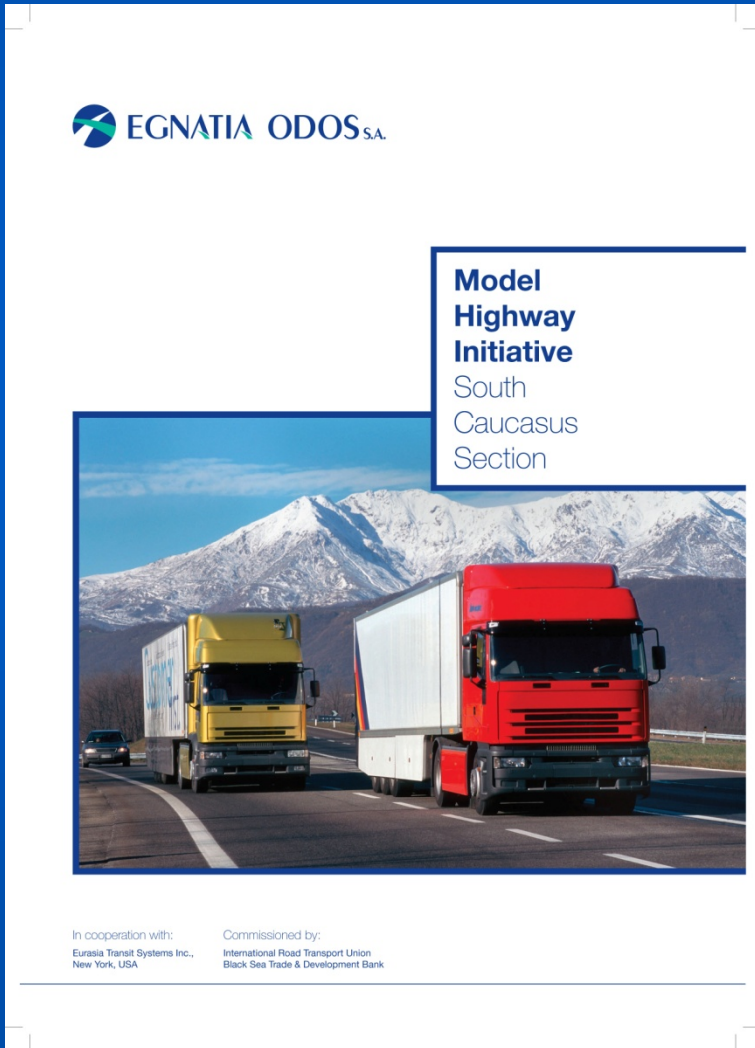
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• centre)

### MHI South Caucasus (MHI-SC) section:

Trabzon - Sarpi (Georgia/Turkey BCP) – Batumi – Tbilisi – Krasnyi Most (Georgia/Azerbaijan BCP) - Baku

Possible extensions: Baku port (BCP) - Turkmenbashi port (BCP) - Ashgabat; Trabzon – Samsun



Pre-Feasibility Study presentations:

**1. Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, October 30, 2012**



**2. Tbilisi, Georgia, November 1, 2012**



**3. Ankara, Turkey, November 14, 2012**

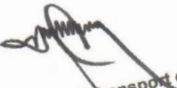


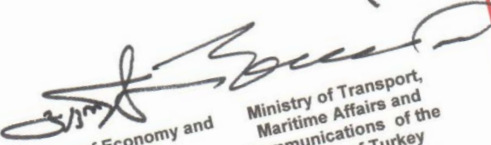


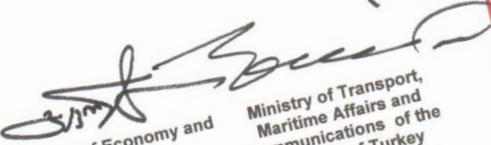
Signed in Izmir, Turkey on 28 November 2012

Joint Statement  
of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan,  
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  
and Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the  
Republic of Turkey  
on the creation of Model Highway on the Motor Road Baku-Tbilisi-  
Trabzon

Taking into consideration high potential of the section Baku-Tbilisi-  
Trabzon for regional trade and transport linkages, the Parties agreed to create an ad-hoc working group including representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, BSEC and IRU to monitor realization of the project and timely preparation of the appropriate recommendations.

  
Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan

  
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

  
Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey

In the presence of:  
International Road Transport Union (IRU)  
  
Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)  




**15 March 2013: The First meeting of the Working Group on creation of the MHI-SC**

*Technical Secretariat of the Working Group was established in Tbilisi, Georgia*



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• Service area



• Parking lot



• BCP (border crossing)

### MHI Central Asia section:

- Pol-eXomri - Nizhniy Panj (Afghanistan/ Tajikistan BCP) – Dushanbe – Karamyk (Tajikistan/ Kyrgyzstan BCP) – Bishkek – Kordai (Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan BCP) – Shimkent – Kzyl-Orda

Branches : Kordai – Almaty – Khorgos (Kazakhstan/China BCP) Sarytash - Irkeshtam (Kyrgyzstan/China BCP)

- 1** **Creation of the MHI coordination centres**
- 2** **Consultations on the creation of the Regional Infrastructure Fund (MHI RIF)**
- 3** **Preparation of the Feasibility study (Master Plan)**
- 4** **Intergovernmental Agreement negotiations**
- 5** **Development of national plans of administrative reforms**

# MHI: connecting Europe and Asia







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