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**Euro-Asian
Transport Linkages Project**

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Structure of Presentation

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Introduction

- **Part of the UN global capacity building project on developing interregional transport linkges**
- **Granted funding by the UN GA (USD 1,250.000)**
- **Jointly implemented by UNECE and UNESCAP over a period 2003-2006**
- **Allocated funds for Euro-Asian project component (USD 400,000)**



UNECE-ESCAP Capacity Building Project Euro-Asian Transport Links: Countries Involved





Objectives

- Identify important interregional transport linkages between Europe and Asia
- Strengthen the capacities of national officials to identify impediments to movements of goods and passengers
- Put in operation efficient Euro-Asian transport linkages



Organizational aspects

- National Focal Points in countries involved
- Focal Points in WB, EBRD, ADB
- Uniform questionnaire
- Country reports
- Collection and analysis of data
- GIS processing of data
- Expert Group Meetings
- Support from external consultants
- Three phases (2003-2004, 2005, 2006)



1st Phase: 2003-2004

- Agreement on the project's strategy
- Identification of important routes incorporating intermodal concept
- Inventory of routes and priority projects
- Selection of major Euro-Asian transport rail and road routes and intermodal points
- Two Expert Group Meetings (Almaty, Odessa)



2nd Phase: 2005

- Technical assessment of adopted routes
- Finalization of database and GIS maps
- Prioritization of projects along the routes
- Analysis of current physical and non-physical obstacles along the routes
- Assessment of operational performance along the routes
- 3rd Expert Group Meeting (Istanbul, June 2005)
- Other Meetings or Workshops to be agreed



To date achievements

- Consolidation and processing of country reports
- Elaboration of GIS maps with links
- Identification, selection and adoption of :
 - Major Euro-Asian road and rail routes
 - Major Inland Water transport routes and ports
- Clearance of most reservations expressed by countries



To date achievements (cont'd)

- Consolidation and processing of data on :
 - Sea ports (together with BSEC)
 - Inland container depots and intermodal points
- Endorsement of the methodology for the prioritization of projects
- Agreement on the process for the identification of non-physical obstacles and security risks to transit transport



Basis for the selection of routes

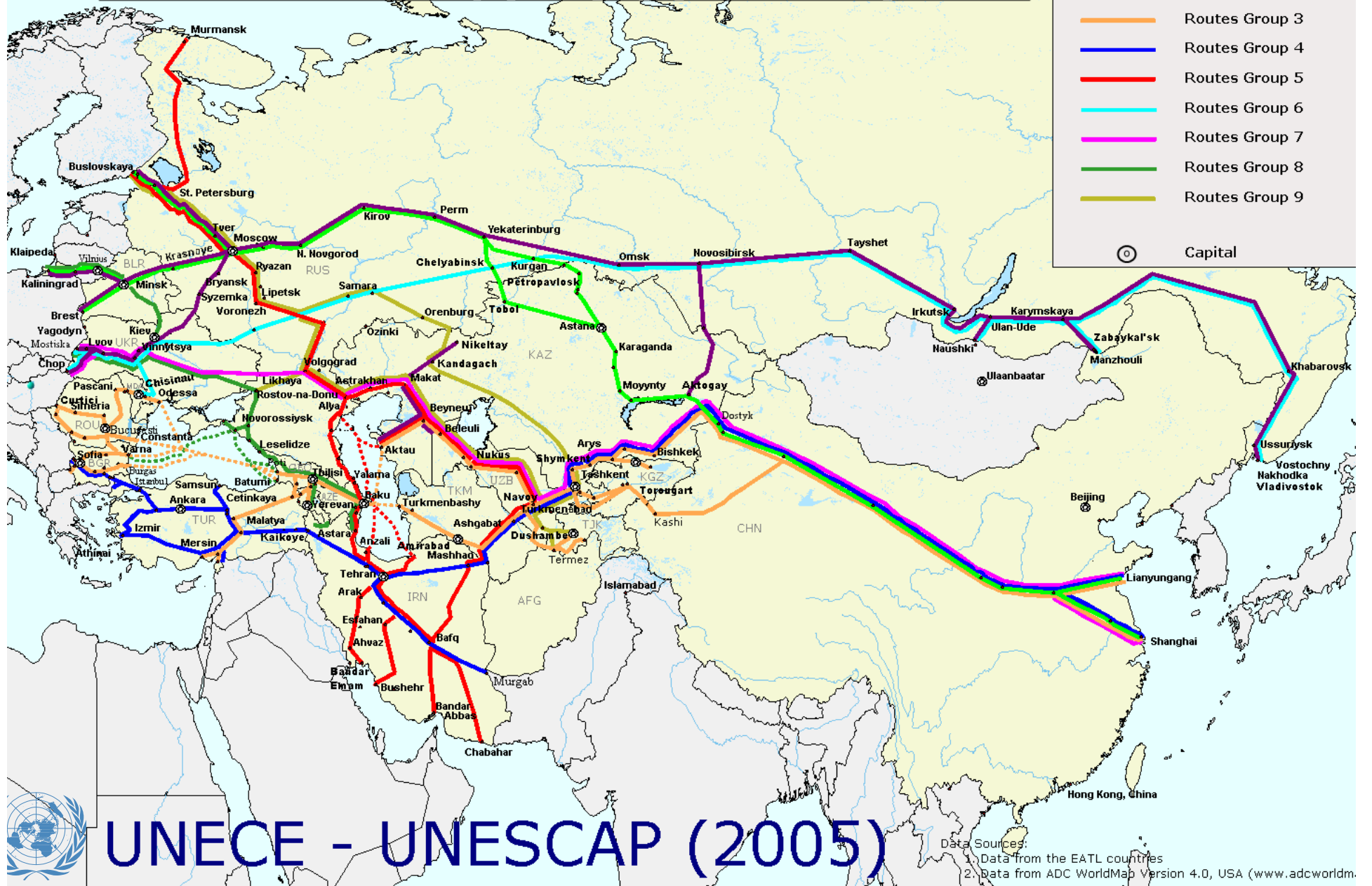
- Common UNECE/UNESCAP Strategic Vision for the Euro-Asian Transport Links
- Existing international agreements and networks (AGR, AGC, AGTC, AGN, AH, TAR, pan-European Corridors, Euro-Asian Transport Corridors, UIC, OSJD)
- Country proposals

Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Project DRAFT RAIL ROUTES SCHEMATIC MAP

Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes Legend

- Routes Group 1
- Routes Group 2
- Routes Group 3
- Routes Group 4
- Routes Group 5
- Routes Group 6
- Routes Group 7
- Routes Group 8
- Routes Group 9

 Capital



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)

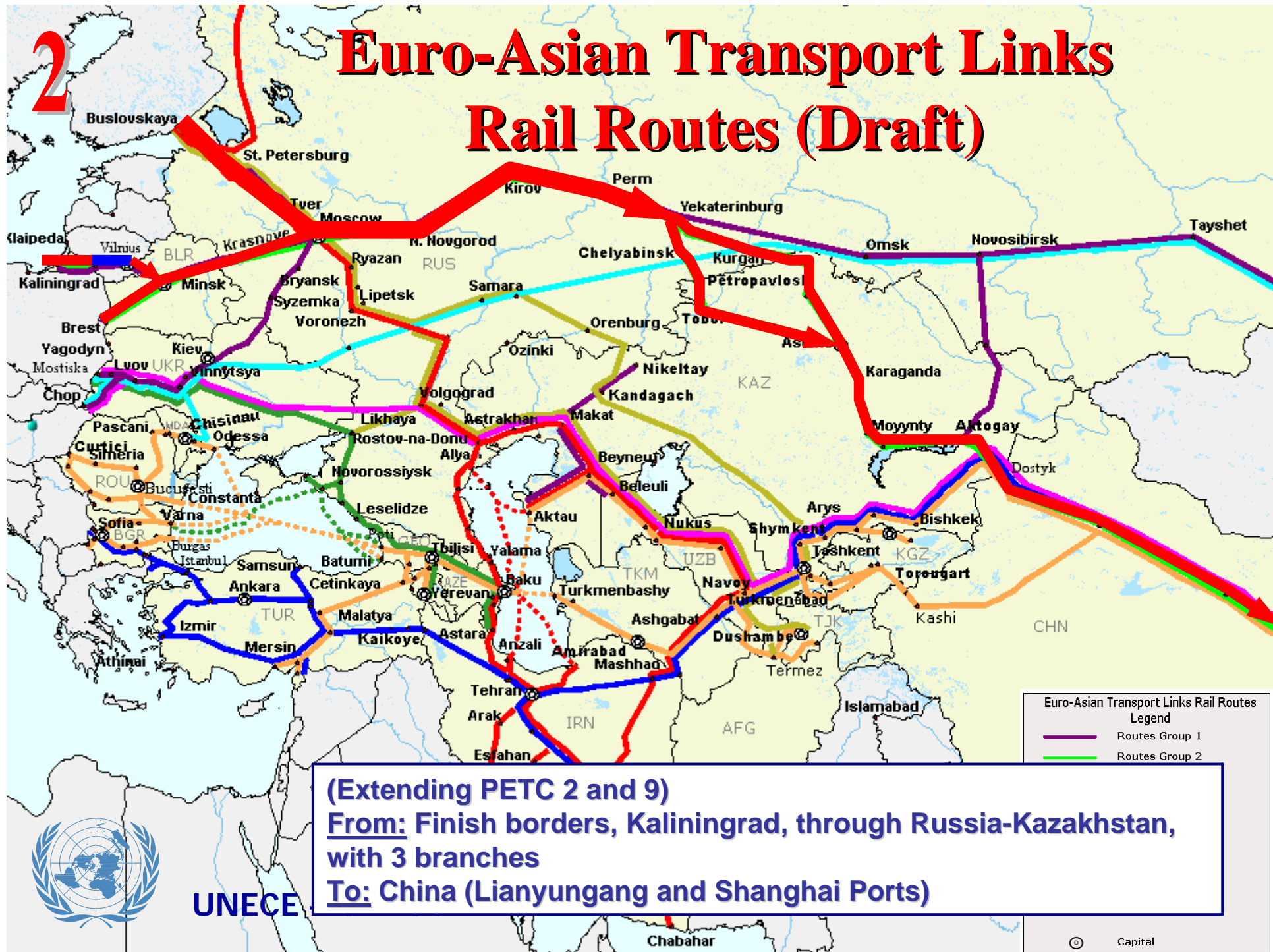


(Extending PETC 2, 5 and 9)
From: Finish border, Western Russian, Belarusian and Ukrainian borders, with 7 branches (one in Central Asia)
To: Vladivostok-Vostochny-Nahodka Ports, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and North China



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 4, 8, 9, and TRACECA)

From: Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, through Black Sea, Caspian, and CA, with 15 branches

To: China (Lianyungang and Shanghai Ports)

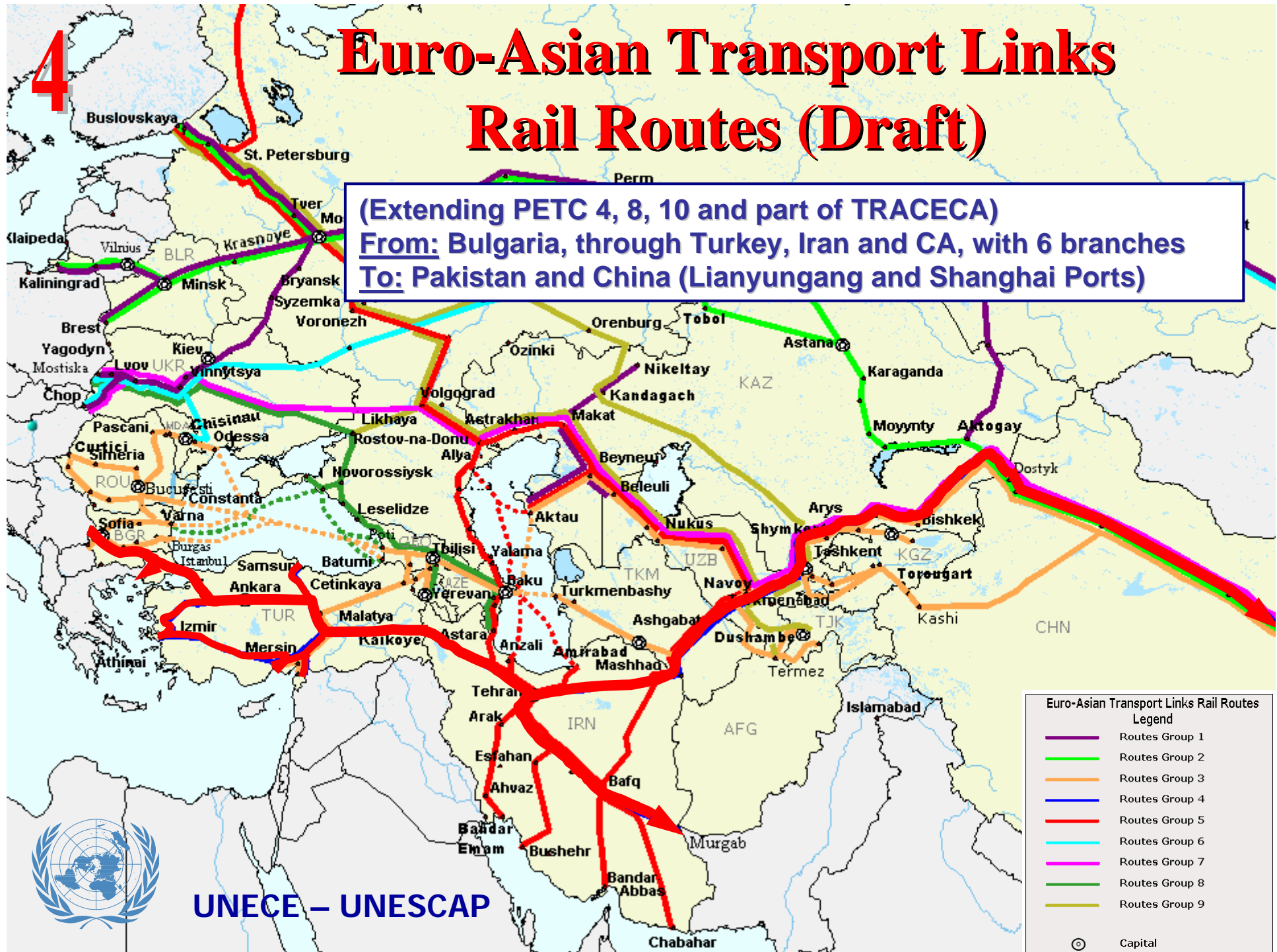


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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)

(Extending PETC 4, 8, 10 and part of TRACECA)
From: Bulgaria, through Turkey, Iran and CA, with 6 branches
To: Pakistan and China (Lianyungang and Shanghai Ports)

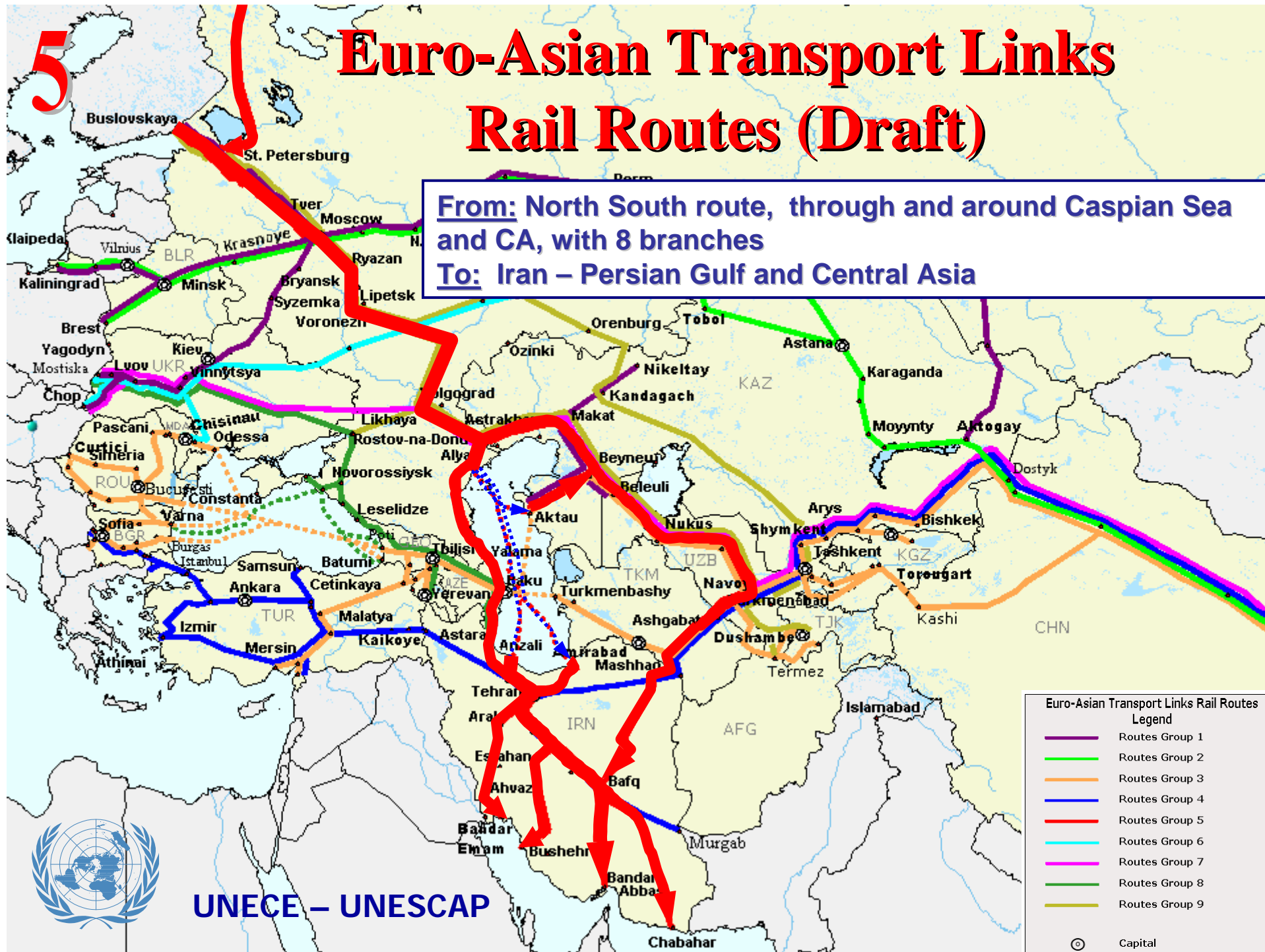


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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)

From: North South route, through and around Caspian Sea and CA, with 8 branches
To: Iran – Persian Gulf and Central Asia



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 3, 5 and 9)
From: Ukraine, Moldova, through Russia, with 3 branches
To: Vladivostok-Vostochny-Nahodka Ports, Mongolia and North China



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes Legend

- Routes Group 1
- Routes Group 2
- Routes Group 8
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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 3 and 5)
From: Ukraine, through Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan
To: China (Lianyungang and Shanghai Ports)



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 3 and 5)
From: Kaliningrad, Belarusia and Ukraine through Russia and
Caucasus, with 4 branches
To: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran



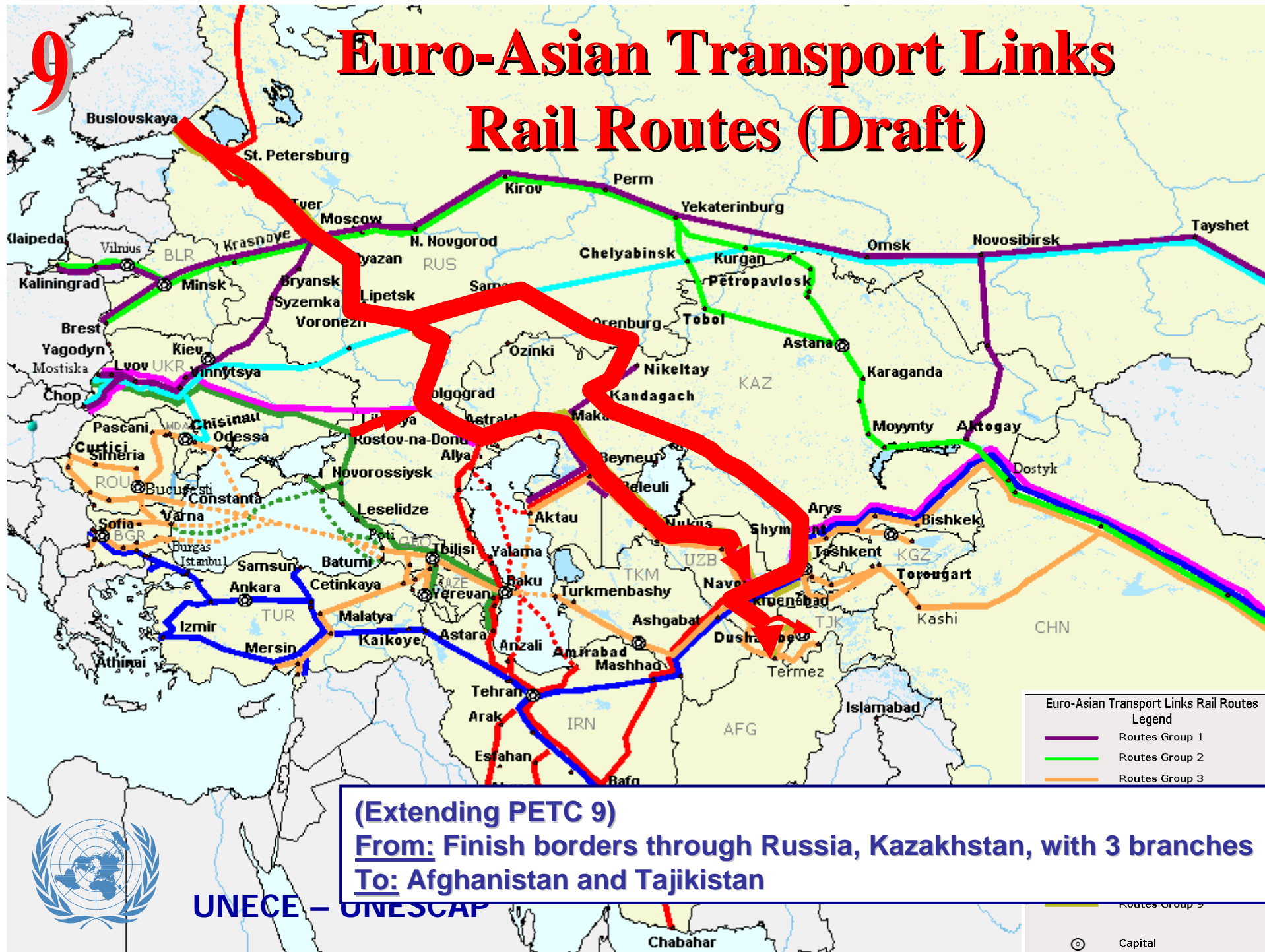
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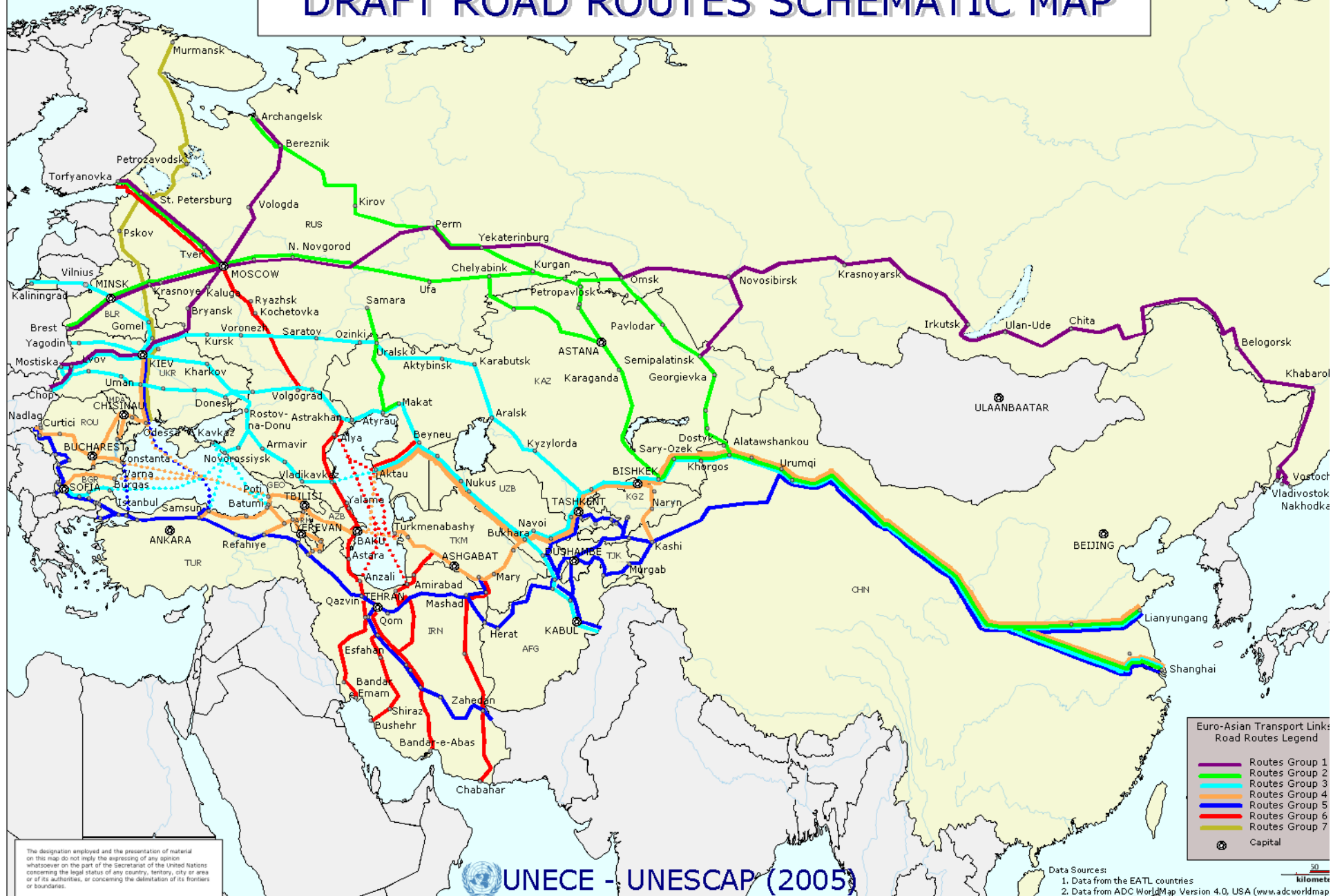
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Euro-Asian Transport Links Rail Routes (Draft)



Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Project DRAFT ROAD ROUTES SCHEMATIC MAP



Euro-Asian Transport Links Road Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 2, 5 and 9)

From: Finish, Belarusian and Ukrainian borders, White Sea through Russia, with 4 branches

To: Vladivostok, Vostochny and Nahodka Ports and Kazakhstan

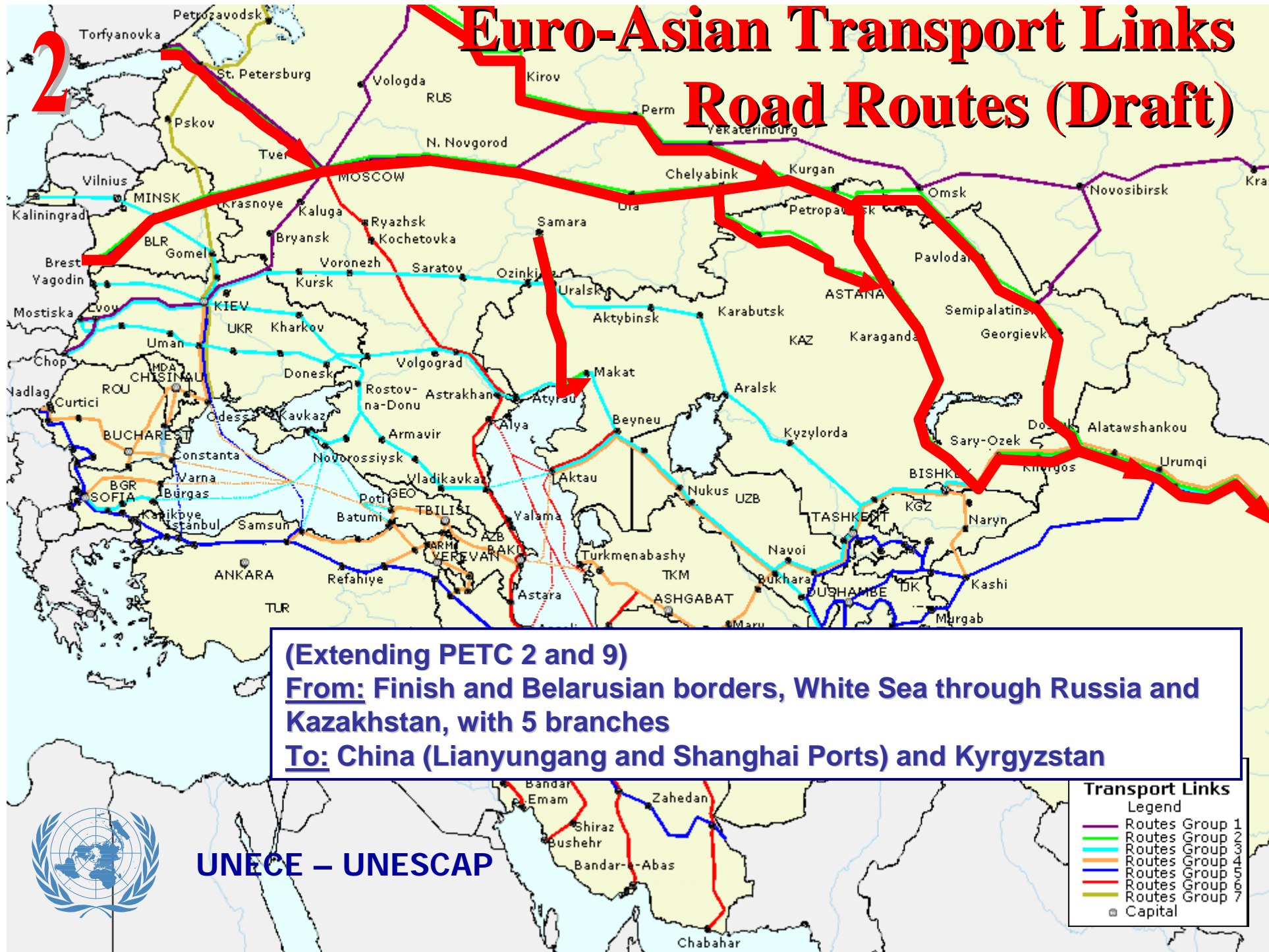


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Euro-Asian Transport Links Road Routes (Draft)



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Euro-Asian Transport Links Road Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9)
From: Kaliningrad, Belarusian-Ukrainian-Bulgarian borders, through Russia, Black Sea and Caspian Sea, with 6 branches
To: Central Asia, China (Lianyungang and Shanghai Ports) and Afghanistan towards Pakistan

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Euro-Asian Transport Links Road Routes (Draft)



(Extending PETC 4, 5 and 9)
From: Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Moldova, through Black Sea, Caucasus and Caspian Sea, with 12 branches
To: Central Asia and China (Lianyungang and Shanghai Ports)



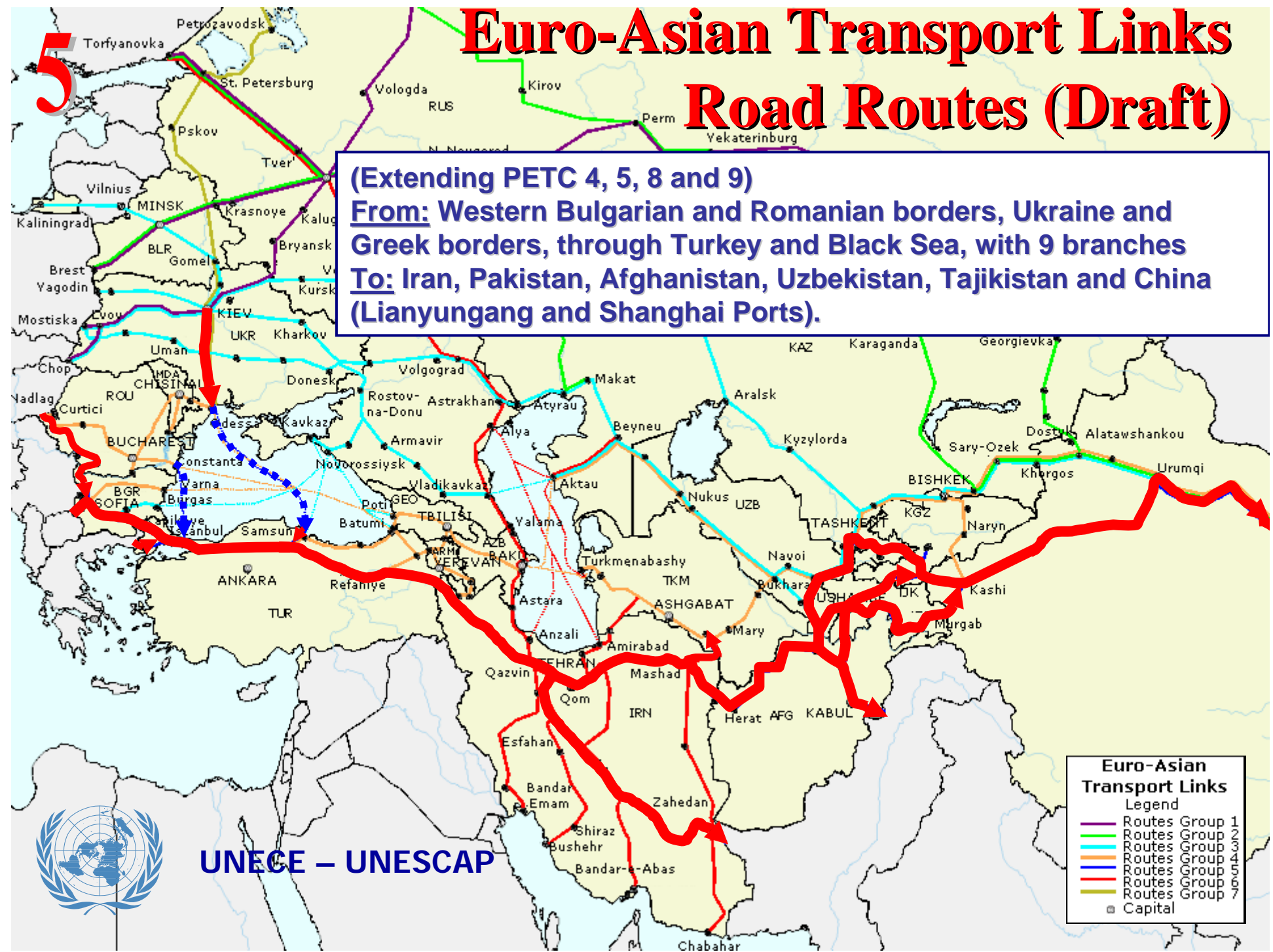
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— Routes Group 6
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Euro-Asian Transport Links Road Routes (Draft)

(Extending PETC 4, 5, 8 and 9)
From: Western Bulgarian and Romanian borders, Ukraine and Greek borders, through Turkey and Black Sea, with 9 branches
To: Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China (Lianyungang and Shanghai Ports).



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Euro-Asian Transport Links
Legend

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Euro-Asian Transport Links

Road Routes (Draft)

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North South Route
From: Finish borders, through Russia, Azerbaijan.
Caspian Sea and Turkmenistan, with 8 branches
To: Iran and Persian Gulf, and Kazakhstan



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Euro-Asian Transport Links
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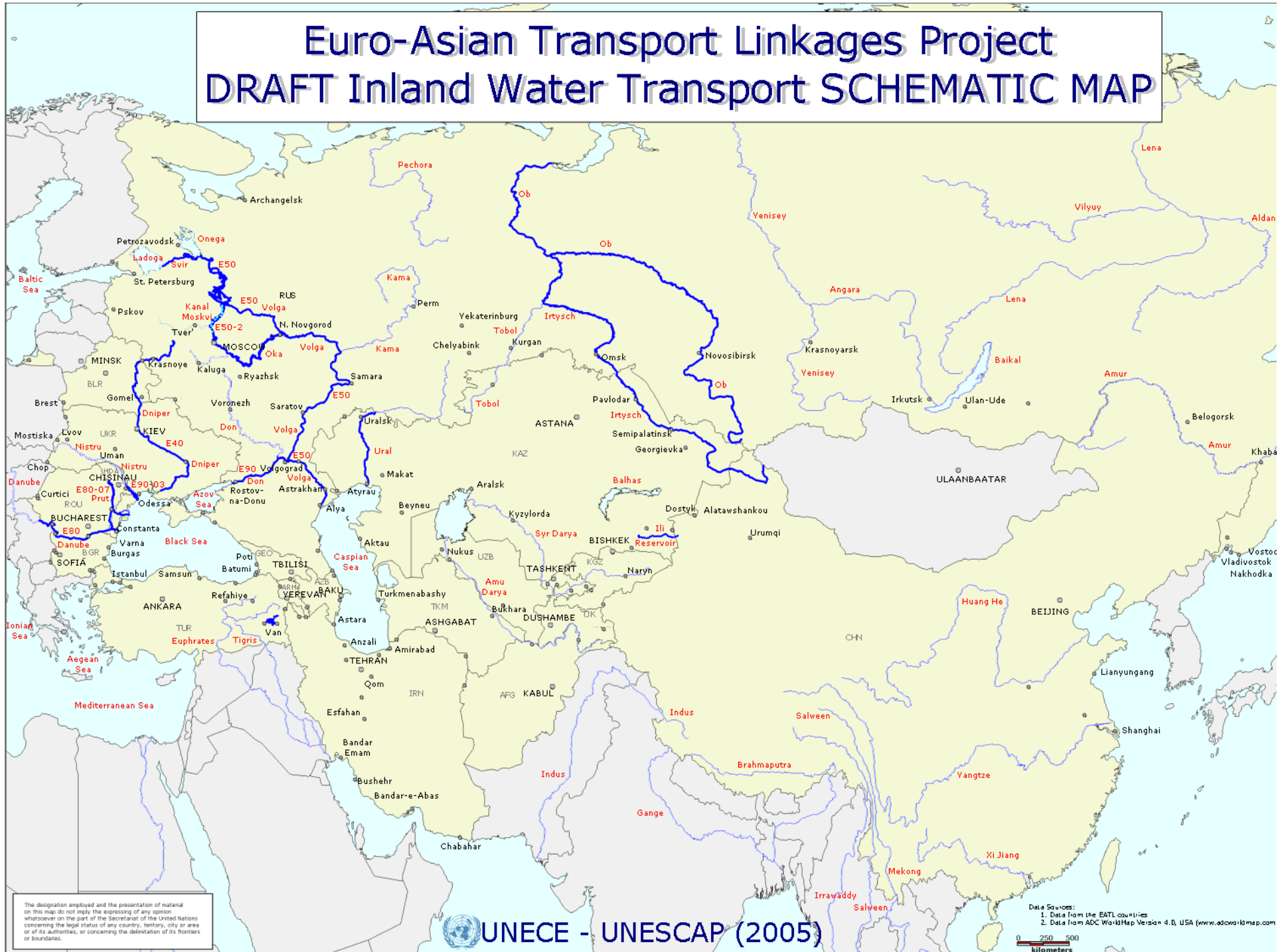
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Euro-Asian Transport Links Road Routes (Draft)



Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Project DRAFT Inland Water Transport SCHEMATIC MAP



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Euro-Asian Inland Water Transport Linkages (Draft)



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Ongoing work from 1st and 2nd Phase

- Completion of the technical assessment of routes
- Prioritization of projects along the routes
- Further consideration on ports and intermodal points
- Analysis of current physical and non-physical obstacles along the routes
- Assessment of operational performance along the routes, including border crossing points
- Finalization of database and GIS maps



3rd Phase: 2006

- Support the implementation of major international agreements and conventions
- Strengthen the capacities of national officials
- Organize national and regional workshops
- Present the results of an in-house study
- Convene a 4th EGM to deal with transport infrastructure and facilitation issues
- Follow-up the results in various UNECE and UNESCAP Working Groups and Fora



What's next

- Ensure continuation of the project beyond 2006
- Expert Group Meeting to become a permanent framework
- Ensure funding
- UNECE-UNESCAP to prepare a joint proposal
- Share the experience with other regions



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