## Vision and activities related to Europe-Asia railway transport development

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## **Opportunities**

✓ Economic activity can sustain an average investment level of >750 billion euros between 2007 and 2025 in Asia alone

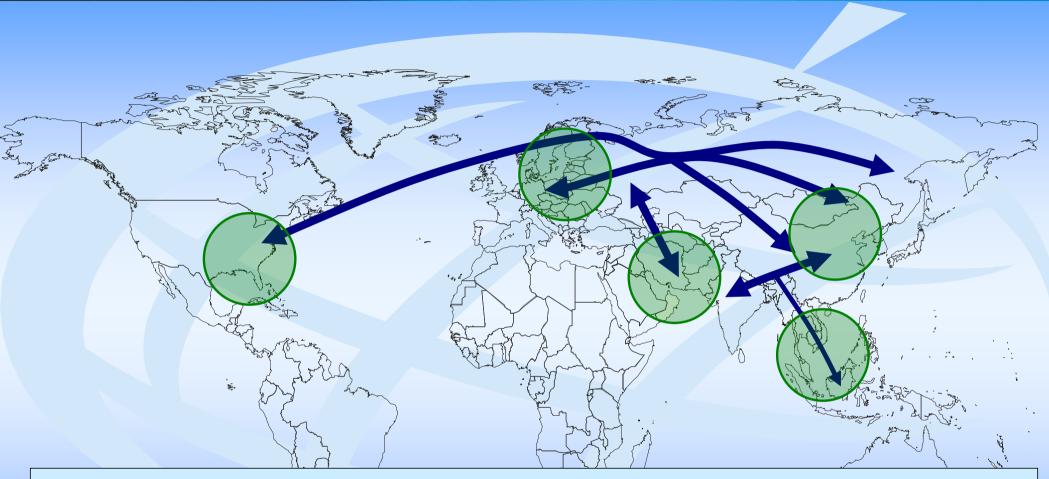


### **Facts**

✓ GLOBAL TRADE IS GENERATING APPROXIMATIVELY 3 BILLION EUROS OF TRANSPORT BUSINESS PER DAY

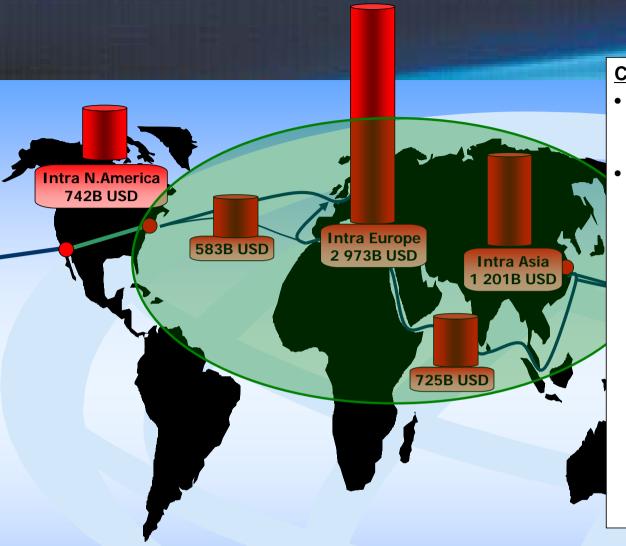


## Existing and potential corridors



- Develop a few main corridors to capture growing international trade
- Stronger focus on intermodality and cooperation with shipping lines
- Use UIC as an arena for development





#### **Conclusions**

- Developing rail transport links between the inland China and inland Europe will accelerate the Euro Asia routes.
- As part of UIC's continuing efforts in establishing specific O-D matrices, following studies will be completed by March 2008:
  - projected transported volumes on specific links
  - route characterisation i.e. infrastructure capacity and bottlenecks
  - competition analysis including tariff structure of the competitive modes
  - preliminary business plan to explore the potential opportunities among the members serving the routes

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**ASIA-EUROPE** 

TRANS PACIFIC

MAIN TRADE LANES OF THE WORLD

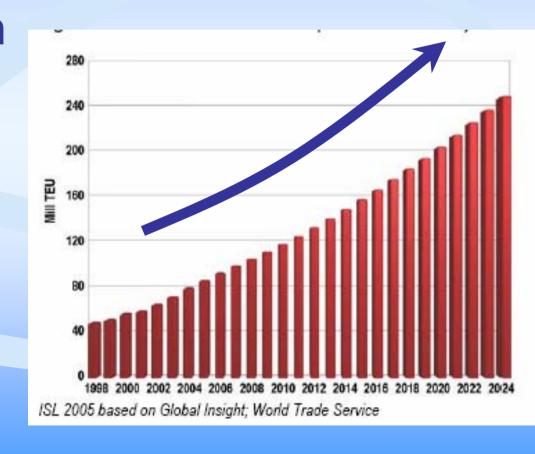


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## Transportation increases more than the trade growth

When the global trade is growing by 100% between 2006 and 2025....

...the container trade is growing by 170%





## Global logistical chains

- The railways have to a greater extent than ever the possibility to become sections of global logistical chains
  - In relative terms and compared with current railway capacity in many countries, the potential is far above the capacity
- The railways are not generally accepted by the market as an alternative in these global logistical chains
- The EurAsian land Bridge is one of these important chains



## What UIC have done on the Eurasian leg

 Focusing on Northern European routes as transit routes between Asia and North America



- » Avoiding congestion in Continental Europe
- » Development corridors for the outlaying regions of Europe

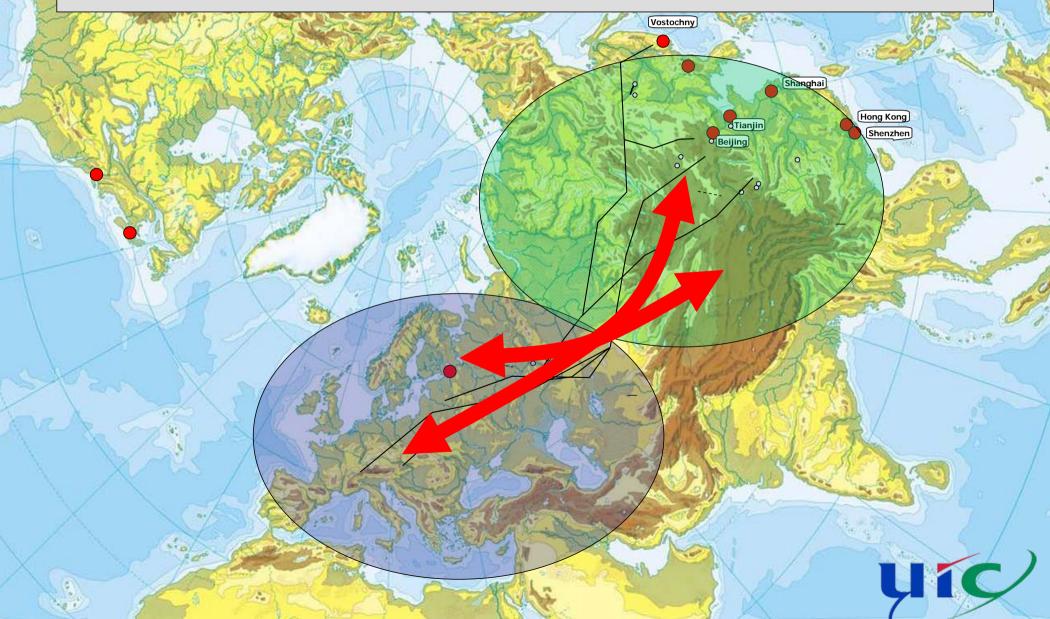
 Focusing on the Continental routes as corridors between inland destinations in China and Europe



- » Probably the most competitive routes
- » Avoiding congestion between ports and inland destinations
- » Stimulating modal shift by reducing truck transport to/from ports
- » Inland destination/origin projects, market studies etc



# UIC's Eurasian corridors is an extension of the European corridors -there are several alternative routes



## There is a tremendous potential, along the Eurasian Land Bridge, however.....

- Growth perspectives may not be capitalized by the railways if the <u>capacity</u> (entire chain) limits the growth, or the <u>supply side</u> (the transport product) is not considered competitive compared with other modes
- The development of the EurAsian Land Bridge depend on the railways' capabilities to capture growth opportunities, and convince the <u>customers</u>



