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# Union for the Mediterranean

Facilitating transport and mobility  
over land and sea

ZOOM ON A PROJECT  
JORDANIAN NATIONAL  
RAILWAY PROJECT





# Zoom on a project

## JORDANIAN RAILWAY NETWORK

### UfM ACTION LINES:

- ⊕ To propel the Trans-Mediterranean Transport Network by providing permanent technical support and mobilising available funds
- ⊕ To promote regional projects contributing to foster long-term growth and regional integration

### POLICY FRAMEWORK:

UfM Ministerial Conference on Transport (Brussels, 14 November 2013)

#### LOCATION

- Jordan

#### DURATION

2013 - 2020

#### TOTAL COST

€2.05 billion approx.

#### BENEFICIARIES

The Jordanian population and private sector of Jordan and neighbouring countries.



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## OBJECTIVES

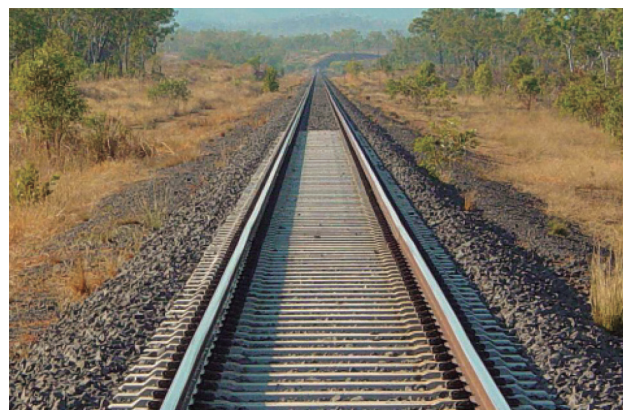
The project will integrate Jordan's railway system with the regional network by establishing an effective rail connection with neighbouring countries.

The construction of a North-South Corridor from the Syrian Border to the Port of Aqaba (509 km) is the backbone of the project. The corridor is the main rail line of this proposed network, connecting Amman, the surrounding logistics centres and the nation's gateway port of Aqaba. The completion of the North-South Corridor is expected to be finished in 2020.

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## ACTIONS

- Preparation of the Project roadmap in collaboration with the Jordanian government. Dissemination of information.
- Submission of the Project roadmap and validation by the Jordanian Ministry of Transport.
- Development of a programme of complementary studies concerning a new railway operational model and an interoperability study aimed at evaluating the best standard to adopt for the Jordanian Railway Network.
- Submission of the studies' results to the Ministry of Transport and definition of the operational phases of implementation.
- Construction works for the first phase of the project (mini project): rail link between Aqaba Port and the country's largest phosphate mine of Shidiya.
- Construction works for the second phase of the project: rail section between the new South Terminal of Aqaba Port up to the border with Syria.



## PROMOTER

- Ministry of Transport of Jordan.

## PARTNERS

- University of Trieste, Railway and Traffic Laboratory (LIFT).

## CONTRIBUTION

- Approximately €336 million financed by the Government of Jordan for the acquisition of the land needed for the construction.
- Approximately €57.7 million financed by Saudi Arabia.

## RESULTS

- Contribution to the integration of the markets and improvement of railway connections in the countries of the Mediterranean region, thus making connections faster, cheaper and more efficient, as well as facilitating freight flows.
- Improvement in security and safety by decreasing accident rates of freight transport in the region.
- Development of passenger railways in the region.
- The project's outcome will have a multiplying effect for the rest of the Mediterranean region and for Europe as a whole, enabling increased mobility among the population and facilitating international freight flows and business opportunities.



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# UfM Secretariat in short

## Strategic Objective

Enhance regional cooperation and integration in the Euro-Mediterranean region through the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives with tangible impact on the region's citizens



### 43 Members

28 EU members and 15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. Their Senior Officials meet regularly to oversee and coordinate the activities of the UfM.

### 2 Co-Presidents

The EU and Jordan assume the Northern and Southern co-presidency since 2012, embodying the UfM principle of co-ownership.

### 1 Secretariat

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