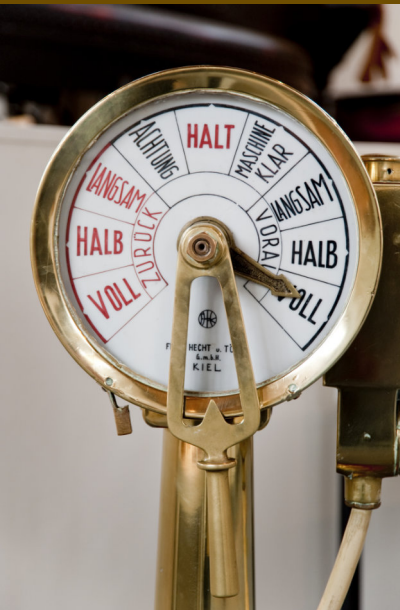


The Middle Corridor

as a catalyst to boost trade,
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Conference “New Routes - New Markets” Global Gateway and potential markets along the Middle Corridor

The Middle Transport Corridor (MC) is attracting particular attention due to its potential to improve regional connectivity and promote economic integration. It connects the markets of Central Asia and the South Caucasus with the European Union.

The countries along the corridor are growing very dynamically and attract foreign companies with a wealth of raw materials, strong industrial development, enormous pent-up demand for consumption and a young population.

New data and economic modelling in a recent World Bank study supports the viability of the corridor. Through a combination of investment and efficiency measures, transport times can be halved and freight volumes tripled by 2030.

The European Union has also recognised the potential of the Middle Corridor and is actively promoting the development of infrastructure, connectivity and harmonisation as part of its Global Gateway Strategy.

The expansion of the MC offers great opportunities for German companies to participate in infrastructure projects, particularly in the ports on the Caspian and Black Seas, including the supply of expertise, port technology and energy solutions.

The Forum in Hamburg is intended to provide information on current developments in the Middle Corridor, highlight the potential in the ports along the corridor and, in particular, highlight and make tangible the impressive economic dynamics in Central Asia and the South Caucasus with all the opportunities for German companies.

Visit Port of Hamburg and Container Terminal Altenwerder

Wednesday 19th of February 2025, 14.30 - 17.30 CET

14.15 h	Meeting at the St. Pauli Landungsbrücken
14.30 h	Harbor tour on the Senate barge Diplomat
15.45 h	Tour of the CTA Container Terminal The HHLA Container Terminal Altenwerder went into operation in 2002 and since then has been amongst the cutting-edge and most efficient container terminals in the world. Processes on the one square kilometre large terminal are mainly automatic. Driverless Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) move the containers around the site and software-controlled portal cranes sort them into storage blocks. The adjacent Kombi-Transeuropa Terminal Hamburg (KTH) is by far the largest German rail terminal. Seven tracks each 720-metres long are available for handling block trains.
17.00 h	Return to the St. Pauli Landungsbrücken (Arrival 17.30)

Welcome Reception

Wednesday 19th of February 2025, 19.00 - 22.00 CET

19.00 h	International Welcome Reception Penthouse Elb-Panorama - ATLANTIC Tower
19.30 h	Welcome from the Senate of Hamburg
19.40 h	Welcome from the Consular Corps



Thursday, 20th of February 2025, 09.30 - 14.00 CET

Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, Forum

09.00 h	Registration
09.30 h	Opening and Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburg Chamber of Commerce Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg Prof. Dr. Peer Witten, Member of the Executive Committee, German Eastern Business Association
09.45 h	Actual Status, Potential and EU Engagement on the Middle Corridor
09.45 h	Status of the Middle Corridor Development 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaidar Abdikerimov, Secretary General, Trans-Caspian International Transport Route Association (TITR)
10.00 h	Global Gateway – EU Action to Support the Development of the Middle Corridor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peteris Ustubs, Director for the Middle East, Asia and Pacific Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG IntPa), EU Commission
10.15 h	Presentation of the World Bank Study “Middle Trade and Transport Corridor - Policies and investments to triple freight volumes and half travel time by 2030” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murad Gürmeriç, Senior Transport Engineer, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
10.30 h	Minister Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rashad Nabiyev, Minister for Digital Development and Transport, Azerbaijan Abzattar Syrgabaev, Minister of Transport and Communications, Kyrgyzstan (tbc) Ilhom Mahkamov, Minister Transport, Uzbekistan (tbc) N. N., Deputy Minister of Transport, Kazakhstan Vahan Kostanyan, Deputy Foreign Minister, Armenia <p><u>Moderation:</u> Michael Harms, CEO, German Eastern Business Association</p>
11.30 h	Coffee Break
12.00 h	Panel Discussion “Port and Logistics” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jens Meier, Chairman of the Board, HPA Hamburg Port Authority Taleh Ziyadov, CEO, Port of Baku Boris Balev, CEO, Port Burgas N. N., Port Aktau <p><u>Moderation:</u> Frank Busse, Partner, Hamburg Port Consulting GmbH</p>
13.00 h	Panel Discussion “Infrastructure Development: Projects and Financing” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N. N., KazRail Wolfgang Meier, President/CEO, Silk Way West Airlines Thomas Baum, Head of Division Underwriting & Risk Management, Euler Hermes AG Ekaterina Galysina, Director CIS/Central Asia, KfW IPEX Bank Stephanie Meyer-Sydow, Director, Jebsen & Jessen Industrial Solution <p><u>Moderation:</u> Heinrich Kerstgens, Corporate Representative, Director Board Projects, Khenus Logistics</p>

From 14.00 h: Get-together and Lunch

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