



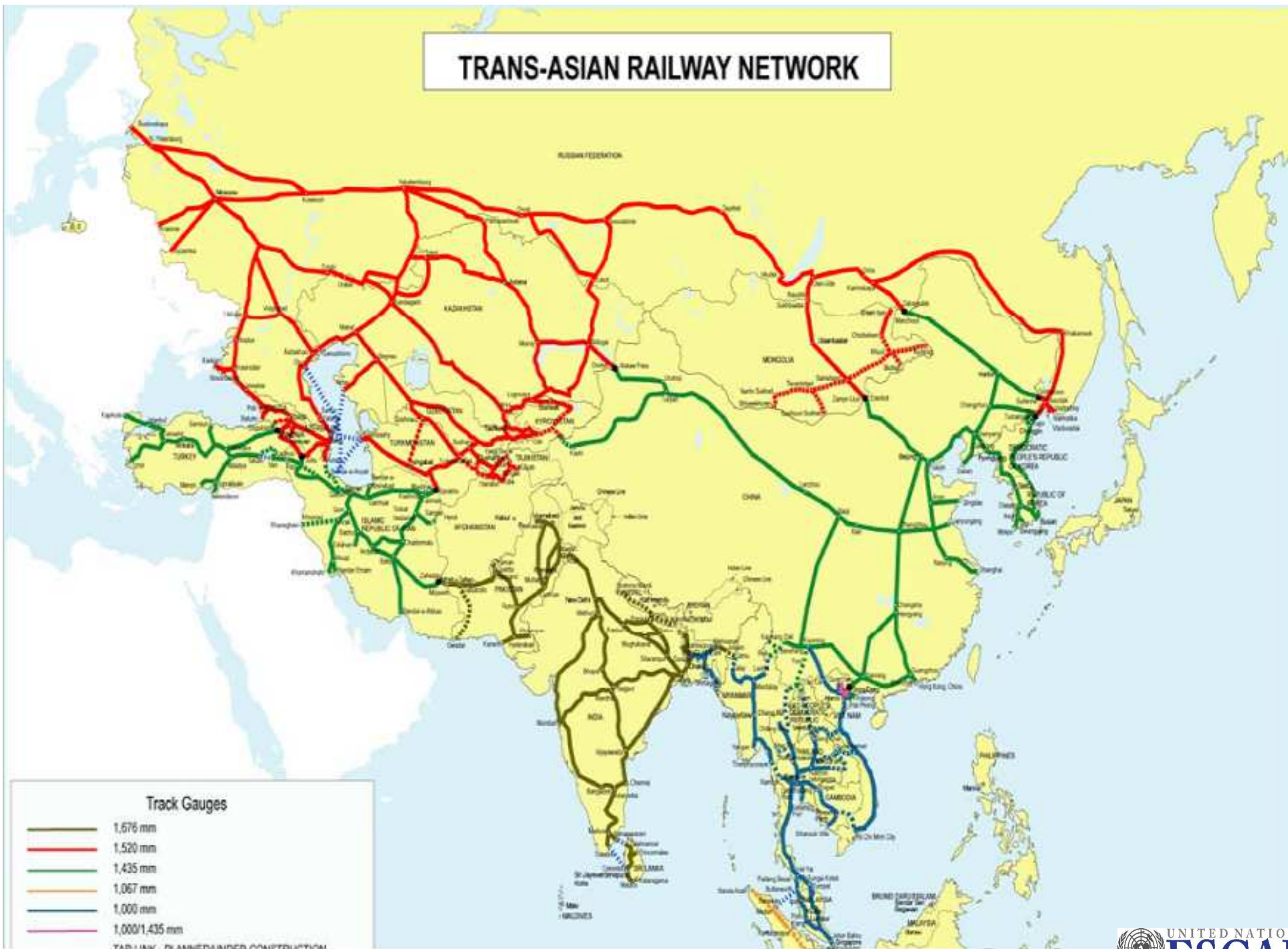
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ESCAP Initiatives to Strengthen International Railway Transport in ESCAP region

**Transport Connectivity
and Logistics Section
Transport Division**

TRANS-ASIAN RAILWAY NETWORK





Intergovernmental agreement on Trans-Asian Railway Network

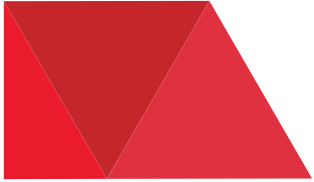
Trans-Asian Railway Network (TARN) formalized through intergovernmental agreement has a significant role to play in revitalizing international railway transport in the region and beyond.

TARN was developed by ESCAP members as a coordinated plan to develop a regional railway network to meet the growing needs of intra and interregional trade and transport.

The Working Group provides a regional platform for member countries to discuss persistent and emerging issues in international railway transport along the TARN with a view to recommend measures to make it more efficient and reliable. For more information please go to:

<https://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/sixth-meeting-working-group-trans-asian-railway>

Events for 2020 relevant for CAREC countries



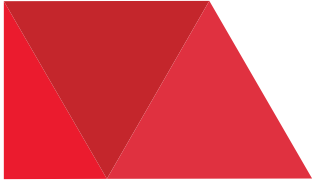
Study project on commercialization of Railway Corridor between Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Islamic Republic of Iran- on going virtual meetings with countries to finalize corridor management mechanism

Virtual Meeting on international railway freight along Trans-Asian Railway Network in times of COVID 19 pandemic- Early July 2020

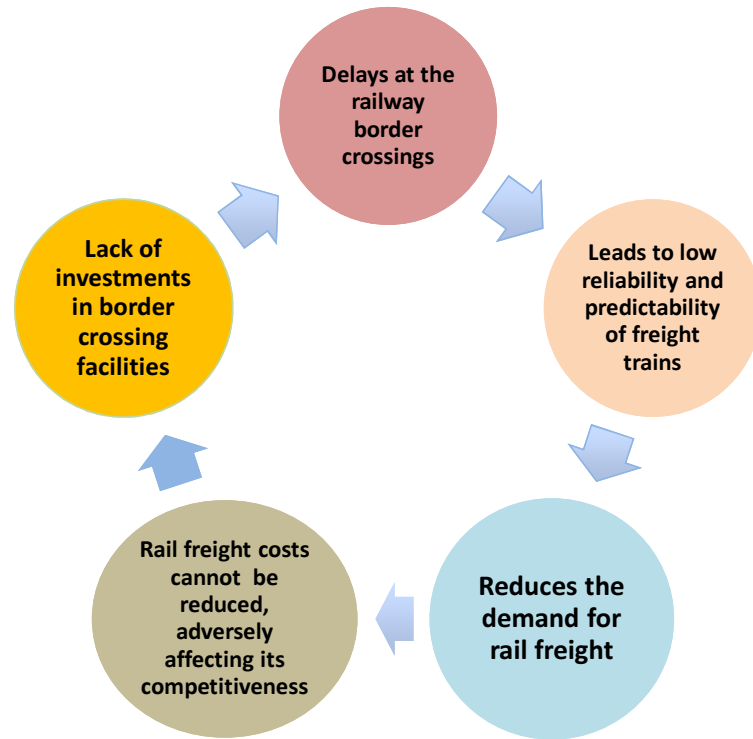
Overview of ESCAP work to strengthen international transport



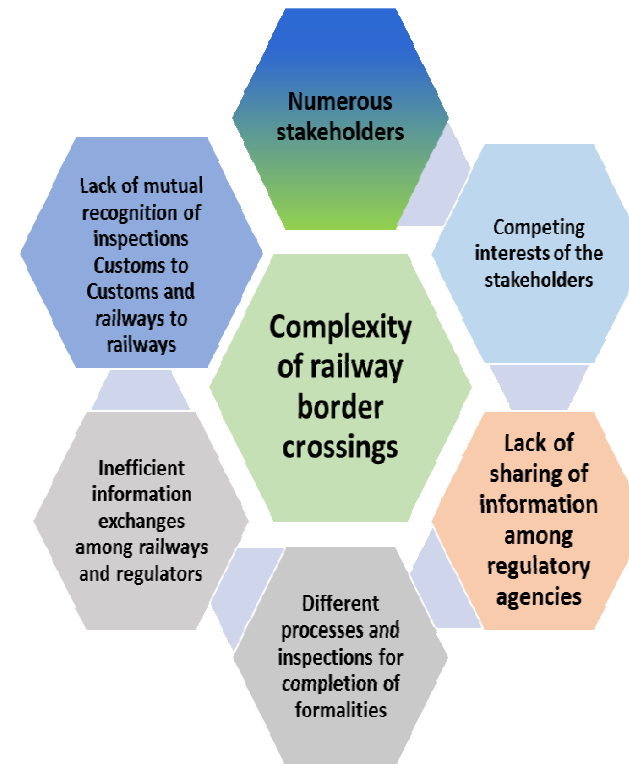
1. Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network entered into force in 2009 currently has 24 (20) states as party. To efficiency of railway transport ESCAP is working on following issues:
2. Developing a comprehensive online database for Trans-Asian Railway Network
3. Supporting electronic information exchange between railways and among railways and control agencies
4. Guidelines on harmonized customs formalities for transit by rail through appropriate arrangement among the member countries
5. Manual on efficiently deal with the break of gauge for different possible situations
6. Developing a comprehensive indicator(s) to measure the performance of railway border crossings
7. Developing corridor management mechanism for railway corridors



Vicious cycle created by delays at railway border crossing



Complex environment of railway border crossing



2. Customs and other government agencies formalities

Customs and other government agencies formalities differ among the countries and is among main reason for delays at the border crossings

Railway electronic transit transport system

- 🕒 Pre-arrival information on goods in electronic form
- 🕒 Harmonization of message exchanges for transit by railways
- 🕒 Reduced guarantees for transit by railway
- 🕒 Recognition of railway consignment note as customs declaration
- 🕒 Single window facility for railway transport
- 🕒 Use of new technologies such as dynamic scanners and nonintrusive inspections
- 🕒 Selective joint controls based on risk assessment
- 🕒 Standardization and harmonization documents for customs transit formalities

Target

To harmonize customs formalities for transit by rail through appropriate arrangement among the member countries



ESCAP studies on harmonization of rules and regulations for facilitation of international railway transport

1. *Border crossing practices in railway transport*

(<https://www.unescap.org/resources/study-border-crossing-practices-international-railway-transport>)

2. *Enhancing interoperability to facilitate international railway transport*

(<https://www.unescap.org/resources/enhancing-interoperability-facilitation-international-railway-transport>)

3. *Electronic information exchange systems for international railway transport*

(<https://www.unescap.org/resources/electronic-information-exchange-systems-rail-freight-transport>)

ESCAP Blogs on international railway transport



*Five Years Into The 2030 Agenda:
Time To Give A Big Push To Railway
Transport 03 December 2019*

(<https://www.unescap.org/blog/five-years-2030-agenda-time-give-big-push-railway-transport>)

*COVID-19 Pandemic: International Freight
Trains Lead The Way Into Future 04 May
2020*

(<https://www.unescap.org/blog/covid-19-pandemic-international-freight-trains-lead-way-future>)

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<http://www.unescap.org/our-work/transport>

