OBJECTIVES

The project aims to complete the missing links of the Central Section of the Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis, connecting the Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian national motorway networks. The project will provide a continuous motorway corridor from Agadir (Morocco) to Ras Jedir (Tunisian-Libyan border).

In addition to completing the infrastructure, the central Maghreb countries will work together with the GTMO 5+5 and the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) on defining the axis’ management so as to ensure complete interoperability, high-quality service and provision of the same high standards all along the axis.

BENEFICIARIES

More than 80 million people from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and beyond will benefit from improved transport conditions, as well as from reduced travel times and fewer accidents.

LOCATION

Maghreb region
- Morocco
- Tunisia
- Algeria

DURATION

- Moroccan section: 2015-2020
- Tunisian section: 2015-2021

TOTAL COST

€670 million
COMPLETION OF THE CENTRAL SECTION OF THE TRANS-MAGHREB MOTORWAY AXIS

ACTIONS

- Define and implement an action plan for managing the Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis, including trade facilitation, infrastructure financing and pricing, road safety and integration of the axis into the global transport system of the region through a multimodal approach.

- Deliver a regional study to construct a second point of connection between the southern regions of Algeria and Tunisia.

- Define the financial package for the two motorway sections and “soft” actions.

- Carry out construction works combining ancillary infrastructures (border points, maintenance areas) with “soft” components (international transit agreements, standardisation and training).

- Integrate and coordinate the Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis’ management, ensuring complete interoperability and high-quality service throughout the axis.

RESULTS

- The construction of 102 km (22 km in Morocco and 80 km in Tunisia) of dual carriageway motorway of at least two lanes running parallel to the Maghreb coast will complete the central section of the Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis, thus linking the major cities of Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

- The project is of strategic importance to the Euro-Mediterranean region as it will improve transport conditions, reducing travel times and the rate of accidents, as well as enhancing regional integration and socio-economic development by facilitating trade relations and mobility of the population of the region.

PROMOTER

Technical Secretariat of the Group of Transport Ministers of the Western Mediterranean (GTMO 5+5)

PARTNERS

- Algerian Ministry of Transport
- Moroccan Ministry of Equipment and Transport
- Tunisian Ministry of Equipment
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Arab Maghreb Union
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- European Investment Bank (EIB)
- International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- The World Bank
- World Customs Organization

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