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Container Block Trains are running, despite legal regimes and trade facilitation are lacking behind

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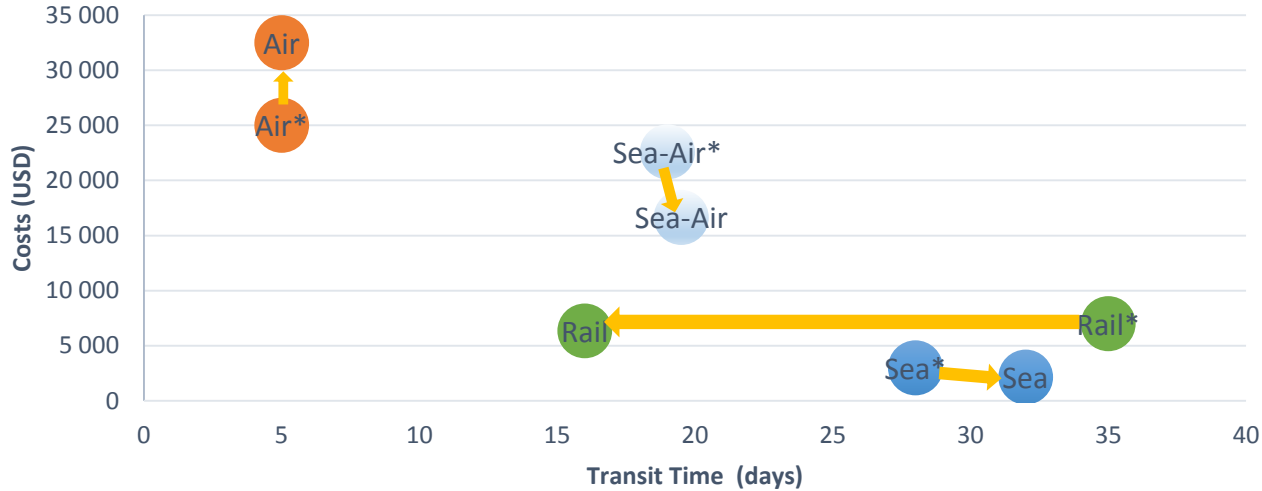
Secretary General of Internationaler Verband der Tarifeure (IVT)



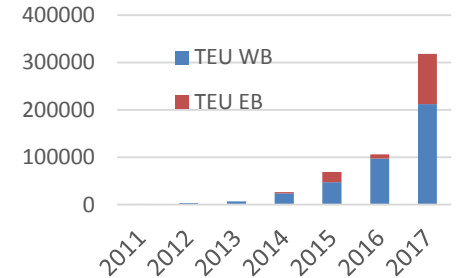
Container Block Trains between China and Europe are a Success Story

Costs and Transit Time 2006* vs. 2017

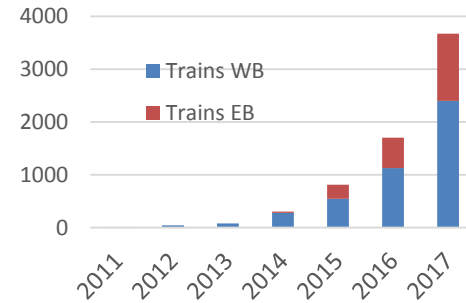
(40' Container with 10 t from Shanghai, China to Hamburg, Germany)



TEUs transported p.a.



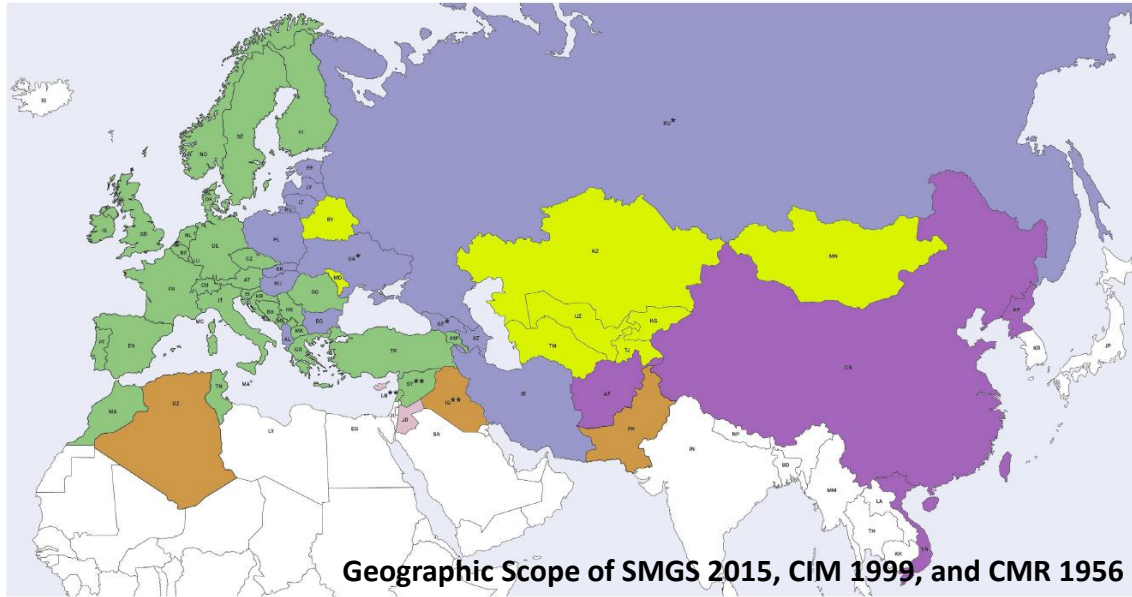
No. of block trains p.a.



Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce (2006), Zhang (2017), own calculations

Source: <http://www.ktze.kz/en>

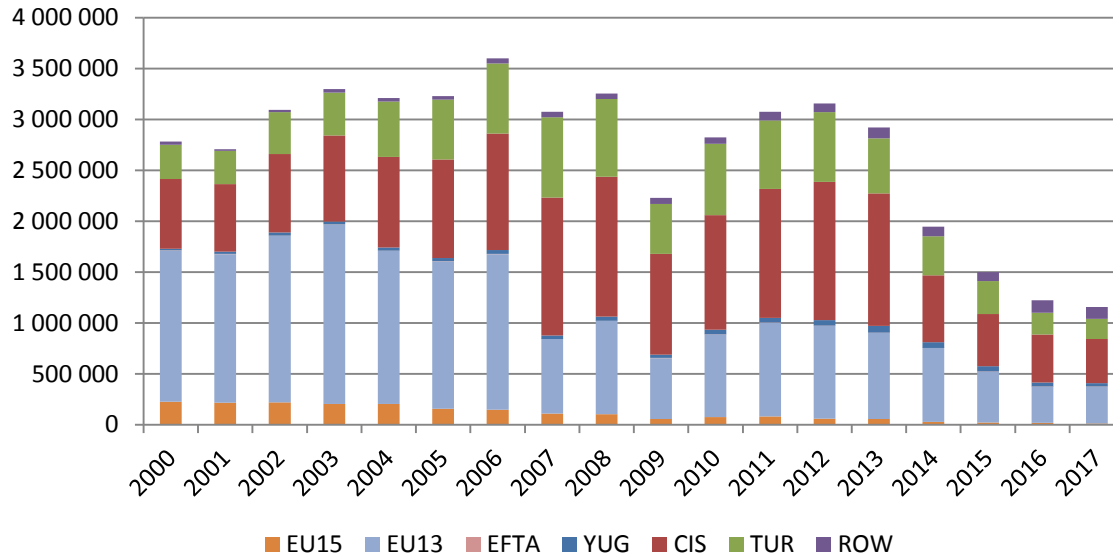
...despite Legal Harmonisation is (always) lacking behind



Source: CIT-IRU Guideline comparing the legal Regimes CMR - COTIF/CIM-SMGS, Berne and UNECE UN Transport Agreements and Conventions, Geneva

... and Trade Facilitation with eCustoms, too..

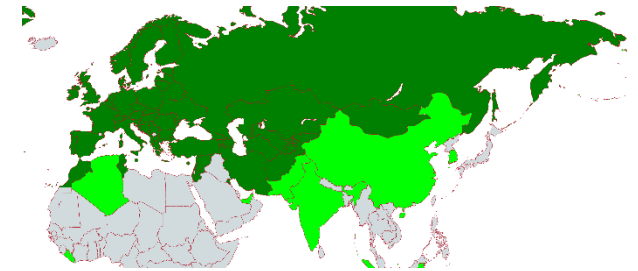
No. of TIR Carnets issued by IRU p.a.



Source: <http://www.unece.org/ar/tir/tircarnets.html>, own calculations



Free Trade Agreements by EFTA as of 2017



Geographic Scope of TIR Convention 1975

May be a more rapid adoption of eCMR/eTIR will help?