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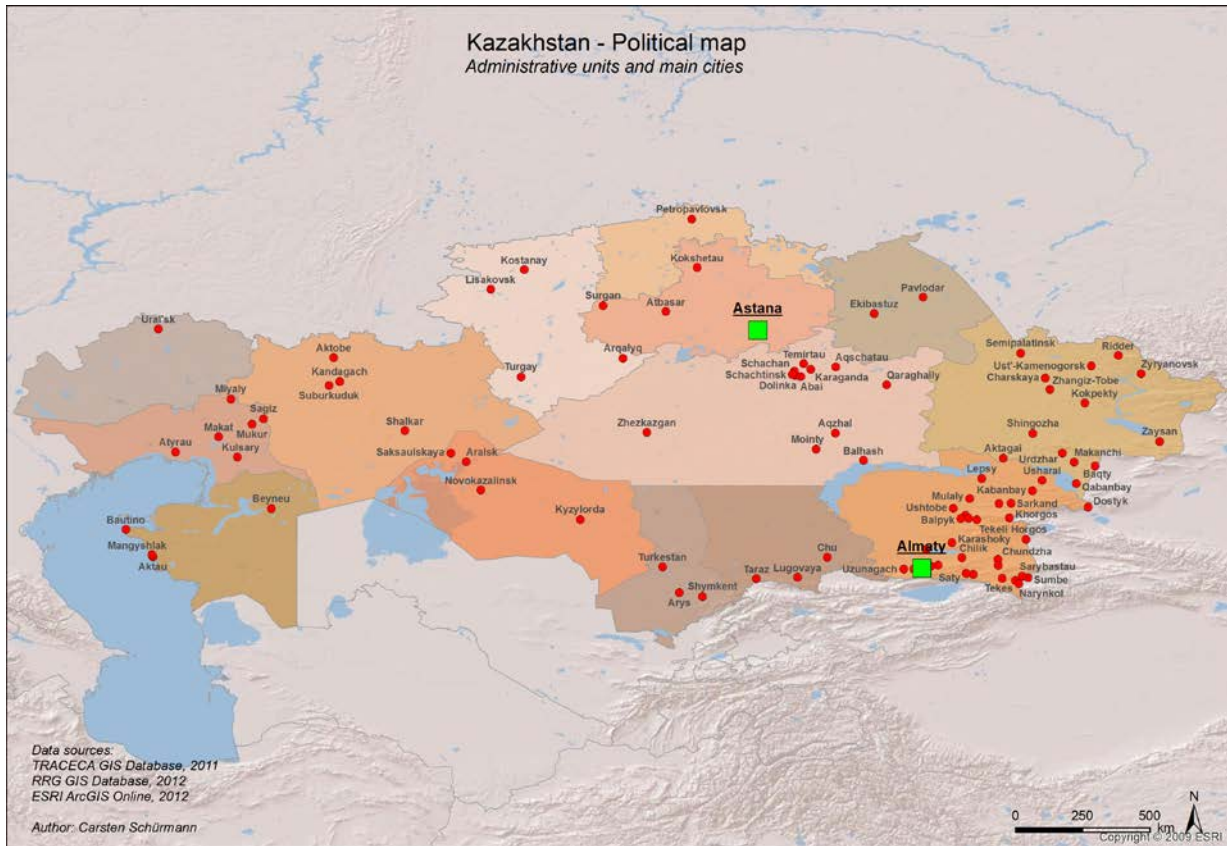
ADB	Asian Development Bank
CAREC	Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CMR	Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECMT	European Conference of Ministers of Transport
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EurAsEC	Eurasian Economic Community
GoK	Government of Kazakhstan
IBM	Integrated Border Management
IFI	International Financing Institution
ILC	International Logistics Centre
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
JBIC	Japan Bank of International Cooperation
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KTZ	Kazakhstan Temir Zholy
LOGMOS	Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea
LS	Logistical System
MOS	Motorways of the Sea
MoTC	Ministry of Transport and Communication
OSJD	Organization for Cooperation of Railway
SWS	Single Window System
TRACECA	Transport Corridor Europe Caucasus Asia
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USD	United States Dollar
USSR	Union of Soviet and Socialist Republics
WB	World Bank
WCO	World Customs Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization





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Figure 1: General Map of Kazakhstan



Source: TRACECA (2011)



## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Kazakhstan is the largest country in Central Asia. It occupies a territory of 2,724.9 thousand sq. km with a population of 16,036 thousand inhabitants (01.01.2011). It shares common border with the Russian Federation (7,591 km), the Republic of Uzbekistan (2,354 km), Turkmenistan (426 km), the Kyrgyz Republic (1,241 km), the People's Republic of China (1,782 km) and across the Caspian Sea (600 km).

The geographical position of the Republic Kazakhstan (in the centre of the Euro-Asian continent), the growth of its economy and the currently led policy of integration into the world economic system, create preconditions and real possibilities for an active participation of Kazakhstan in the resolution of transport and communication issues between the countries of Europe and Asia.

### TRACECA Framework

Kazakhstan has also been an active member of TRACECA since the Brussels Conference in May 1993 which gave birth to the TRACECA program

The ten direct beneficiary countries under review by LOGMOS Project share a globally common legal and regulatory background for the transport sector, but also have different laws and rules resulting from different contexts and policies.

International Conventions and regional or bilateral agreements are completing the framework, and there are expected moves at both national and regional (TRACECA and other groups) levels.

The approach of legal issues related to the LOGMOS Project is focusing on the transport laws and regulations as well as on the afore-mentioned national, international, regional and bilateral conventions and agreements which have a direct or indirect impact on surface transport modes with a priority for maritime and intermodal transport.

The TRACECA program started in 1993 as one of the components of the intergovernmental TACIS program. The active participation of Georgia started in September 1998, when it signed without any restriction the Multilateral Agreement (MLA) on the development of the transport corridor Europe – Caucasus – Asia which was also signed by Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

After the Intergovernmental Committee and Permanent Secretariat of TRACECA were established in 2000, Kazakhstan set up a TRACECA National Commission headed by a National Secretary.

Kazakhstan representatives take an active part in all conferences and Working group's meetings organized by IGC TRACECA.

Since 1993, 45 projects totalling 90.31 M euros implicated Kazakhstan. Among them:

- 9 training projects - 18.2 M euros;
- 5 projects in the legal framework - 6.9 M euros;
- 11 projects Promoting trade and freight traffic - 21.43 M euros;
- 20 projects on transport and infrastructure - 43.78 M euros.

These projects regard trade facilitation, intermodal road, railway, air, maritime transport and non-physical transport barriers such as traffic and tariff studies and border crossing.