

**INTERMODAL TRANSPORT BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA:  
FOLLOW-UP TO AN ECMT/UNECE SEMINAR  
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SUMMARY REPORT

OBSERVATORY FOR NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-WEST INTERMODAL  
TRANSPORT LINES

Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party/Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics during the ECMT/UNECE seminar on Intermodal Transport between Europe and Asia on 27-28 September 2004 discussed the fact that land links can sometimes form a viable alternative to transport by sea and help considerably improve access to the countries crossed, while absorbing a significant portion of the predicted steep growth in traffic, especially container transport. It is therefore essential for public authorities to take the appropriate measures of the local authorities particularly in infrastructure terms, to improve land access to seaports, such as by developing suitable rail or waterway links, and by improving intermodal transfers between land and sea transport are to be .

To provide a true long-term approach is undoubtedly more essential than ever for planning the necessary investments and providing suitable services Group proposed as a first step in reaching these goals would be to list “good practices” and current or future pilot projects in member States.

This list will be particularly concerned with the:

1 Removal of physical and non-physical obstacles impeding traffic between the countries of the European and Asian region:

- Coordination of activities of transport, Customs and border authorities of the participating States for simplification of border crossing procedures;
- Acceleration of freight traffic by rail in gauge interchange stations;
- Harmonization of the regulatory and legal frameworks in the field of transport of the participating countries on the basis of international agreements, ECMT resolutions, UNECE conventions and the legislation and principles of European Union transport policy.

- 2 The development of technical and technological capacities of transport infrastructures by:
  - The creation of networks of logistics centres and information support for freight transport;
  - The development and implementation of joint investment projects with guaranteed financing;
  - The development of rail ferry lines in the region of the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov and the Caspian Sea and improved use of the inland waterways for intermodal transport.

The Joint Working Party welcomed the offer of Ukraine to act as observatory for North-South and East-West intermodal transport lines forming. The observatory will serve as an information centre for intermodal transport operations along the two corridors, provide a forum for the exchange of views among operators and Governments along these lines and allow, if necessary, for the introduction of corrective measures on the basis of best practices applicable elsewhere as well as of the model action plans and partnership agreements prepared by the Working Party. The operating modalities of the observatory as well as a first inventory of good practices, current and future development plans as well as infrastructures and service parameters applicable to the two corridors will be developed by Ukraine in cooperation with the ECMT and UNECE secretariats and the chairs of the Joint Working Party. It was felt that a group of experts should assist the observatory in its analysis of the information collected. This group could consist of representatives of interested Governments and competent international organizations and would work, in principle, on the basis of electronic exchanges. Ukraine carries out Observatory activity on a base of State Company "Ukrainian State Center of Transport Service "Liski" The list was compiled by e-mail. For this purpose, the ECMT and UNECE secretariats provided Ukraine with the addresses of the correspondents to be contacted in the member States, together with those of the non-governmental organizations involved. The contact point for the observatory in Ukraine is Mr. Oleksandr Polischuk [o.polischuk@liski.com.ua](mailto:o.polischuk@liski.com.ua).

A first stage report of the experiences made and the results achieved should be transmitted to the Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party for consideration at its autumn 2007 session. Ukraine will report on: contacts made, information obtained, analyses conducted, and an outline of the actions proposed. Discussion of the Observatory work allows Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party to find out the obstacles impeding traffic, to propose possible ways of eliminating this obstacles, and to plan international transport corridors future development

Experience received by this Observatory will be a good basis for the future observatory in Turkey, which will list Southern Europe regions.

According to the Working Party decision taken in its 45-th session on 29-30 March, Observatory began its activity on May 2006. For the first stage of the list Working party have chosen two pilot corridors: East – West CE 30 PETC III (Dresden-(Görlitz -Zgorzelec)-Wroclaw-Katowice-(Medyka-Mostiska)-Lvov-Kiev and North – South (Helsinki-(Vainikkala-Buslovskaja)-St. Petersburg-Moskva-(Suzemka-Zernovo)-Kiev-(Kuchurgan-Novosavyska)-Chisinau-(Ungheni-Iasi)-Bucuresti-(Giurgiu-Ruse)-Dimitrovgrad-(Svilengrad-Kapikule)- Istanbul/Alexandroupolis)

#### **Annex 1.**

On the first stage Observatory collected and analyzed the already existed information. Also Observatory have send quires to the representatives of countries that a participating in project, with a request to renew an existing information. Questionnaires with a request are containing such information: Railway infrastructure parameters (number of tracks, authorized train length,

authorized mass per axle, nominal speed, capacity bottle-necks), Performance parameters of combined transport trains (maximum authorized length of train, maximum authorized weight of train, operating speed), Terminal infrastructure (average time for formation of trains, accessibility by road and rail), Border crossing points ( average length of stop, joint border stations), Axle gage interchange stations, ferry links (average duration of ro-ro operation, ferry/rail timetable coordination, problems encountered).

On 46-th session Observatory presented to the Working Party first results of its activity. To this moment present information on two intermodal corridors was treated. Observatory developed graphic models that are evidently showing current state of the lines on different parameters, Working Party approved such method of information analyzing and expressed recommendation to see such models on each parameter of the questionnaire accessible on-line. **Annex 2** shows an example of graphic models. Such models on each parameter of the international transport corridor are now available to any one who has interest in it by e-mail. Taking in to account the discussion of the Observatory activity, secretariat have send to countries that are participating this project an official letters with an invite to take part in a project and its discussion during the next session.

On 47-th session Observatory presented a short report on the current progress from the moment of previous session. Among other Ukraine offered Working Party to get all available in Observatory information by e-mail, including graphic models. The contact point for the observatory in Ukraine is Mr. Oleksandr Polischuk [o.polischuk@liski.com.ua](mailto:o.polischuk@liski.com.ua).

At the present moment Observatory have sent questionnaires to all the countries that are participating the corridors, distinguished by Working Group to list. Observatory received renewed data on infrastructure parameters from Romania and Turkey, also Observatory renewed information, concerning the Ukrainian part of international transport corridors. **Annex 3**. Observatory have treated an existing information on two international transport corridors and developed graphic models that are evidently showing current state of the lines on different parameters. All existing information is available by e-mail to the representatives of other countries, international organizations and groups of experts.

On the next stage of its activity Observatory can collect statistics information on these two corridors, information on perspective project both regional and international levels within these two international transport corridors.

At the beginning of Observatory work the main problem became not completely correct information about contact persons in countries that are participating these project. Observatory would like to ask present here delegates to renew the information about contact persons that are to participate both current and future similar projects. Such information will speed up of the similar projects initial stage and will also simplify information exchange within Working Group.

The results of Observatory activity are showing perspective of such project, such information centre/observatory allows collecting and exchanging information between all interested organizations and provides basis for the international transport corridors development. Ukraine is ready to continue working on this project and would like to invite to cooperation all interested in these project governmental all commercial organizations.

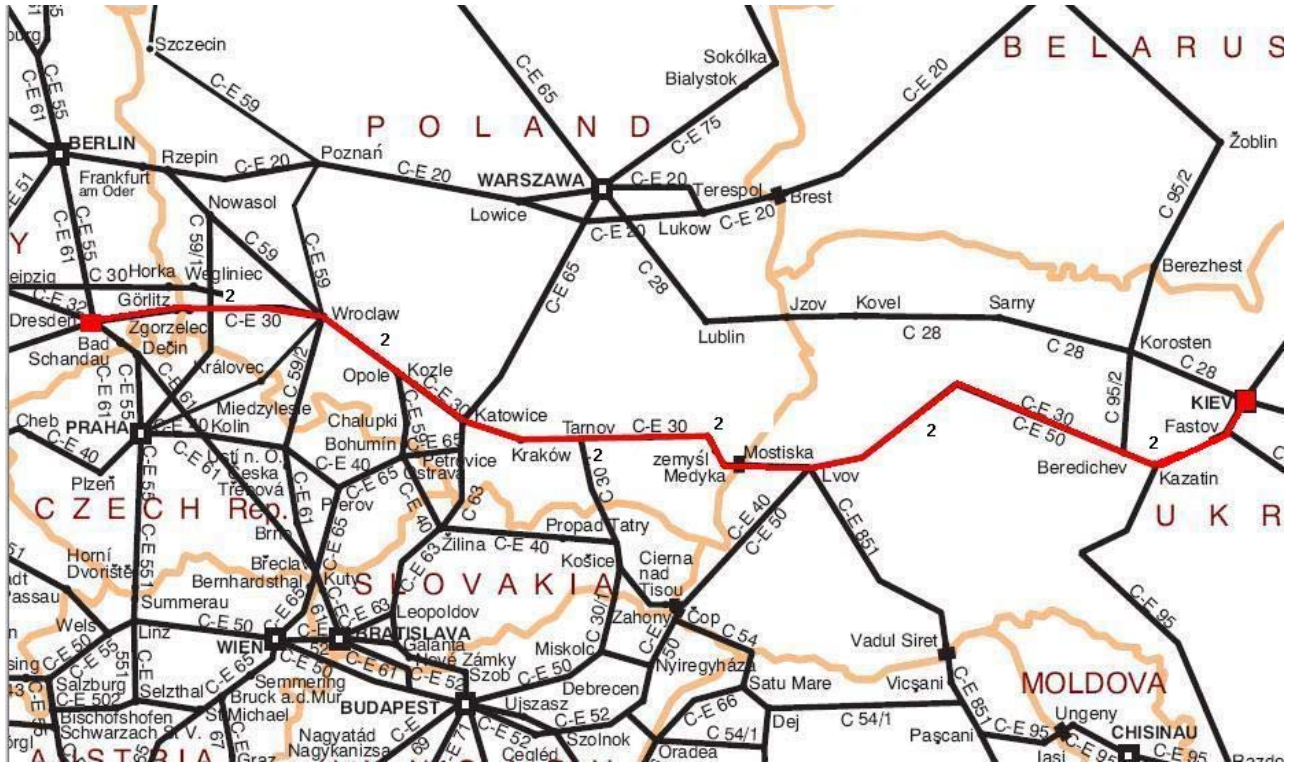
## Annex 1

### TRANSPORT CORRIDORS BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA

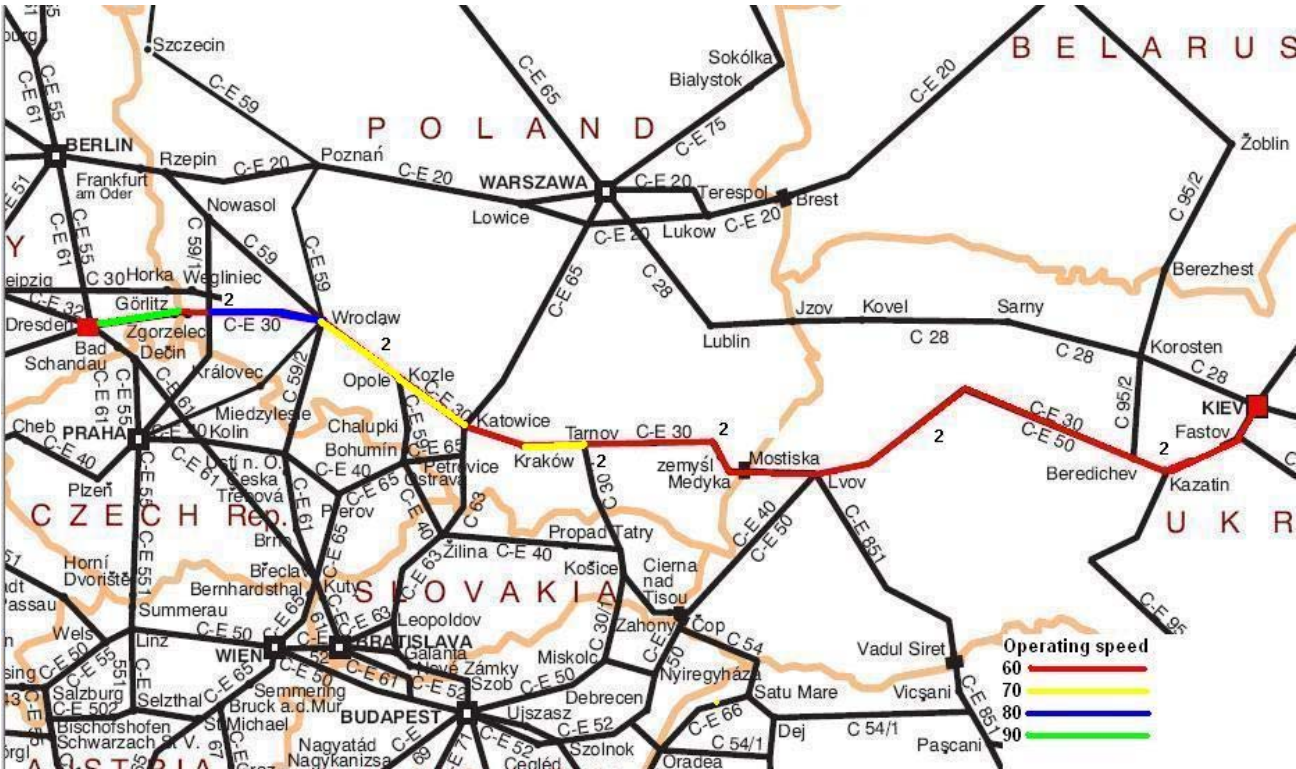
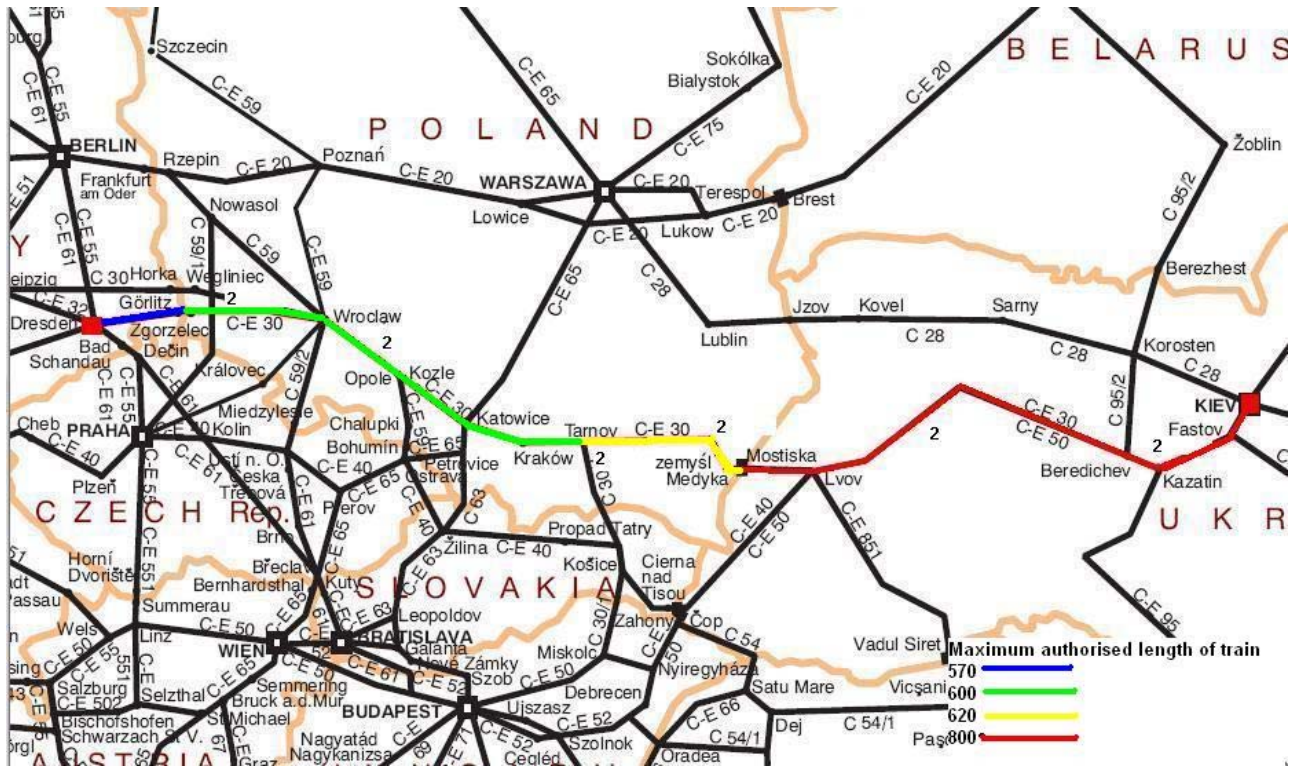
East-West	Intermodal transport line ***
C-E 30* PETC III**	Dresden-( <u>Görlitz-Zgorzelec</u> )-Wroclaw-Katowice- Germany-Poland  ( <u>Medyka-Mostiska</u> )-Lvov-Kiev Poland-Ukraine
North-South	Intermodal transport line ***
C-E 10* C-E 95 C-E 70 C 70/2 PETC IX and IV**	Helsinki-( <u>Vainikkala-Buslovskaja</u> )-St. Petersburg-Moskva- Finland-Russian Federation  ( <u>Suzemka-Zernovo</u> )-Kiev-( <u>Kuchurgan-Novosavyska</u> )-Chisinau- Russian Federation-Ukraine Ukraine-Rep. of Moldova  ( <u>Ungheni-Iasi</u> )-Bucuresti-( <u>Giurgiu-Ruse</u> )-Dimitrovgrad- Rep. of Moldova-Romania Romania-Bulgaria  ( <u>Svilengrad-Kapikule</u> )- <u>Istanbul</u> <u>Dikea</u> - Alexandroupolis Bulgaria-Turkey Greece

### Annex 2

## Graphic models on main parameters of international transport corridors. East –West corridor







**North – South corridor.**

