



# Europe & Central Asia Transport and Trade Association

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# THE CHINA-EUROPE TRANSIT ROUTES



## ■ The 'Ice Silk Road' – 4,500 km (20-25 days)

- Mostly oil and gas. 12 boat trips in 2024
- Works in the summer & autumn only; might become ice-free all year long in the future

**80m tons**

Incl. 0.1 TEU

## ■ North route (via Russia) – 6,400 km (12-21 days)

- 51% of total volume, 7.3% of container volume
- 50% stays in Russia

**235m tons**

**incl. 1,900 TEUs**

## ■ The Trans-Caspian Transport Route (TITR), aka 'Middle Corridor' – 7,000 km (15-25 days)

- 4% of total volume, 0.2% of container volume
- Bottleneck in Baku

**20m tons**

**incl. 50 TEU**

## ■ The South Corridor – 7,000 km (50-60 days)

- Experimental. 50 tunnels & 90 bridges needed.
- Incl. the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Railway

**3m tons**

**incl. 3 TEUs**

## ■ Sea route (via Suez) – 20,000km (45-70 days)

- Longest but cheapest
- 26% of total volume, 92.5% of containers
- Suez canal closure = 1 more week

**120m tons**

**24,200 TEUs**



RAILWAYS

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- 1. АҚТАУ – АЛТЫНКОЛЬ (ТМТМ)
- 2. ЖАЙСАН – САРЫАҒАШ (СРЕДНЕАЗИАТСКИЙ)
- 3. ДОСТЫК – КАРТАЛЫ (СЕВЕРНЫЙ)
- 4. АЛТЫНКОЛЬ – САРЫАҒАШ (ЮЖНЫЙ)
- 5. КИГАШ – БОЛАШАК (СЕВЕР-ЮГ)

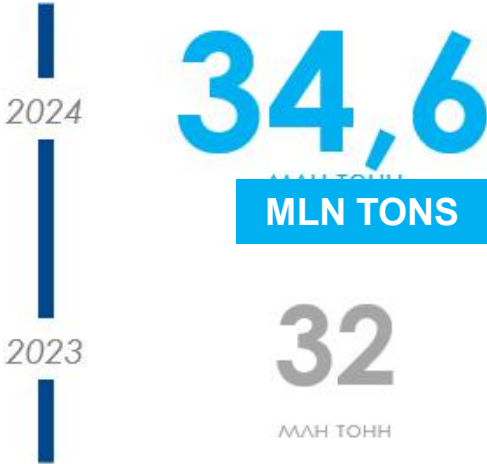
ROADS

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- 6. ХОРГОС – ЖАЙСАН (ЗЕЗК)
- 7. АҚТАУ – ХОРГОС (ТРАСЕКА)
- 8. АЛМАТЫ – ЖАНА-ЖОЛ (на РФ)
- 9. АСТАНА – КАЙРАК (на РФ)
- 10. МАЙКАПШАГАЙ – УРЛИТОБЕ (КНР-РФ)
- 11. АЛМАТЫ – АУЫЛ (на РФ)
- 12. АҚТОБЕ – ҚҰРМАНҒАЗЫ (ТМТМ, на РФ)



VOLUMES

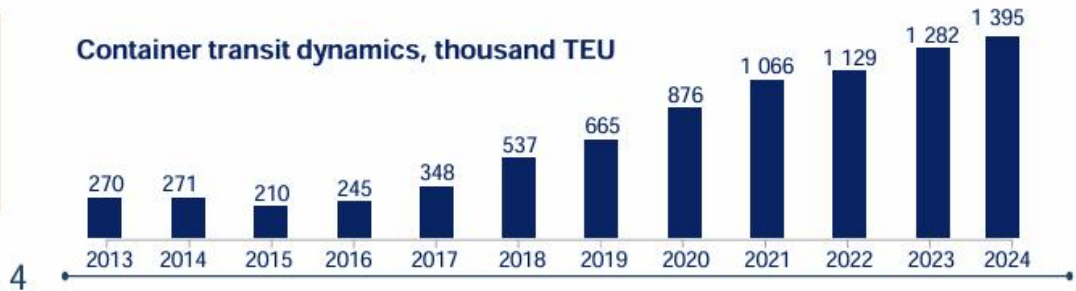
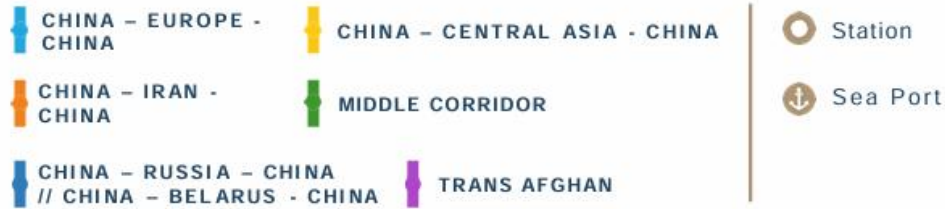
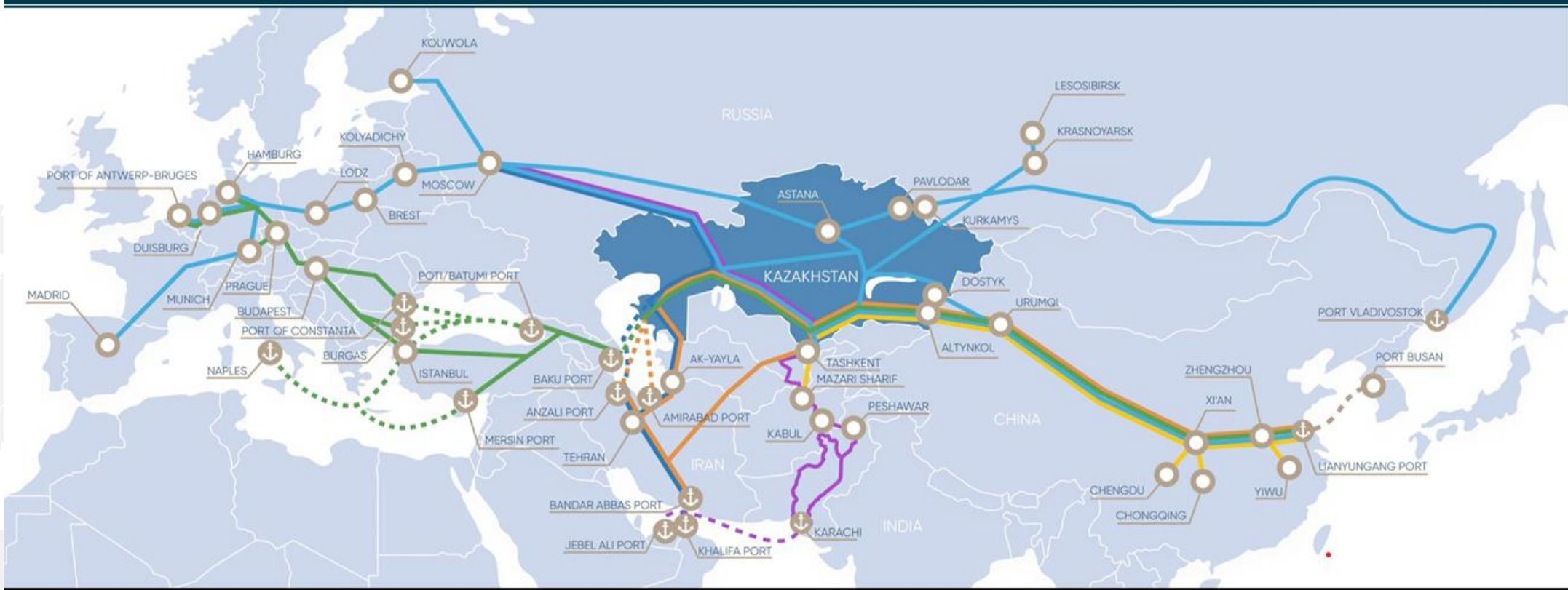


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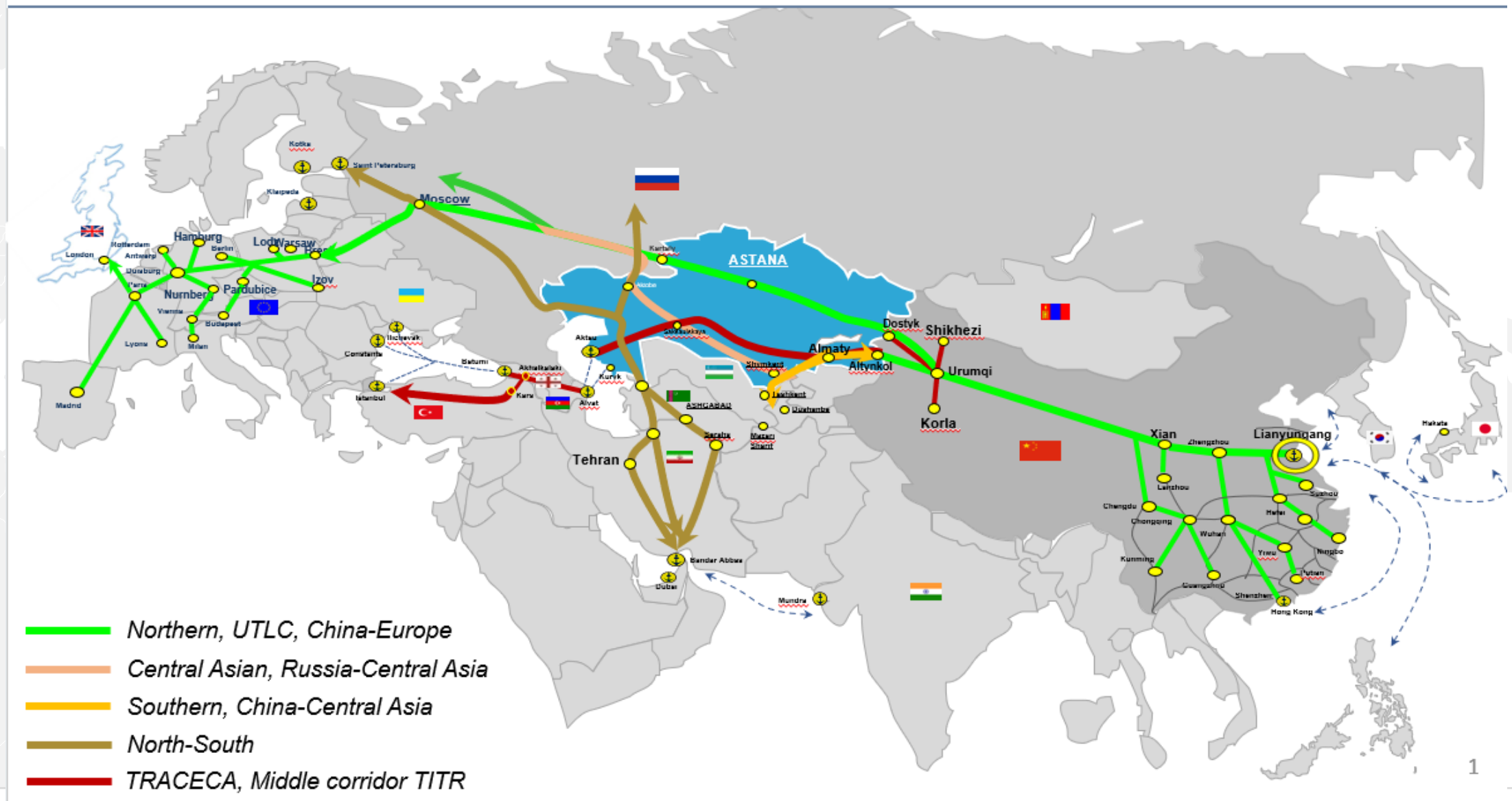
CORRIDORS



# KAZAKHSTAN – TRANSIT HUB



# TRANSIT CORRIDORS OF KAZAKHSTAN



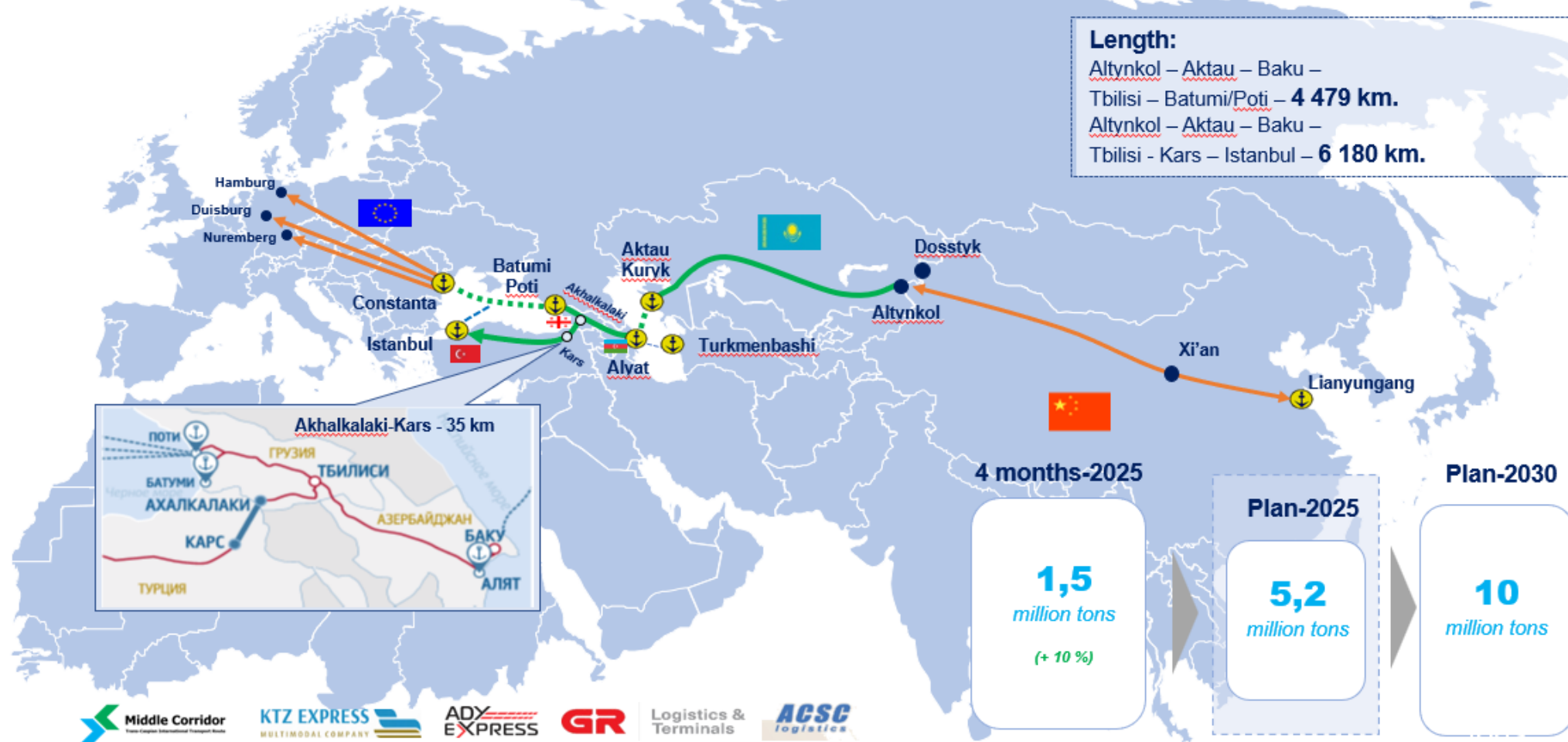
Source: Ministry of Transport of Kazakhstan

# MAP OF THE TRASCASPIAN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT ROUTE

The total capacity of the Middle Corridor is **6 million tons per year** including **100 thousand of TEU**

## Length:

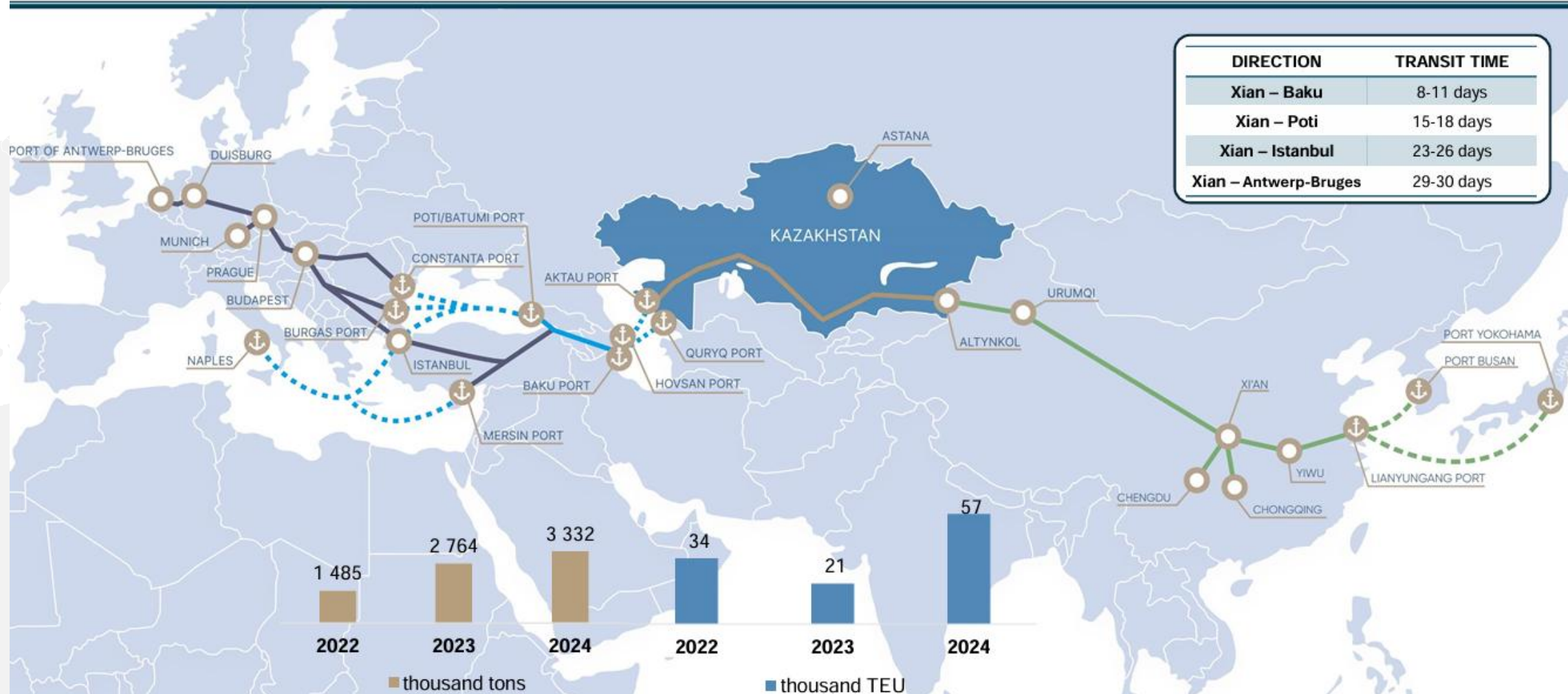
Altynkol – Aktau – Baku –  
Tbilisi – Batumi/Poti – **4 479 km.**  
Altynkol – Aktau – Baku –  
Tbilisi - Kars – Istanbul – **6 180 km.**



Source: Ministry of Transport of Kazakhstan



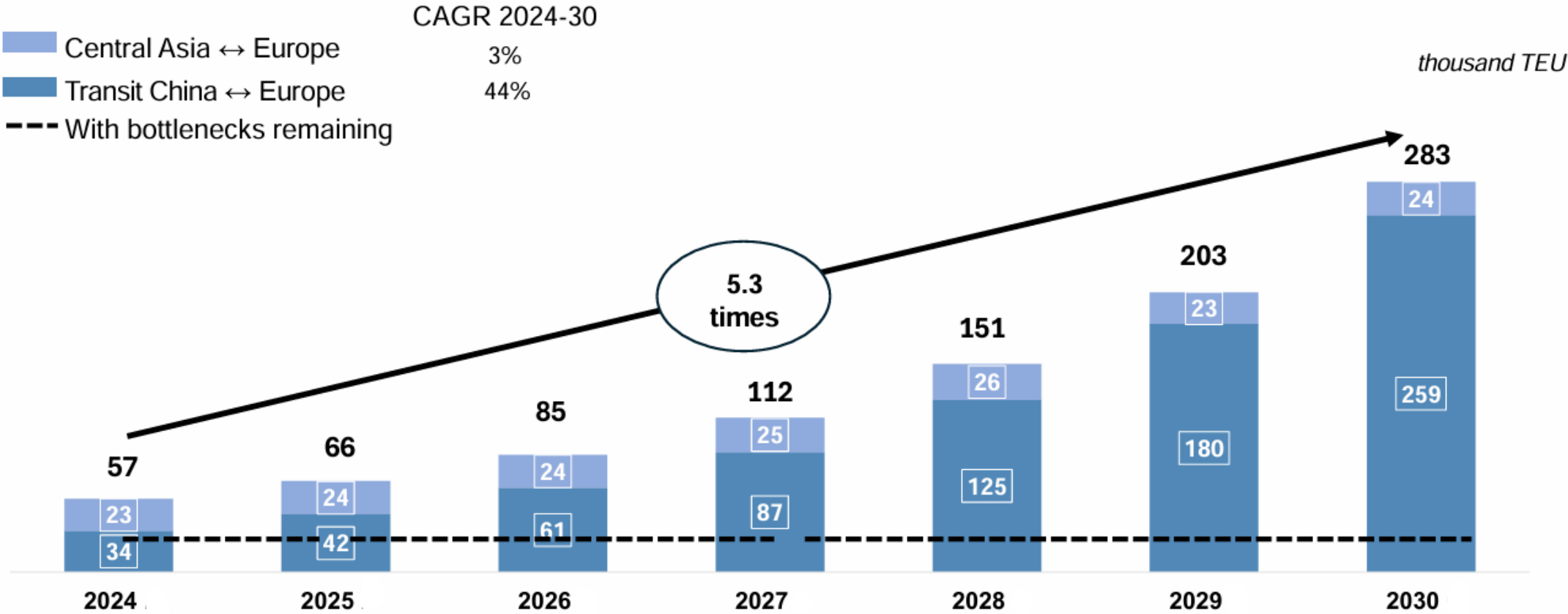
MIDDLE CORRIDOR



In 2024, 350+ container trains were sent in transit - an increase of 33 times

Source: KTZ Express

# FORECAST OF FREIGHT FLOWS ON TITR FOR 2025–2030



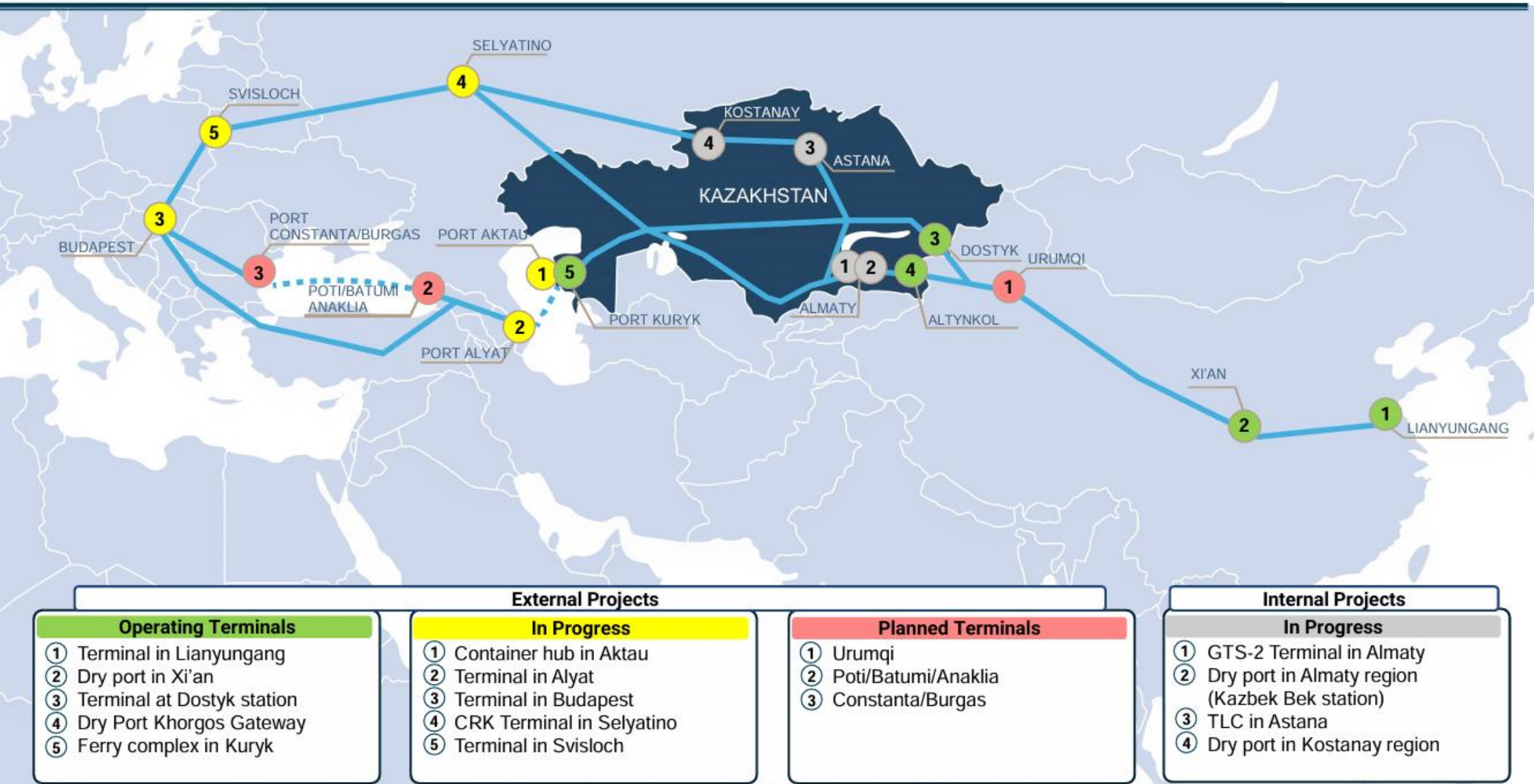
PwC: "TITR: Freight Flow Forecast"

THE VOLUME OF TRANSPORTATION VIA TITR IS EXPECTED TO GROW 5.3 TIMES  
ACCORDING TO PROJECTIONS

Source: KTZ Express








# DEVELOPMENT OF EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL TERMINAL NETWORKS OF KAZAKHSTAN



Source: KTZ Express

# PROMISING PROJECTS IN THE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS INDUSTRY

	AMOUNT OF PROJECTS	COST OF PTOJECTS \$, billion
 ROAD PROJECTS	18	20,5
 RAILWAY PROJECTS	14	6,6
 MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	4	0,6
 CIVIL AVIATION PROJECTS	10	4,2
 PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECTS	17	1,7
	63	33,6

Source: Ministry of Transport of Kazakhstan

ECATA continues and complements respected initiatives such as



## Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia



**Middle Corridor**  
Trans-Caspian International Transport Route

