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Improving Rail and Freight Transport Efficiency

Insights from the OSJD International Freight Conference

Knowledge sharing event-ADB Transport

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Introduction

- Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD) International Freight Conference was held in Seoul on 28 May 2015.
- The main topics of the conference were the development and improvement of international rail transport between Asia and Europe including:
 - Trans-Siberian railway
 - China-Europe freight rail connection
 - Trans-Korean Peninsula railway
- The purpose of the presentation is to brief the contents of the conference and provide insights to ADB colleagues.

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What is OSJD?

Profile of OSJD

- Established in 1956, headquartered in Warsaw
- Main objective
 - Development and improvement of international railway and combined transportations in the communication between Europe and Asia
 - Shaping of transport policy and strategy on international railway traffic
 - Management and improvement of documents, forming the International railway transport law
 - Management of international railway tariffs
 - Co-operation on operational, technical, financial and environmental problems of railway transport
 - Co-operation with international organizations, tackling the problems of railway transport

Membership: 28 Countries & Rail Operators/Infra Managers



Source: OSJD



Highlights of the Freight Conference

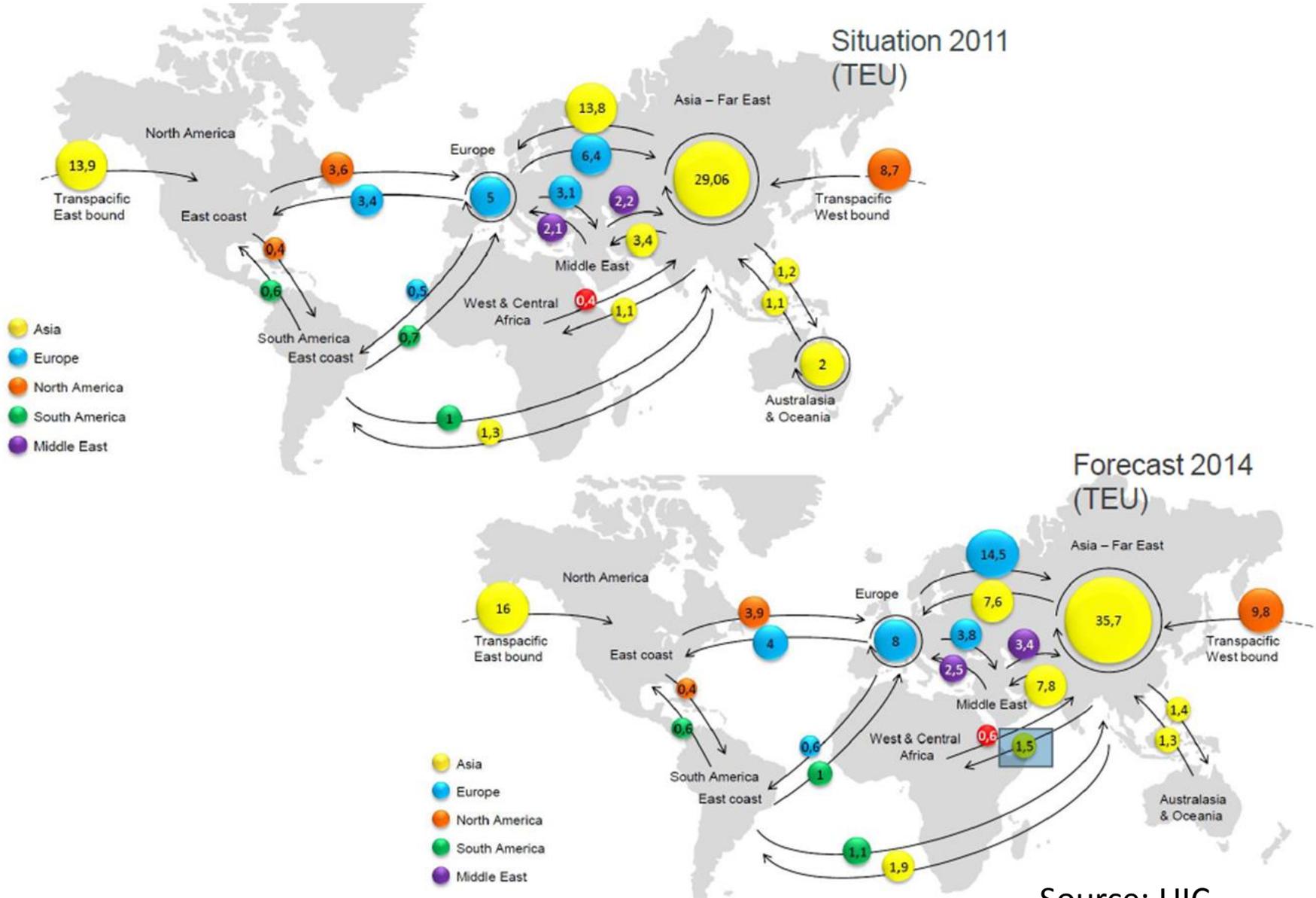
Profile of Conference

- 10th International Freight Conference
- Moderators
 - Mr. Tadeuz SZOZDA, Chairman of OSJD Committee
 - Ms. Zubaida ASPAYEVA, Chairperson of OSJD Commission on Freight
- Participants (about 200 people)
 - Railway Operators
 - International Organizations*
 - Users/Forwarders
 - Academia
 - Medias

Sessions

- Session 1
 - Perspectives for Development of International Rail Freight Transport
 - Market Potential and development of railway
- Session 2
 - Interactions with other modes
 - Development of multimodal transport
- Session 3
 - Tariff policy and marketing

The Market



Source: UIC

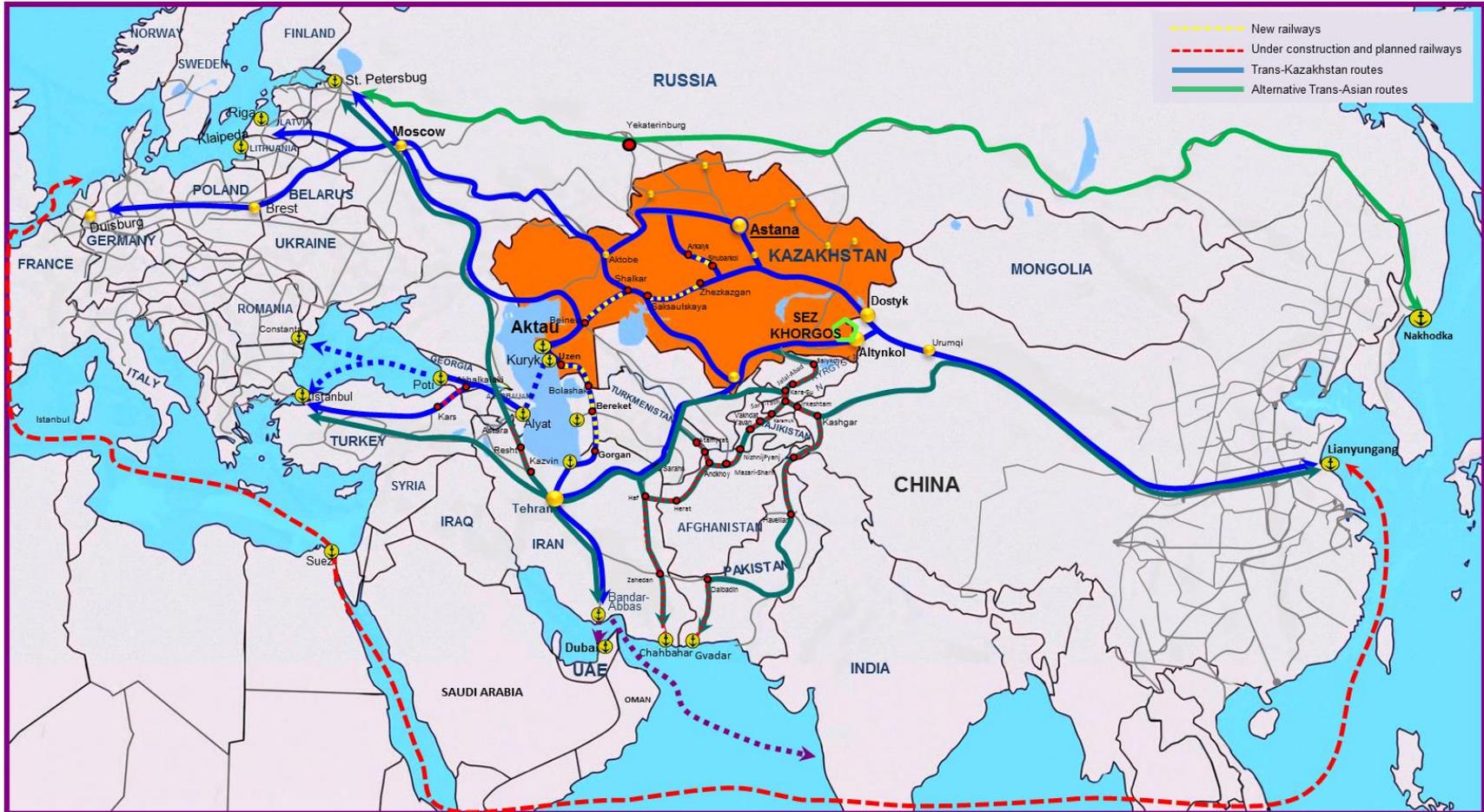
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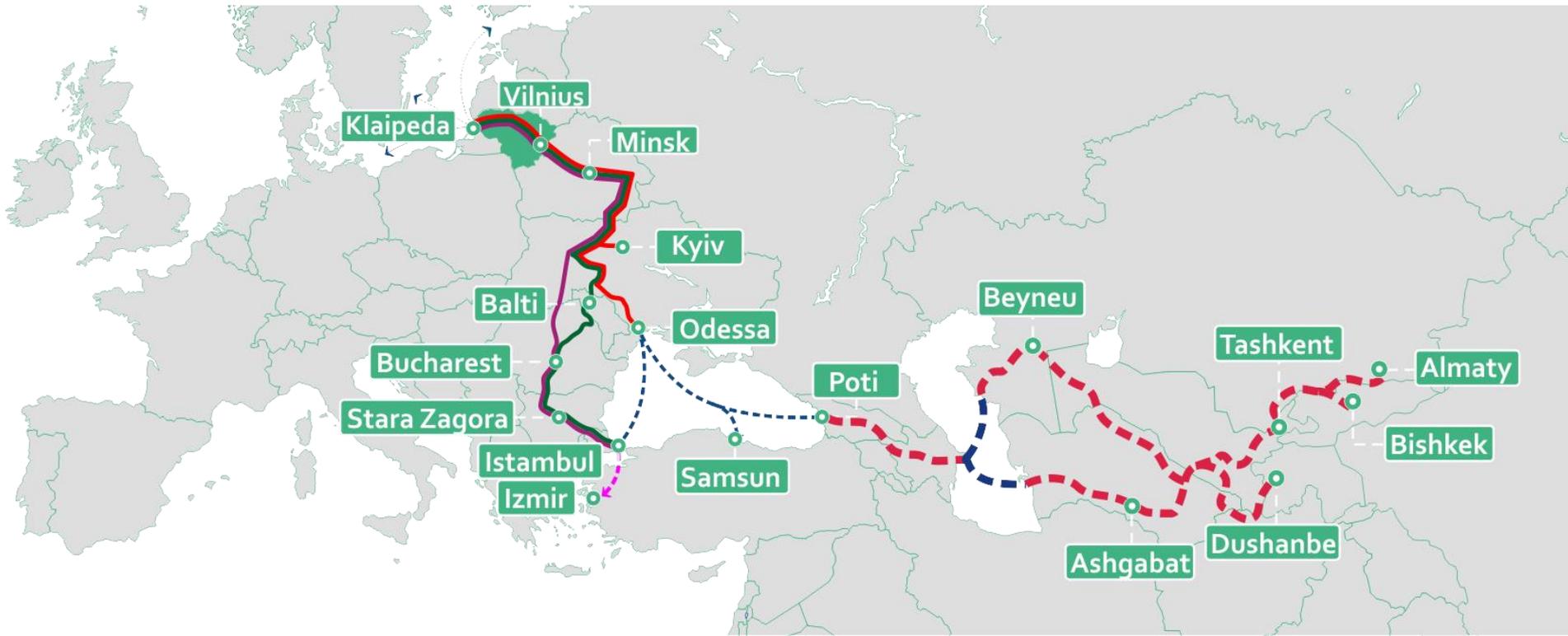
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Observations

- “Dream” of Trans-Korean Corridor
- KORAIL sponsored conference
- Russia’s dominant position in this topic
- Increasing acceptance of CIM/SMGS emphasized: 90% of rail movements from Czech Republic to KAZ use CIM/SMGS
- Working group on TAR in Bangkok 23-24 November 2015

Insights

- Engagement with OSJD: a new partner for ADB (together with UIC, IRU, FIATA, etc.)
- Niche markets: rail capacity a fraction of maritime
- Rail corridor cooperation to compete more effectively with maritime?
- CCTT – coordinating council for trans-Siberian transport a complement to CAREC corridors?
- Multimodal dimension an emerging facet

Insights-Continued

- Role of Lithuania and Hungary as nodes/terminals for transcontinental traffic
- From European side, railway cross-border movements are less problematic than those facing automotive transport
- Emphasizes improved logistics services to reduce empty backhauls

Implications to ADB Strategy

- Designated Railway Corridors in CAREC
 - OSJD, UNESCAP, OTIF, and UIC all share common interests in expanding rail operations in Central Asia
- GMS Railway Office
 - OSJD and UIC natural partners
- UNESCAP/TAR and UNECE/EALC
 - Complementary initiatives

Proposal for ADB-OSJD Relationship

- Proposal
 - Signing MoU
 - Requesting OSJD to attend CAREC events
- What is the merit of collaboration?
 - Complements UIC partnership
 - Intergovernmental nature allows closer alignment of transport and trade facilitation initiatives

Thanks.