

## CHINA-CENTRAL ASIA TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION COOPERATION

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*Abstract: The article examines the dynamics of cooperation between China and the Central Asian states in the field of transport and communication. Key infrastructure projects, economic and geopolitical aspects of cooperation, as well as prospects for further development of regional logistics are analyzed.*

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One of the main directions of practical cooperation between China and the Central Asian states is to develop the transport and communication sphere. The development of transport infrastructure in Central Asia plays an important role in international trade and economic integration of the region. China, as part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is actively investing in the construction of railway and road routes, logistics centers and communication systems. This article analyzes the current state of transport and communication cooperation between China and the Central Asian states, identifies the main achievements and problems, and discusses the prospects for further cooperation. The main directions of the foreign policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan are the further development of political, trade, economic, investment, transport and communication ties with the People's Republic of China

The parties share the same or similar positions on a number of important international and regional issues, and jointly strive for peace, stability and prosperity. China and Uzbekistan maintain close ties within the UN, SCO and other multilateral structures, protect common interests, and make a positive contribution to global security and progress.

Over the past decade, the People's Republic of China has developed into a powerful world power, achieved grandiose scientific, technological and innovative progress, and created a unique ecosystem for economic and business development. The country has acquired a completely new look, the welfare of the people is steadily growing, and a solid intellectual foundation is being formed for the further development of the PRC. Today, China occupies a leading position in world politics and governance as a responsible participant in key international processes.

The idea of creating a Regional Center for the Development of Transport and Communication Connectivity in Central Asia under the auspices of the United Nations is an initiative of strategic importance for the entire region. It implies that Central Asia cannot be considered solely as a transit zone connecting Europe and Asia. The region should become a strong actor in interregional trade and economic processes and participate in shaping повесткиthe agenda in this direction.

Global development and security initiatives make a significant contribution to addressing global challenges and accelerating the transition to a more sustainable and inclusive future.

China is actively involved in supporting the economic growth of developing countries by expanding trade and investment cooperation and implementing infrastructure connectivity projects. Uzbekistan, as a friendly neighbor and comprehensive strategic partner of China, is sincerely pleased with these successes. The development of multifaceted relations with China has been and remains one of the main priorities of Uzbekistan's foreign policy. In China, they say: if you want to get rich, you must first build roads. Since the foundation of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese people have opened numerous roads and bridges, turned China into a major transport power, and are accelerating this construction every day. Transport development has become an innovator of China's modernization.

1. Economic cooperation and infrastructure projects: In recent years, China has been actively financing and implementing a number of major infrastructure projects in Central Asia:

**Railway corridors:** China-Kazakhstan-Europe, China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan and others.

**Automobile routes:** construction of expressways and modernization of existing roads.

**Logistics hubs:** creation of transport and logistics centers in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

These projects help to reduce cargo delivery time, increase trade turnover and strengthen economic ties between the countries of the region.

2. Geopolitical aspects of interaction The Chinese strategy of economic influence in Central Asia is of interest not only in the region, but also among global players such as Russia, the EU and the United States. The main aspects of geopolitical interaction are: Competition for transport routes and sales markets. Impact on the energy security of the region. Deepening integration processes within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

3. Problems and challenges of cooperation-despite the active development of the transport and communication sector, there are certain problems: The debt dependence of some countries in the region on China. Differences in the regulatory framework and standards of transport logistics. Environmental and social risks associated with the implementation of infrastructure projects.

4. Prospects and opportunities-in the future, cooperation between China and Central Asia in the transport and communication sphere can be strengthened by: Developing digital technologies in logistics. Strengthening regional coordination and regulatory harmonization. Expansion of multimodal transport and increasing the capacity of transport hubs.

China plays a key role in the development of Central Asia's transport infrastructure, creating new logistics opportunities and strengthening economic ties. Despite the existing challenges, the potential for further cooperation remains significant, which opens up prospects for the sustainable development of the region's transport and communication sector.

"China-Central Asia Transport and Communication Cooperation" can look like this: Transport and communication cooperation between China and Central Asian countries is an essential element of economic and geopolitical relations in the region. In recent decades, China has been actively developing infrastructure and transport corridors aimed at integrating Central Asia into the global economy. The "One Belt, One Road" project has become a key mechanism for stimulating mutual trade, improving transport accessibility and improving regional security.

The main areas of transport cooperation are the construction and modernization of roads and railways, the development of logistics hubs and port facilities, as well as the strengthening of energy and information infrastructure. In turn, Central Asian countries gain access to Chinese markets, increase trade volumes, and strengthen economic cooperation with neighboring regions.

However, this cooperation also faces a number of challenges, including political instability, environmental problems, and the need to coordinate the interests of different States. Despite this, the overall trend in the development of transport and communication links between China and Central Asia remains positive, which contributes to deepening economic integration and strengthening China's influence in the region.

In the long term, given the growing volume of trade and investment, China-Central Asia transport and communication cooperation will play a key role in ensuring the stability and sustainable development of the region, as well as in shaping new global economic and political ties . focus on key aspects of cooperation and possible challenges.

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