



**PRESS RELEASE ON THE  
CONFERENCE “MAKING EURO-ASIAN TRANSPORT CORRIDORS  
OPERATIONAL”  
(Geneva, 3-4 September 2018)**

The Project Coordinator of the BSEC PERMIS, Mr. Yevgen KOZIY, participated in the Conference titled “*Making Euro-Asian transport corridors operational*”, which was held within the 31st session of the UNECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics on 3-4 September 2018 in Geneva.

The Conference was attended by over 80 senior-level government representatives of EATL countries (“*Euro-Asian Transport Linkages*”) together with private sector stakeholders, shippers, rail operators, road transport associations, investment banks as well as representatives of international organizations.

Participants presented their respective experiences and exchanged views on how to further facilitate the operationalization of Euro-Asian corridors and make inland transport a major contributor to the economic development and trade facilitation in the region.

Considerable attention was paid to the elimination of bottlenecks, inefficiencies and missing links along EATL routes; to the development of logistics centers, that of hubs and dry ports; to the modernization of border crossing points; to the introduction of public-private partnerships and other market-oriented and innovative ways of cooperation.

From his side, Mr. KOZIY informed participants about the BSEC activities contributing to the development of the EATL, in particular, about its work on the *Black Sea Ring Highway* and the *Motorways of the Sea* projects, the reduction of bureaucracy, the development of partnerships with professional organizations - like IRU, BSEC-URTA and other. It was underscored that BSEC can undertake a greater role in promoting the aims and objectives of UNECE in order to achieve better complementarity and synergy on the development of transportation in general, and of the Euro - Asian Transport linkages, in particular.

Following the presentations and discussions, participants adopted Conclusions and Recommendations, to be distributed by UNECE, specifying challenges concerning the operationalization of transport corridors between Europe and Asia and the concrete and specific actions needed to overcome them.