WP.5 activities of interest to SC.1

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WP.5 clusters of work

2023 achievements

- **Cluster 1:** Development of transport networks and/ or links
  - Ongoing EATL operationalization efforts
  - Establishment of a **Corridor Coordination Committee on the Trans-Caspian and Almaty-Istanbul Corridors** (informal Group of Friends of the WP.5 Chair)

- *Cluster 2: Transport and climate change*
  - *WP.5/GE.3 Group of Experts on assessment of climate impacts and adaptation for inland transport*

- *Cluster 3: Sustainable urban mobility*
  - *WP.5/GE.5 Group of Experts on Cycling Infrastructure Module*

WP.5 clusters of work
2023 achievements

- **Cluster 4:** Transport infrastructure data
  - International Transport Infrastructure Observatory (ITIO) – **next steps**

- **Cluster 5:** Review and monitoring of emerging issues and sustainable development goals
  - *Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN) user dashboard – next steps*
  - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure – **next steps by WP.5, forthcoming publication and establishment of an e-mobility informal task force**

- *Cluster 6: Inland transport security*

Cluster 1 – Transport networks
Mandate

"At the 35th annual session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (September 2022), participating railway companies and customs administrations from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Türkiye, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan requested the establishment of a coordination committee that would gather periodically in the format of an informal Group of Friends of the WP.5 Chair co-facilitated by the ECE and ECO secretariats"
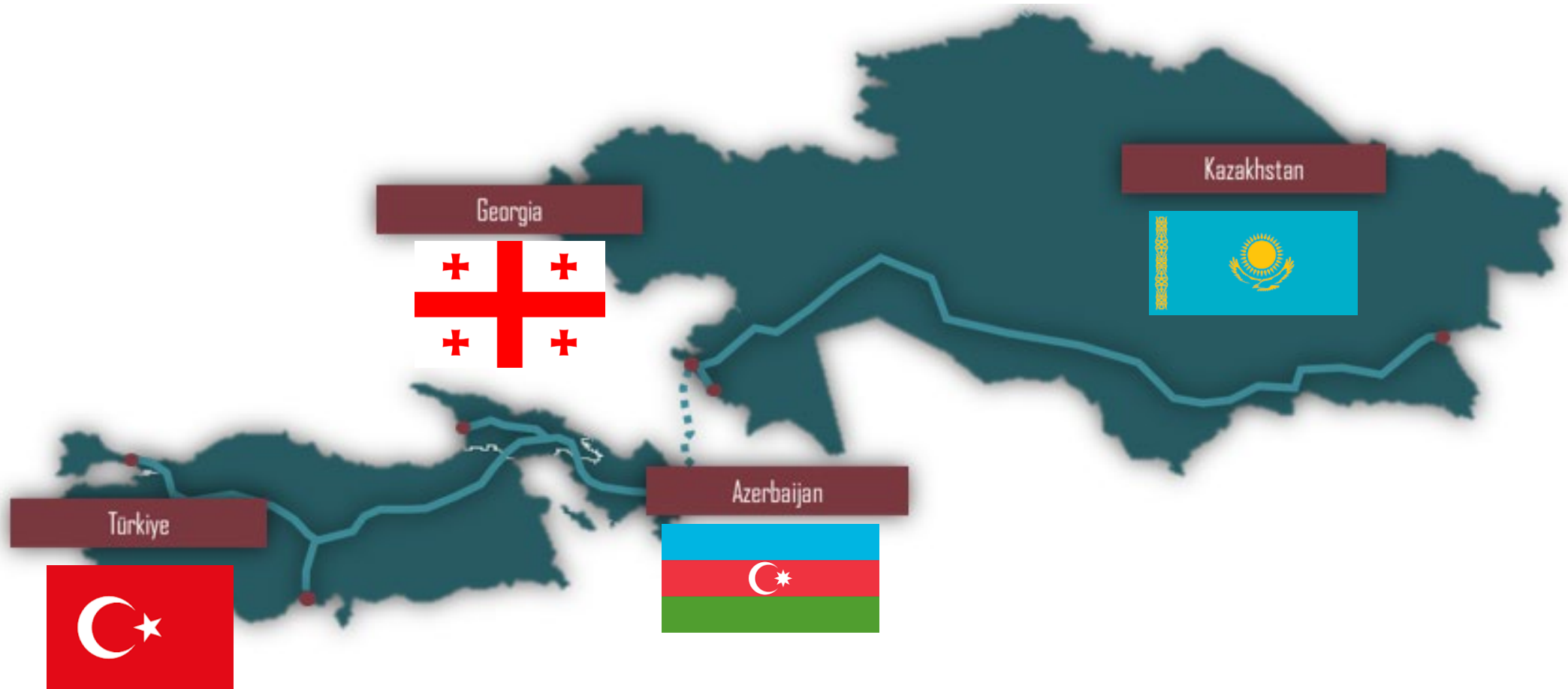
"WP.5 welcomed this initiative and requested the countries concerned and the secretariat to prepare an update report ahead of its annual session next year." (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/72)

I. Terms of Reference (ToR)

- **Full name:** Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)/ Economic Cooperation Organization Coordination Committee on the Trans-Caspian and Almaty-Teheran-Istanbul Corridors (as per the WP.5 mandate)/ **Abbreviation** (for internal purposes): *CC*

- **Mission statement:** *"To untap the full potential of the corridors enabling economically viable, environmentally sound, interoperable, and resilient multimodal inland transport corridors between Europe and Asia"*

- **Main scope:**

  - Intercontinental rail freight and intermodal operations, in light of its long-distance potential
  - Road transport in terms of last mile connectivity and to connect adjacent countries that are not on the main rail freight axes

II.a ToR – Geographical scope

II.b ToR – Geographical scope

III. ToR – CC Membership

Three (3) officially nominated/ accredited Government representatives:

- One (1) senior level representative from the ministry in charge of transport and/ or infrastructure

- One (1) senior level representative from the national railway undertaking in charge of rail freight/ corridor management

- One (1) senior level representative from the customs/ revenue administration in charge of cross-border transport and transit policies

Five (5) dimensions of work determined/ thematic clusters; Appointment of 2 Corridor Coordinators for a 1-year period

IV. ToR - Resources

- Inception phase (2023-2025): operation and servicing of the Committee as well as travel costs for Committee Members and interpretation services (English and Russian) are covered through ECE XB resources provided by the Netherlands

- In-kind contributions of Committee members (host the sessions in their capitals or elsewhere/ provide meeting room and in-kind coffee/ lunch breaks)

- Starting from 2026, funding to be provided by interested Governments following the good practice of the TEM/ TER projects

2023-2025 - Programme of work across five thematic clusters

A. Evaluation and prioritization of transport infrastructure construction and renewal requirements including for rolling stock and pool containers as well as missing infrastructure links

B. Digitalization, harmonization, and standardization of transport documents in use on the corridors (uni- vs. multi-modal)

C. Evaluation of the availability of reliable corridor-wide agreed timetables and tariffs

D. Evaluation of en-route border crossing efficiency on both corridors, identify, prioritize and implement border crossing facilitation initiative

E. Strengthening the economic viability and resilience as well as environmental performance of the corridors

A. Evaluation of transport infrastructure construction and renewal requirements/ identification of missing links

- **Building on the available AGTC, AGC and AGR** infrastructure agreements undertakes a corridor wide mapping exercise of missing infrastructure links or links of insufficient parameters

  - Analyses currently available networks and identifies segments of the railway lines or roads in need of modernization
  - Prioritizes a list of **infrastructure construction** or **upgrade projects**
  - Matches the projects with national funding programmes for the development of infrastructure
  - Develops funding proposals to receive additional financing for the projects and includes them on the ITIO
  - Reaches out to MDBs and RCOs and other stakeholders

B. Digitalization, harmonization and standardization of transport documents in use on the corridors

- CC reviews the use of different types of **multi- or uni-modal transport documents** and matches them against the requirements by enforcement bodies in all countries on the corridors, in particular customs or other inspection authorities

- CC produces **recommendations on digitalization solutions** and use of technical standards and norms on the corridors

  - Explores the use of eTIR as inter-modal customs transit document on the corridors
  - Explores the use of eCMR
  - Implements Unified Railway Law (subject to its adoption)

Cluster 4 – Transport infrastructure data
International Transport Infrastructure Observatory

Progress up-date:

- ITIO contains data from **79 UN MS**/ to be expanded with a **further 27 UN MS** by 2024; **> 20 accredited users** from Government institutions, regional organisations, MDBs etc.

- **ITIO promotion film** available here

- **ITIO follow-up XB project under preparation** [to improve and expand ITIO functionalities]

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Cluster 5 – Review and monitoring of emerging issues
Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure

I. Mandate

II. Forthcoming Transport Trends and Economics 2024 publication

- Full draft text available [here](#), working documents 4-8

- Additional national case studies and good practice examples welcome

III. Establishment of a new e-mobility task force

- ToRs under preparation

- Interest from **WP.24/ SC.1**?

Thank you!

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