



16th meeting of the TCT Technical Committee on Railways

Update from the Commission

21 June 2023

Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport

Policy developments

1. Capacity management legislative proposal
2. Pilot projects to boost cross-border rail
3. Revision of Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs)
4. Revision of the train driver directive (2007/59/EC)
5. Initiative on Multimodal Digital Mobility Services (ticketing)
6. 1st meeting of the Single European Rail Area Forum (SERAF)

International transport organisations

- Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

> *Long Term Strategy*



- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Inland Transport Committee

> *Unified Railway Law initiative*



- Western Balkans - Transport Community (TC)

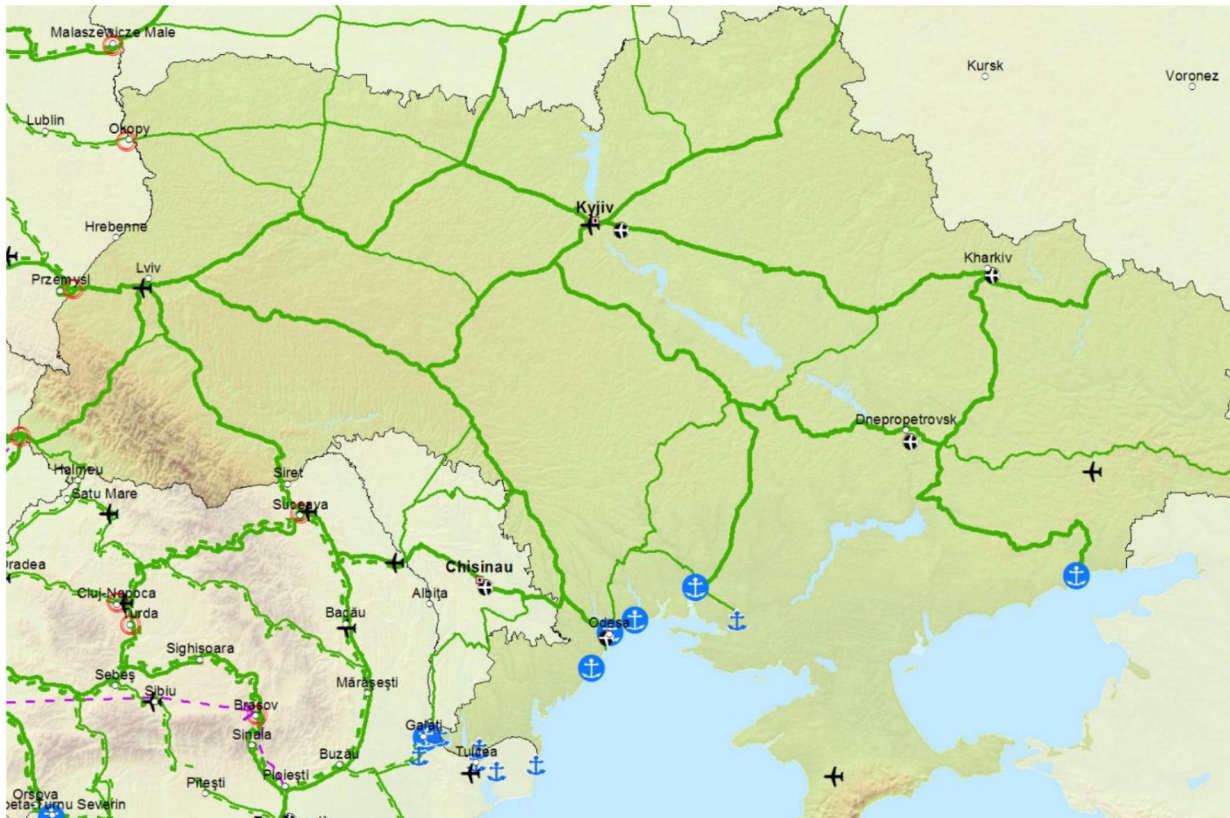
> *Regional Rail Strategy, IPA III*



Current EU connectivity policies involving railways

- **Indicative TEN-T extended maps**

Extension to neighboring countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Western Balkans



On-going pre-feasibility study (EIB, EC, May 2023) to assess how to better connect the **Ukrainian and Moldovan railway networks** with the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).

Current EU connectivity policies involving railways

- **The Global Gateway**

Joint Communication of the Commission and of the High-Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (December 2021)

➤ On-going flagship “**Study on Sustainable Transport Connections between Europe and Central Asia**” (EBRD, EC, June 2023)

(1) Identify the most sustainable transport corridors connecting Central Asian economies with the extended Trans-European Transport Network, following assessment based on **sustainability criteria** and stakeholder consultations.

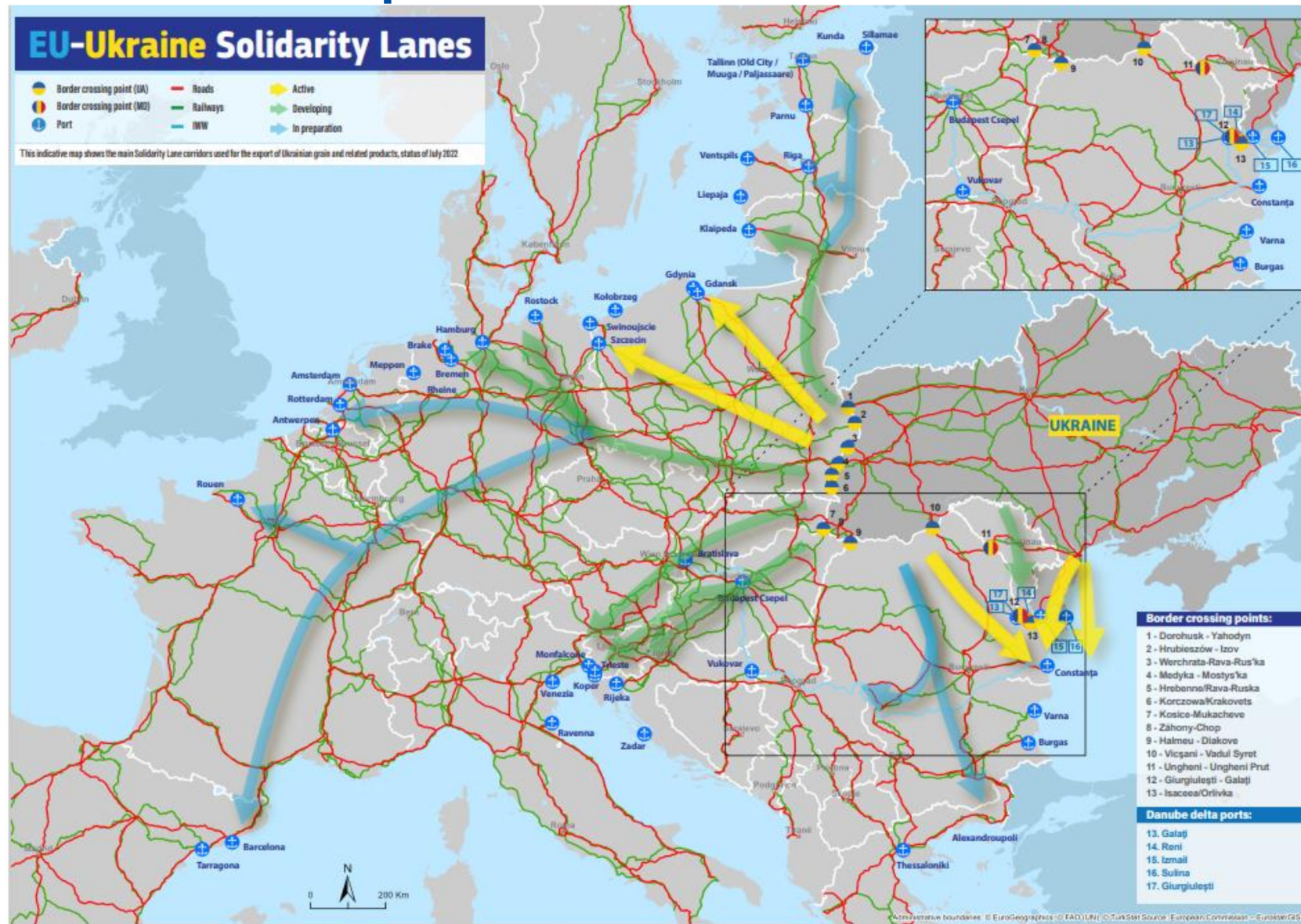
(2) Propose key actions for corridor development including actual infrastructure investments and the necessary enabling environment, including their **prioritization** based on a coherent and sustainable development strategy.

Current EU connectivity policies involving railways

- Action plan for EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes to facilitate Ukraine's agricultural export and bilateral trade with the EU (May 2022)



Indicative map of the SL corridors



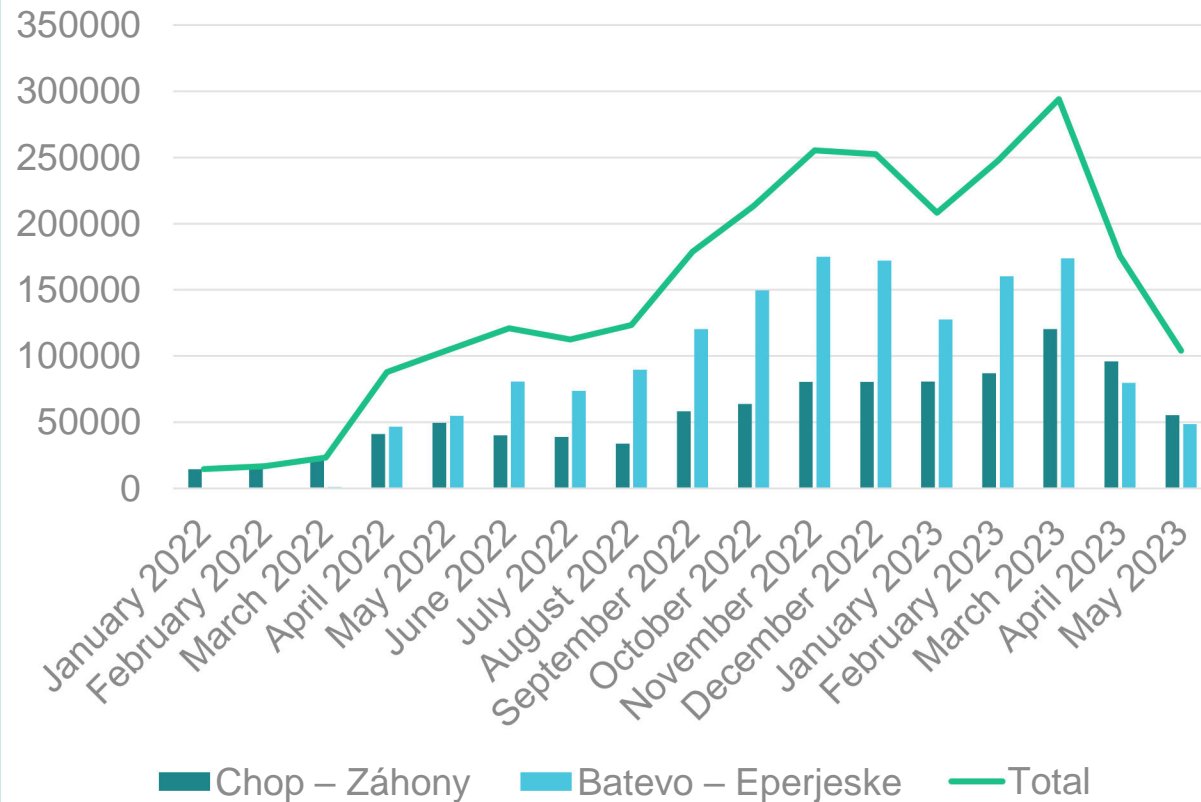
Policy developments

- **Autonomous Trade Measures (ATMs)**
 - Suspension of import duties, quotas and trade defence measures on **Ukrainian exports to the European Union** are in place for another year (OJ L 144, 5.6.2023, p. 1–6)
- **Safeguards measures**
 - Preventive and temporary measures concerning **four products** originating in Ukraine (Wheat, Maize, Rapeseed, Sunflower seeds)
 - Import only allowed in MS **other than BG, HU, PL, RO or SK** > Extension until 15 September 2023 (OJ L 144I, 5.6.2023, p. 1–4) > Scope reduced from 17 to 6 tariff lines
 - **Transit allowed** (all products) through BG, HU, PL, RO, SK to reach EU markets
- **Infrastructure funding / Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)**
 - Agreements signed on 09 Mai and 06 June associating **Moldova** and **Ukraine** to the CEF programme

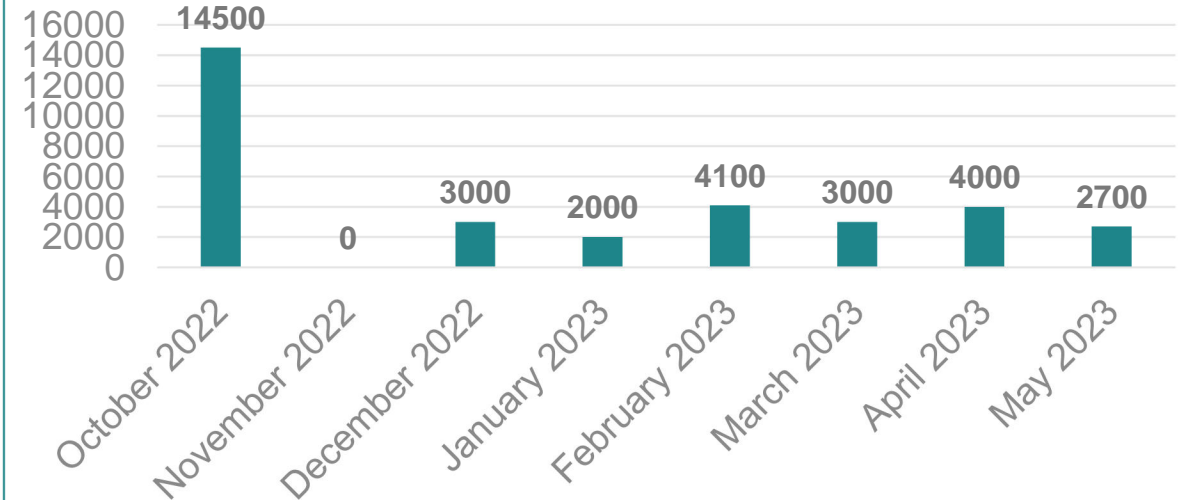
Solidarity Lanes Adriatic Corridor

Monitoring BCPs, network and ports activity

Transshipment UA grains UA > HU rail BCPs (metric tons)

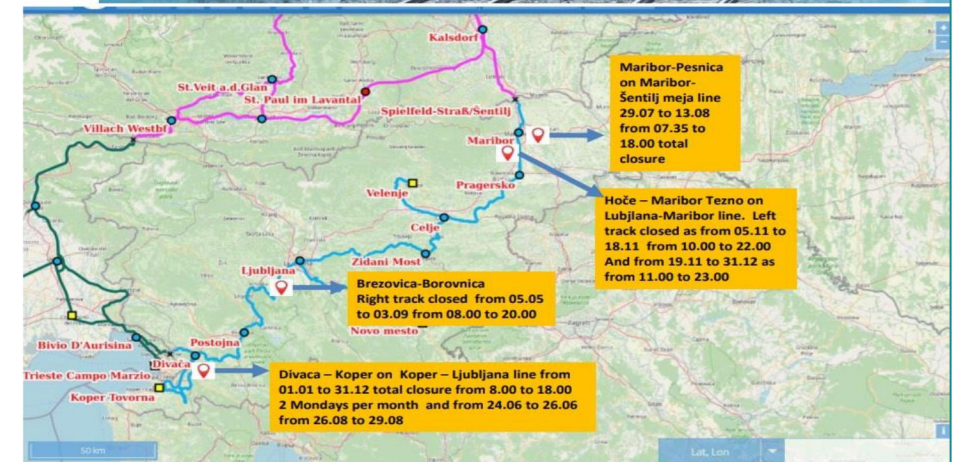


Port of Ravenna - UA agri products, volume (metric tons)



Main TCRs foreseen in 2023 on RFC5 SZ-I Slovenia

(update 24/4)



Framework conditions / topical issues

- **Administrative, legal and contractual**

- Customs regime: application of the Custom Transit Convention
- Cargo information: point of origin, point of destination + sealing and geo-localisation?
- Legal contractual regime and transport documentation: COTIF-CIM, SMGS, Consignment Note

- **Technical, commercial and operational**

- Availability of rolling-stock
- UA-EU rail BCPs (transshipment capacity, waiting time, customs and SPS procedures)
- Formation of block trains (commercial / operational considerations)
- Priority and temporary capacity restrictions on the rail networks concerned
- Internal (EU-Schengen) rail BCPs along the Corridor
- Ports operation: storage and handling capacity, other ports services
- Shipping: trading opportunities (freight forwarders) and availability of maritime services for exports outside the EU or Short Sea Shipping

Thank you



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