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- The Belt & Road” (B&R) is a development strategy initiated by Chinese President Xi Jinping in **2013 to build stronger economic links between Asia, Africa, Europe**
 - Chinese framework for organising multinational economic development through the land-based "Silk Road Economic Belt" and oceangoing "Maritime Silk Road"
 - Principal aim is to **boost connectivity and commerce between China and 65 countries with a total population of 4,4 bn by building infrastructure and boosting financial and trade ties**





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Key objective of Belt and Road Initiative 的主要目标 一带一路倡议

- **Creating investment opportunities**
- Promoting new growth through infrastructure investment and enhanced trading activities
- From 2013-2018 trade volume with the B&R countries: US\$6trillion
- **82 economic zones established**

“..... **COVID-19 will only strengthen and re-energize Belt and Road cooperation and open up new possibilities.**

Belt and Road cooperation is built on its real benefits to the people in partner countries. **Over the past seven years, China has signed Belt and Road cooperation documents with 138 countries. More than 2,000 projects** have been launched and tens of thousands of jobs created in the partner countries. **Many of the infrastructure and livelihood projects have played a vital role in COVID-19 response.** For example, **energy projects along the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor have kept running and provided one third of the country's electricity. While most of the air freight services have been suspended or canceled, the China-Europe Railway Express has seen its services and cargo volume increase by 24 percent and 27 percent between January and April. Delivering nearly 8,000 tons of anti-epidemic supplies in total, the railway has truly served as a lifeline for freight transportation between Asia and Europe.**

Belt and Road cooperation is driven by a strong and shared commitment to common development. Over the past seven years, China's trade in goods with Belt and Road partner countries has exceeded 7.8 trillion dollars, and direct Chinese investment in the partner countries has topped 110 billion dollars. **Despite the impact of COVID-19, Chinese investment in Belt and Road partner countries increased by 11.7 percent in the first quarter and trade with them was up by 3.2 percent. Steady progress is being made in the China-Laos railway, the Budapest-Belgrade railway, the dual-fuel power plant in Cambodia, and the CBD project in the new administrative capital of Egypt. Construction has resumed for a number of projects suspended due to COVID-19.** All this will generate strong impetus for the host countries' efforts to beat the virus and revitalize the economy.

The future of the Belt and Road Initiative lies in expanding the cooperation to new areas. Emerging from COVID-19, countries will have a stronger need to grow the economy and improve lives as well as a surging **demand for public health cooperation.** China will work with the partner countries **to advance health cooperation along the Belt and Road** and convene a high-level video conference to better protect people's health and safety in the partner countries. China will also advance the Digital Belt and Road to create new engines of growth for the partner countries and new impetus for global recovery.

In sum, **China is as confident and determined as ever to promote Belt and Road cooperation.** We will continue to follow the principle of consultation and cooperation for shared benefits, and support open, green and clean development. By aiming for high-standard, people-centered and sustainable progress, we will make the Belt and Road a model of development, cooperation and health for all involved”- ***Declaration of Wang Yi-Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs-On 24th May 2020-Press Conference-Third Session of the 13th National People's Congress-*** https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1782262.shtml



中欧铁路通道示意图



Rail freight prospect-China/Europe

一带一路

Belt and Road Initiative

图例

	1676mm轨距		轮渡或航线
	1520mm轨距		国界
	1435mm轨距		港口
	1000mm轨距		首都或首府
	1676宽轨区域国家		重要城市
	1520宽轨区域国家		一般城市
	准轨区域国家		既有铁路口岸



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4SUCCESS2EU- BRI一帶一路 in 2019

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- Participant at **Technical Group(DG Move) of EU-China Connectivity Platform**
 - Be active part of **Task Force China-Italian Ministry of Economic Development-** which gave Technical support during the **official visit in Italy of President Xi Jinping,** March 2019
 - **Partner in European Project-H2020 on Transport/Eurasian Connectivity/BRI**
 - **Advocacy activities for Chinese management of Jiangsu Province-China**



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Why the freight train is promising at the time of Covid-19-

Freight train, even during the general lockdown in China, **never stops its service** and in the second quarter of 2020 will be even more promising due to:

- **simplify customs procedures**
- **shortage transit time** (about 12 days)
- **reliable costs-service**
- **reduced human intervention**
- **more affordable than air freight**
- **avoid port congestions**

China stresses efficient China-Europe rail freight transport in virus fight

Chinese authorities have called for efforts to ensure stable and smooth China-Europe rail freight transport to facilitate the fight against Covid-19 and help to normalise the industrial chains.

In this framework more efforts will be made to optimise business environment and **simplify procedures**, with reasonable service plans to boost transportation efficiency.

Initiated in 2011, the China-Europe rail transport service is considered a significant part of the BRI to facilitate trade between China and countries participating in the program.

From March 21 to the end of April: **anti-pandemic supplies 660,000 items** and weighing 3,142 tonnes were **sent by the freight trains to European Countries** such as: Italy, Germany, Spain, Czech Republic, according to China State Railways Group.

Growing against trend

On May 4, a China-Europe freight train left eastern Chinese city of Yiwu, Zhejiang Province(below Shanghai), heading for Vilnius, capital of Lithuania.

The service train will travel a total of **10,146 Km** and pass by Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus before arriving at the terminal. The China-Europe freight train service now has 12 routes linking Yiwu with 37 countries and regions across Eurasia.

The train carrying 100 twenty-foot equivalent units(TEUs) loaded with 353.77 tonnes of international mails from Shanghai and 4 Provinces left China via Horgos in the northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

After arrival, the international mails will be distributed to 36 European Countries...Spain, Denmark, Switzerland, France.

New transport line has linked China to Baltic Sea of Europe!

中国文化/Chinese Culture: 上有天堂，下有苏杭/ “above there is heaven, below there is Suzhou and Hangzhou”- referring to the beauty of the Provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang

China-Europe freight train service in Yuwu up to 72%

As of 31st of May...

China-Europe freight trains running from Yuwu, Zhejiang Province carried out 200 trips this year, transporting 16,672 containers growth rate of 72% year, according to China Railways Shanghai Group Co Ltd

With air and sea transportation coming to a near stop due to novel coronavirus outbreaks, freight trains leaving Yiwu experienced a projection of around 1,000 trips for the whole year.

The majority of cargo transported are epidemic prevention supplies, general merchandised daily necessities, which have not only boosted confidence of European nations to fight against virus, but also ensured the smooth running of global supply chain



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Xuzhou Zhongjia International Freight Agent Co., Ltd. is committed to the international multimodal transport. Multimodal transport is a high-level form of freight transport, taking use of the characteristics of various modes of transport, making best use of the advantages and bypassing the disadvantages and integrating different modes, in order to simplify the freight procedures, shorten the time, reduce the damage or loss, reduce transport costs and achieve the purpose of reasonable transport, which is superior to the traditional single mode of transport. We, taking the advantages of various modes of transport, organize direct and coherent transport for the goods. It not only shortens the transport mileage and reduces transport costs, but also accelerates the freight turnover, improves the quality of freight transport. We organize reasonable transport to help our customers get the best economic benefits.



Future for Multimodal-EU China Connectivity Platform- The case of Zhengzhou-China/Europe-Block Train

- International Logistics **completely digital** management since 2018
- **Integration of transportation and trade**
- **Digital freight train-paper less, online booking, cloud computing operational already in place since 2018**
- Almost 6 mil parcels were processed from January-August 2019



The development trend of Health Silk Road

The demand and standard for pharmaceutical cold chain logistics showed

- 1) the logistics system gradually formed and will be integrated
- 2) **the pharmaceutical industry will trade more on the Internet**
- 3) in China large-scale e-commerce platforms have promoted online consultation and online sales of drugs
- 4) with the rapid rise of pharmaceutical e-commerce, **the demand for cold chain logistics industry will continue to increase**

危机/Opportunity/**Advanced cold chain logistics technology plus integrated management tracking the whole process is required in the future**

Win-Win scenario in China

- At the beginning of pandemic:
- Supply chain companies suffered directly from volume drop and the slow movements

- Win-Win solutions has been tested:

- **Structural opportunities appeared** rather than a global level back to normal
- **Winner Supply chain organise multimodal solutions and arranging capacity/transport consequently**
- **Digitalisation** has been a key factor (China invests about 150 billion in A.I.)
- **Flexible and short-term planning-1 week**
- Capacity to quickly adapt
- **Risk management resilient**
- Think different, **new routes!**



CBC NEWS

Source: MERICS, Mercator Institute for China Studies, 2018

17+1 and new Railways routes in Central Europe

- 17+1 is a format founded in 2012 in Budapest to boost the cooperation of the 17+1(the 17 CEE Countries, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina,Bulgaria, Croatia, Czeck Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Montenegro,Poland, Romania, Serbia,Slovakia,Slovenia and China)
 - **The last meeting was held in Dubrovnik (2019)**
 - **The main focus is to promote BRI(一帶一路) in the field of infrastructure, transportations logistics, trade, investment**
 - Main projects: Budapest-Belgrade railway
 - China Europe land-sea express line
 - Peljesac bridge in Croatia, signed by a Chinese Consortium led by China Road and Bridge Corporation
 - **New service first freight train from Wuhan-Serbia(end of May 2020) -medical products-**
Frequency:1 per week-through Ukraine(avoid congestion of Western Europe, change of gauge, gain of 2-3 days)
 - **Advantages of freight train service:**
 - **Reliable service, the volume is growing, speed average is 120km/h in China, in Europe slower...**
 - short transportation time
 - low costs, reliable service
 - large transport capacity and almost zero personnel contact
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To conclude:

Stabilisation of international supply chain is a key factor

China-Europe freight train service has played a vital role in stabilising the international supply chain

ex:The railways department in **Erenhot(Inner Mongolia)** has opened a service hotline for import and export cargo handling, strengthened contact with the government, customs, border inspection and railway department in Mongolia, and implemented the **“one declaration, one inspection, one release”** customs clearance mode

To elaborate-详细说明-了解更多

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