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Economic Corridors in Central Asia

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ECD : Organizing economic activity

- Corridor: [function] [space].
- ECD: using infrastructure and other inputs to organize economic activity. Infrastructure critical to linking markets (nationally, regionally and globally), cities/urban clusters.
- Sunk Costs. ECD not about specific road/ existing infrastructure. Underlying economic potential important
- Focus on growth nodes, urban agglomeration, inter-urban links, urban-rural links
- May be cross-border, or domestic; tangible or notional.

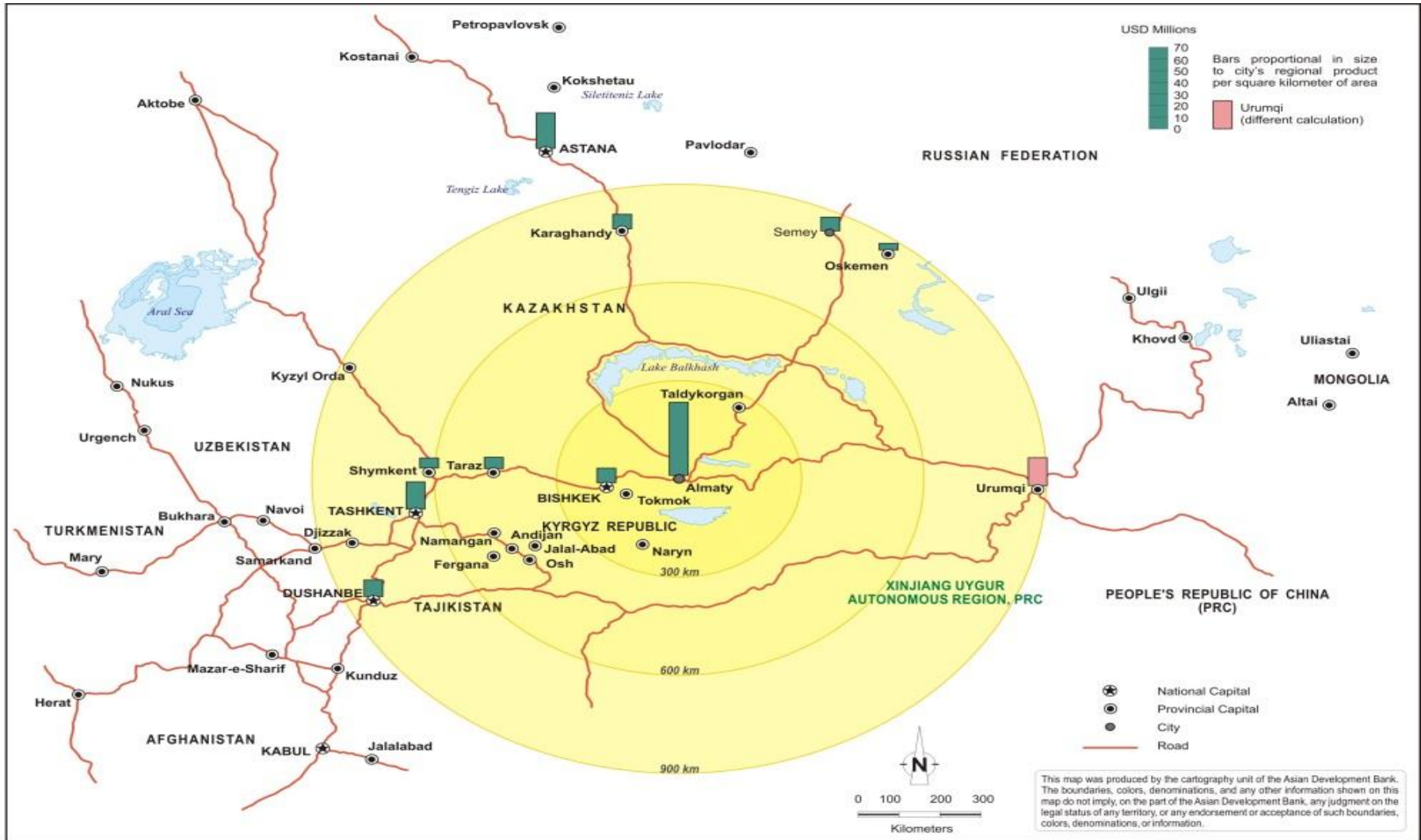


Challenges

- Physical and economic geography
- Manufacturing and GVC
- Services
- Policies and regulatory framework



ABC: Rationale





ABC: Rationale (2)

- Almaty and Bishkek: GRP \$ 42.5 b, \$2.6 b; Pop 1.6 m, 0.9 m
- Physical, commercial, cultural proximity
- Economic distance; CU
- Differential endowments
- Agglomeration
- Ownership: MOU, IWG

Thank you

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