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The railway network in Middle–East development scenarios

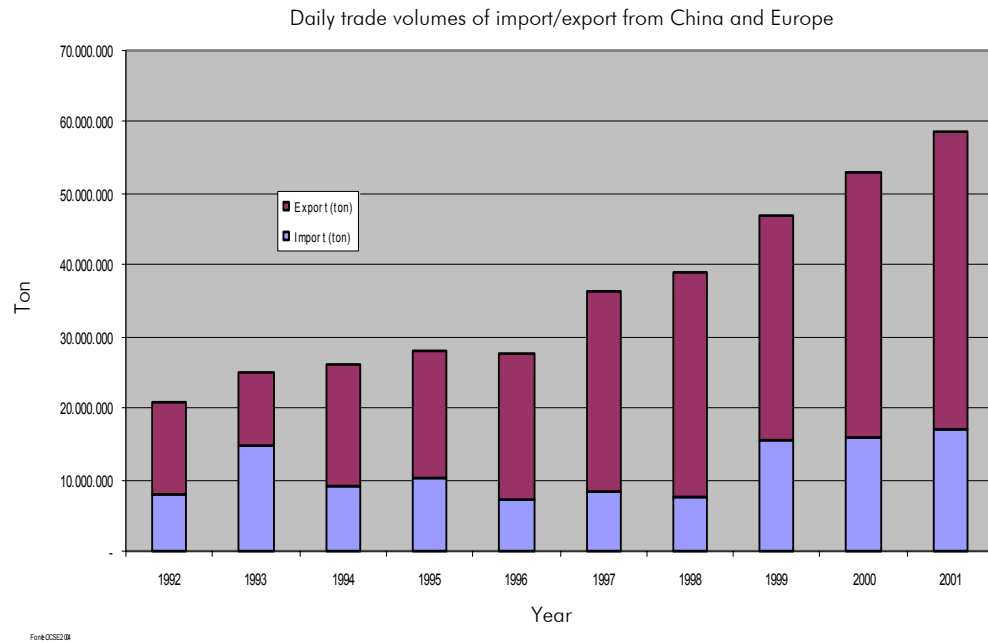
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Introduction

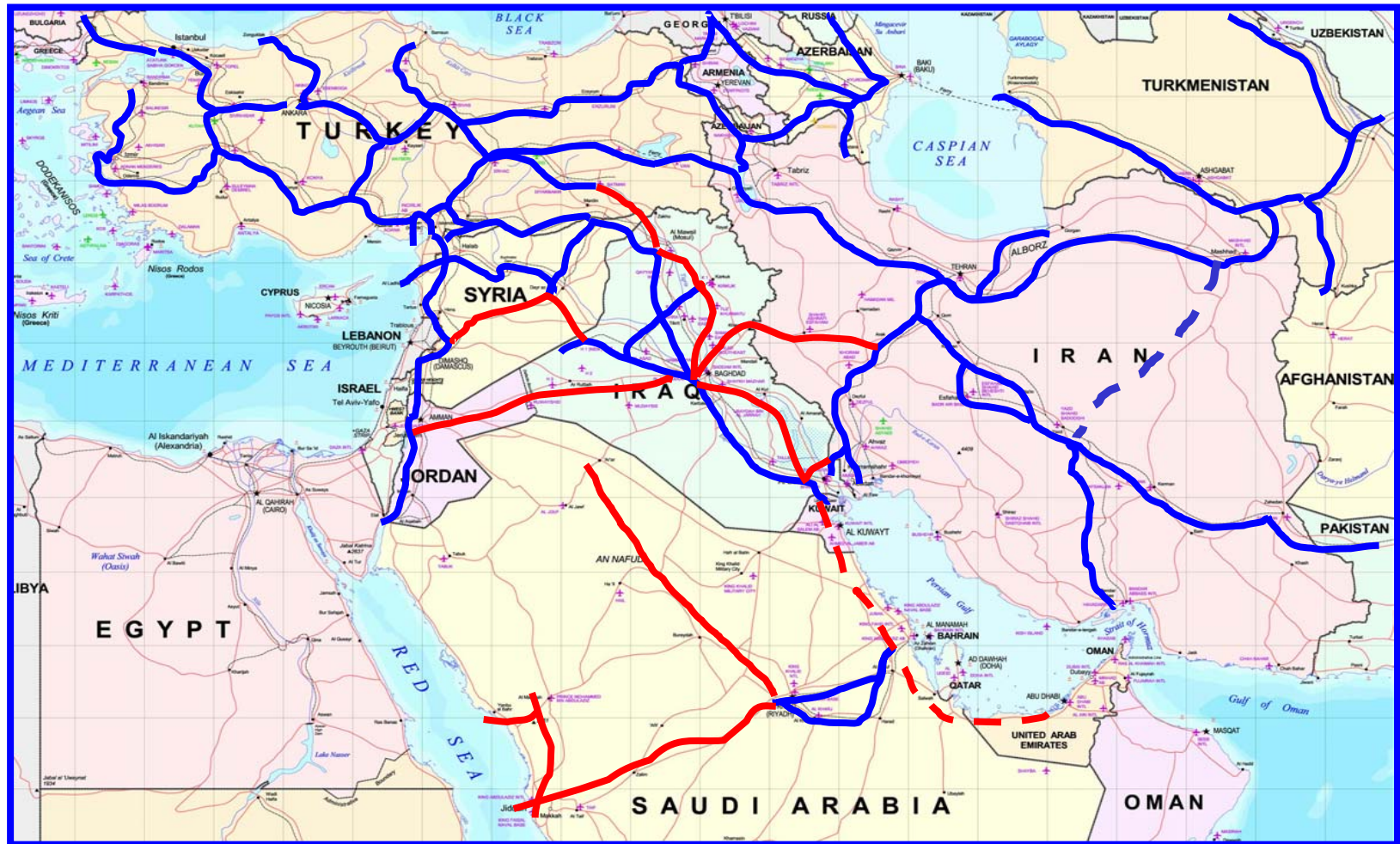
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- Opportunity of an integrated rail network
- Preliminary analysis of iusse

Introduction



- Increase of trade flows between Far East and Europe
- Advantages of the geographical location
- Increase in the availability of financial resources
- Political framework evolution and related implication

Regional rail networks planning



Infrastructure corridors

The implementation an integrated network will strengthen the new infrastructure corridors role.

The integration should enhance the strategic role to be played vis-à-vis international transit volumes from North to South and from West to East.

The opportunities offered by an integrated network

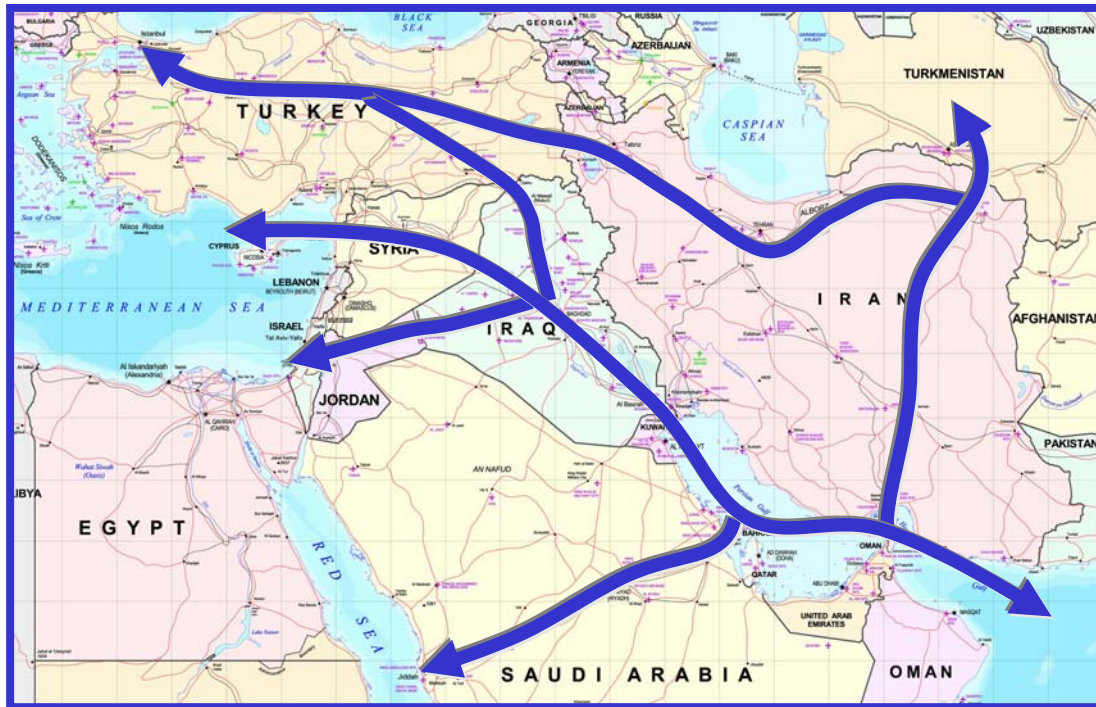
- Railway connections among the Countries of the area
- Transit flows diversion
- Development of the cooperation among the Countries of the area

Regional network

The development of regional network can't forget integration and synergies among different transport modes.

In such context the role of the railway is fundamental.

Transit flows diversion



The geographical location of the area is the key-stone for already existing corridors and for potential new ones. As for instance new in-land routes that connect Europe to Asia (i.e. China and India) through Iran, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia.

Preliminary analysis of issues

- Standard
- Typology of the traffics
- Institutional framework

Standard

Standards must guarantee flows of commodities and passengers to run unimpeded through different railway networks and maritime transport.

Interoperability is the key word.

Typologies of traffics

Typology of traffic has huge implication on the services to **be** performed and so on the network system to be implemented.

The institutional framework

Access rules to some infrastructure require the creation of an autonomous entity governing the sector well beyond national borders.

At the same time the competition rules should consider social aspects and national interests linked to the transport sector.

Conclusion

The present intervention wants to move the attention on the opportunities and on the likely problems to be overtaken.

The question now is:

Will the area the area play more and more an important role in the transport world market?