

ONE BELT, ONE ROAD INITIATIVE AND RELATED MULTIMODALITY CHALLENGES

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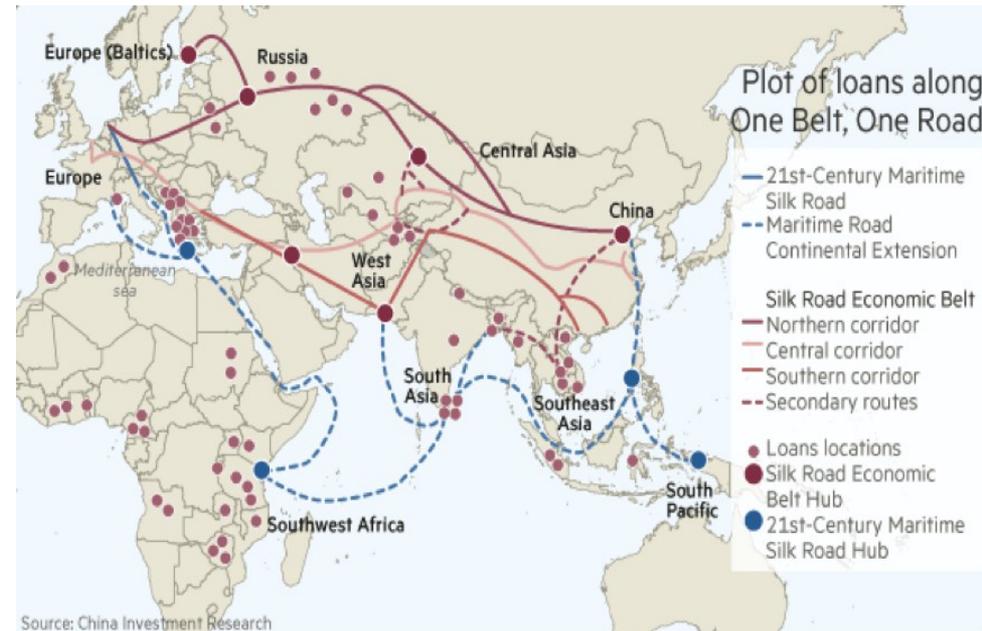
ONE BELT, ONE ROAD INITIATIVE

One Belt, One Road /B&R/ Initiative is a trade and infrastructure network that includes:

- The Silk Road Economic Belt / The Belt/
- The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road /The Road/

Aiming for better infrastructure, connectivity and multimodality to boost the growth of the countries along the B&R. B&R involves 60 countries and covers about 65% of the world population, about 1/3 of the world's GDP, and about quarter of all the goods the world moves.

China and EU trade is over EUR 1 billion per day /EU Commission 2016/. The Europe holds about 18 % of Asian Export.



CONNECTING ASIA AND EUROPE BY MULTIMODALITY

The CEE region has great geographical importance in Europe, with concentrated transportation routes. CEECs play a crucial role in the connectivity between China and Europe.

- * The New Eurasian Land Bridge - from China through Kazakhstan or Mongolia to Russia, reaching Belarus, Poland and Germany.
- * China-Europe Land-Sea Express Route - includes high speed railway from Piraeus via Scopie and Belgrade to Budapest.
- * The Orient/East-Med Corridor connects large parts of Central Europe with ports of the North, Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Seas. Part of The Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)
 - Rail Freight Corridor No. 7 (PRG – VIE/BTS – BUD – BUH – CON/ – Vidin – SOF – SKG – ATH)
 - Rail Freight Corridor No. 8 (N. Sea ports of ANR, RTM, AMS... to – PRG – Katowice)
- * The Rhine-Danube Corridor provides the main east-west link across Continental Europe.
- * International Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) takes important place in Balkan infrastructure and B&R. One corridor passes through Black Sea and reaching Poti and using South Caucasus network afterwards.

There are also land connection from TK to these areas. Via Azerbaijan and Caspian sea TRACECA reach Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kirgistan, Tajikistan, and China border.



MULTIMODALITY CHALLENGES IN 6 SECTORS



CHALLENGES TO FACILITIES CONECTIVITY

- * To link up unconnected road sections and to remove intermodal bottlenecks /high speed transport corridors linking/
- * Infrastructure development – improves the connectivity between sea and land legs. It could raise the transport efficiency and reduce costs
- * To form an infrastructure construction plan and network, bringing together regions in Asia, Europe and Africa; taking into account of each other's security and sovereignty concerns
- * To develop an efficient and integrated inland waterway transport network
- * To establish an integrated, efficient and globally competitive logistics and multimodal transportation system
- * To cooperate in the connectivity of energy infrastructure and in the construction of cross-border optical cables
- * To implement new innovations
- * Digitalization



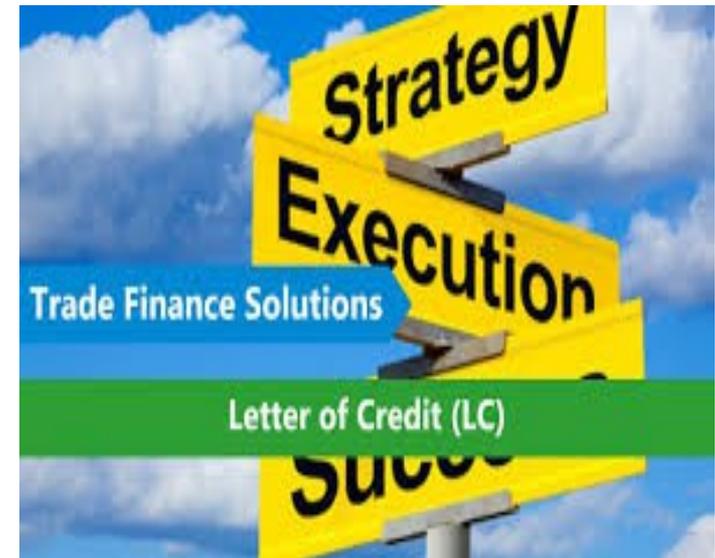
CHALLENGES TO INVESTMENT AND TRADE COOPERATION

- * To negotiate with B&R countries to establish more free trade areas
- * To explore new growth areas of trade and improve trade structure
- * To promote international trade by port connectivity
- * Measures to promote investment and facilitation
- * To achieve agreements on bilateral investment protection and to prevent double taxation
- * To find appropriate investment plan in infrastructure development
- * To meet increased potential demands for logistics hubs and new trade flows from the import/export of materials and equipment for B&R
- * To face the increased level of trading activities and e-commerce – to develop logistics and supply chain management
- * Transport and trade disbalance – to achieve balance in transport volumes and structures of transport
- * Monitoring and date control



CHALLENGES TO FINANCIAL INTEGRATION

- * To build investment and financing system
- * To build credit information system
- * To decrease high finance risk
- * Finance innovation – L/C for Rail and multimodal transport
- * Financial integration will create demand for more professional services in financial and related sectors
- * The fundraising for large-scale infrastructure project will provide opportunities for the further development of bond market



CHALLENGES TO POLICY COORDINATION

- * To find easier and better solutions for cargo border crossing by minimizing the difference between the national Customs clearance policy – Harmonisation HS codes, Transit formalities, etc.
- * To provide preliminary information with the complete EDI
- * Cooperation aiming the decrease of the non-tariff barrier, joint improvement of the technical trade transparency and trade facilitating measures.
- * Measures to combat fraud, evasion and money washing
- * To promote cross border e-commerce and other similar innovations
- * Unification of regulations for goods' safety, environment, health, food, etc
- * To intensify cooperation in improving transport safety
- * To improve the international collaboration with the countries of B&R



CHALLENGES TO SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- * To improve employment level
- * To increase labor productivity
- * To Find educated staff
- * To invest in personel's education and qualification
- * To develop social responcibilities
- * To keep human rights
- * To increase quality of live of people
- * To achieve easy access to healthcare and education



CHALLENGES TO ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND SECURITY

- * New regulation for green technologies /for reduction of CO2 emissions, waste, water treatments/
- * To develop all types of transport safety and security amenities and traffic management facilities
- * To reduce oil dependency
- * To find and develop a solution to achieve energy efficiency
- * To decrease pollutant noise
- * To decrease accidents in all part of logistics
- * To decrease congestions



BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry – www.bcci.bg (established in 1895) is an independent, non-governmental organization for assistance, promotion, representation and protection of the business interests of its members, which contributes to the development of international economic cooperation and provides assistance for the European and international integration of the Republic of Bulgaria

The Role of the CCI:

- * Promotion of the international economic relations
- * Joined activities with partnering organizations
- * Equal services for Bulgarian and foreign companies - appr 53 000 members and 104 sectorial organizations
- * Good contact with the Government
- * Participation in the social dialogue with the state
- * Provision of a great number of services to the business
<http://www.bcci.bg/bcci-services.html>
- * Foreign-economic co-operation
- * Settlement of trade disputes



COOPERATION OF BCCI WITHIN ONE BELT, ONE ROAD INITIATIVE

BCCI has fruitful and long-term cooperation with China Council for the Promotion of International Trade in Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Dalian, Guangxi

BCCI participated in the establishment of the National Association "One Belt, one Road"

This year BCCI became a member of **Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce** - transnational business confederation mainly composed of national commercial associations of the Silk Road countries



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