



2 NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY

The policy of Moldova in the field of transport is set by the following documents:

- Concept for “The Establishment and Development of National Network of International Transport Corridors” (dated of April 5th 2002);
- Moldova Land Transport Infrastructure Strategy for the period of 2008-2017 (dated of February 1st 2008);
- Water Transport Development Concept (dated of March 24th 2008).

The **Concept for National Network of International Transport Corridors** (hereinafter the Concept) provides for the development of transport sector in Moldova till 2015. The Concept does not assign any particular priority to any transport mode, underlining only the importance of:

- water transport in terms of cost and safety of transportation;
- rail transport – long-distance and bulk cargo (oil, fuels, ores, etc.) transportation;
- road transport – small shipments, especially of valuable and perishable goods.

In particular, the Concept indicates the following development priorities:

(a) in *railway transport*.

- rehabilitation and modernization of railways infrastructure in order to increase the commercial speed of trains along TEN-T corridor IX;
- rehabilitation of existing border crossing stations;
- railways electrification;
- renewal and upgrade of rolling stock;

(b) in *road transport*.

- identification of clear priorities for the rehabilitation and maintenance of existing roads;
- upgrading technical characteristics of national roads to international requirements;
- improving conditions for transport operation along existing roads, including new road facilities, increased safety and reduced transport costs;

(c) in *inland water transport*.

- upgrading inland waterways infrastructure (IWW) along the Dniester and Prut Rivers to international requirements;
- carrying out the construction of an oil terminal in Giurgiulesti port;
- construction of port facilities for passenger and cargo traffic in the estuary of the Prut River;

(d) in *air transport*.

- upgrading airport facilities to meet international requirements;

(e) in *combined transport*.

- establishment of cargo processing and storage capacities, including multimodal transport terminals, which will provide a complete package of custom clearance and cargo handling services;



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- establishment of national intermodal transport operators capable of providing a full set of services based on through rates and control of cargo shipments along the whole route.

The **Land Transport Infrastructure Strategy** provides for practical measures to support:

- road and railways infrastructure rehabilitation;
- elaboration and implementation of infrastructure development plans; restructuring of the national railways operator;
- reforming road maintenance sector.

The **Water Transport Development Concept** details further the priorities for the water transport of Moldova for the period of 2008-2011. In particular, the document addresses:

- improving shipping conditions along IWW;
- development (upgrade and renewal) of transport means;
- reconstruction of port facilities;
- development of port industry by means of attracting investments;
- improved interoperability with other modes of transport; ensuring safety of shipments along IWW, etc.