## Opportunities for Georgia as a multimodal gateway

Georgia, March 12, 2025



# HHLA is a vertically integrated port and transport logistics company serving customers along the entire transport chain



Sea port terminals



**20**Rail-Terminals in hinterland

84
Companies



5.9 Mio.

TEU were handled in the entire year at HHLA's container terminals

109

Mio. € EBIT



**1,447**Mio. € Revenue

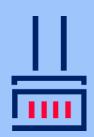
38.1 %

Less CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissions since 2018



6.800

Employees in 12 countries, HHLA Group



1.6 Mio.

TEU transports HHLA annually via intermodal activities



### HHLA International is responsible for the management and development of HHLA's international terminals



### Container **Terminal Odessa** /Ukraine

- Largest container terminal in the Ukraine
- Participation since 2001



**HHLA TK** Estonia/Tallinn

- Largest container terminal in Estonia
- Terminal acquired in 2018



HHLA PLT Italy/ **Trieste** 

- New multipurpose terminal in Italy serving the Adriatic
- Majority acquired in January 2021



**UIC** Ukrainian Intermodal Company

- Intermodal operator to connect CTO to main hinterland destinations
- Founded in 2023

#### **Middle Corridor Activities**



**HHLA Project** Logistics Georgia/Poti

- Project cargo and container forwarding company in Central Asia
- Participation (75%)Founded in 2023 since 2006



**HHLA PL** Kazakhstan. **Almaty** 

- New office of **HHLA Project** logistics in Kazakhstan

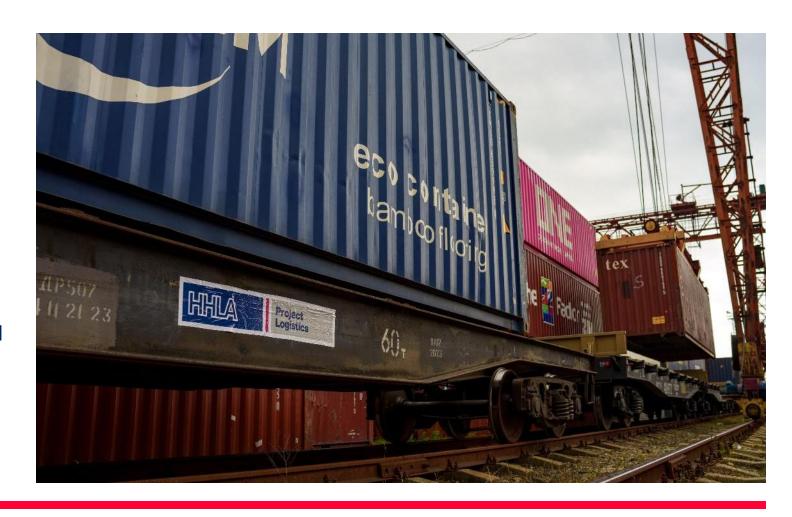
**International Terminals** 

Intermodal and Transport



# HHLA Project Logistics is a specialized forwarding company for heavy lift and intermodal transports along the Middle Corridor

- HHLA Project Logistics was established in 2001 in Poti, Georgia
- Offices in Poti, Tbilisi (GE), Baku (AZ) and Almaty/Astana (KZ)
- Offering logistics solutions along the Middle Corridor, with focus on
  - Project cargo and heavy lift transports
  - Intermodal container transports
  - Logistics solutions by sea, air and/or land
- Small and dynamic team focusing on tailormade customer solutions
- Firsthand experience of advantages and bottlenecks along the Middle Corridor





# The Middle Corridor offers advantages but still is constrained by significant bottlenecks, incl. in Georgia

- Major capacity bottlenecks along the Middle Corridor include
  - Port capacity in Black Sea ports
  - Rolling stock availability, especially locomotives in Georgia
  - Rail infrastructure in Kazakhstan and Türkiye
  - Operational efficiency in Caspian Sea transportation, incl. weather and climate conditions
- Also, still limited digitalization in customs/border procedures, limiting effective information exchange
- Plus, limited availability of scheduled services along Middle Corridor, i.e. for vessels and trains
- Middle Corridor thus still suffers from volatile transit times





## Investments to focus on port and rail capacity and trade facilitation

### **Port capacity**

- Poti and Batumi are the key gateways for the Middle Corridor at the Black Sea, operating at high utilisation
- Additional port capacity required to capture the potential of Middle Corridor

### **Rail capacity**

- Limited rail capacity of Georgian ports due to inner city locations
- Various dry ports exist in order to facilitate rail transportation
- Effective rail handling facilities are critical to ensure smooth operation Middle Corridor
- Only limited locomotive availability in Georgia results in delays at the border between Georgia and Azerbaijan.

#### **Trade facilitation**

- Investment in digitization of border and customs processes
- Alignment of regulations across countries
- Corridor-wide coordination of activities
- All of the above essential to increase competitiveness and to allow for bankable private investment projects

Further investments required, but also additional soft measures.





## HHLA and HIG – Your partner along the Middle Corridor



Leading terminal operator with decades of experience



Pioneer in technological innovation and automation



Focus on sustainability and long-term cooperation



Integrated approach to transportation



**The Power of Networks** 

# Contact

### Dr. Stephan Dohm

**T.** +49 176 3088 3402

E. dohm@hhla.de

HHLA International GmbH Bei St. Annen 1 20457 Hamburg

www.hhla.de



