New opportunities in the development of the Historic Silk Road

BAKU – TBILISI – KARS

Railway Link

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Goal is to revitalize Historical Silk Road and improve Economic & Cultural cooperation between the countries.

First agreement signed on 7th February 2007 in Tbilisi.

Foundation of the Turkish section laid on 24 July 2008.

Project planned to be completed by the end of 2016.

TCDD will build logistics center at Kars in the near future.
Europe - China connected by rail over Turkey with BTK project.

Project Route:
- **Turkey**: Kars-Canbaz: 79 km (newly constructed line)
- **Georgia**: Kartsakhi – Ahılkelek: 29 km (newly constructed line)
- **Tbilisi (Marabda)**: 160 km (rehabilitation of existing railway line)
- **Tbilisi Gardabani**: 70 km (existing railway line)
- **Azerbaijan**: Büyük Kesik – Baku: 503 km (physical standards of the existing railway is appropriate.)
- **Alat-Baku**: 82 km (destination of ferry-connected transports is Alat.)

Border Stations:
- **Turkey**: Canbaz
- **Georgia**: Kartsakhi (Turkish side) and Gardabani (Azerbaijan side)
- **Azerbaijan**: Büyük Kesik

**Bogie Change and Exchange Station**: Ahılkelek (Georgia)
Comparison of China-Europe Railway Transport Corridors

| Northern Line: China-Kazakhstan-Russia-Belarus-Poland-Germany |
| BTK Line: China-Kazakhstan-(Aktau-Alat Caspian Passage)Azerbaijani – Georgia -Turkey-Bulgaria-Romania-Hungary-Austria-Germany |

China (Zhengzhou) - Germany (Hamburg) 40-feet container delivery time.

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*In case Marmaray (Rail Tunnel) and other projects in Turkey are realized.
Trade between China and the EU is expected to increase from 117 million tons in 2014 to 170 million tons in 2020.

BTK route can be evaluated as an Alternative route according to North/South Corridors between Europe - China.

### Foreign Trade Figures

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Source: Eurostat Comext – Statistical regime 4
When this line starts operation, 6.5 million tons of cargo and 1 million passenger are planned to be carried in the short term.
Thank you.

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