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# Implementing the Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor

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# Location of the Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor





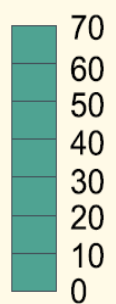


Density

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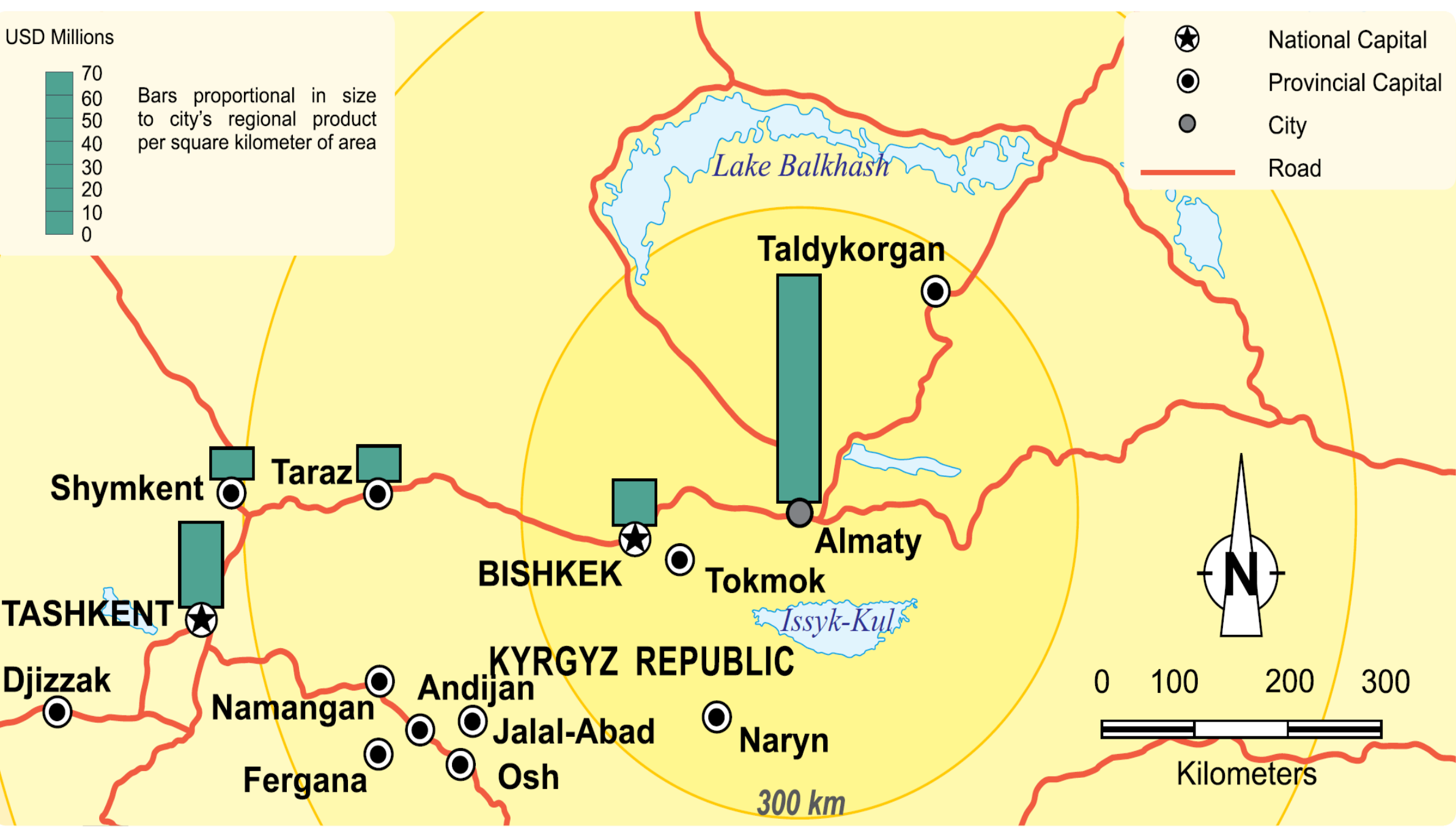


USD Millions



Bars proportional in size to city's regional product per square kilometer of area

- ★ National Capital
- ⊙ Provincial Capital
- City
- Road



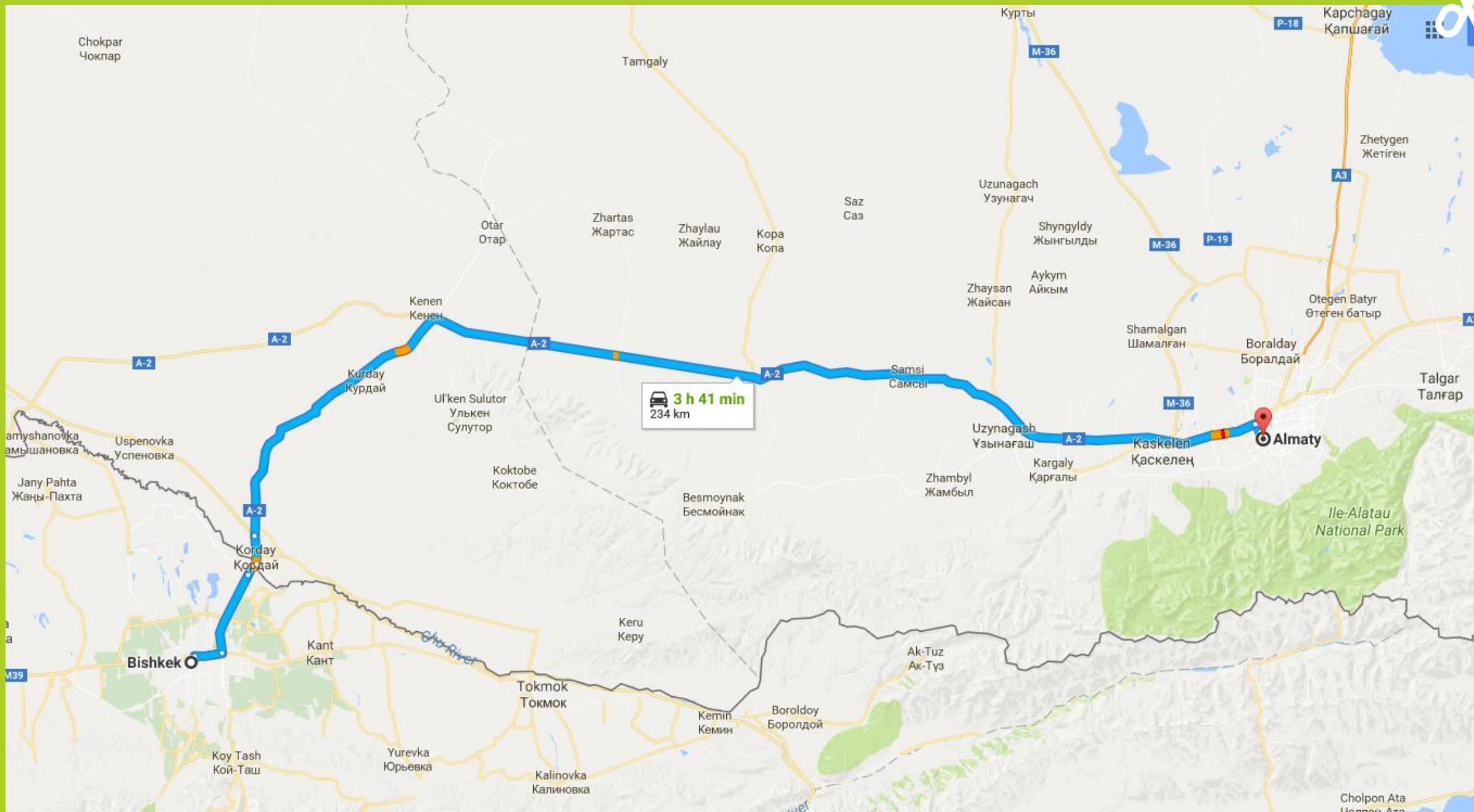
\*Economic density is the ratio of city gross regional product over area.





Distance and Division





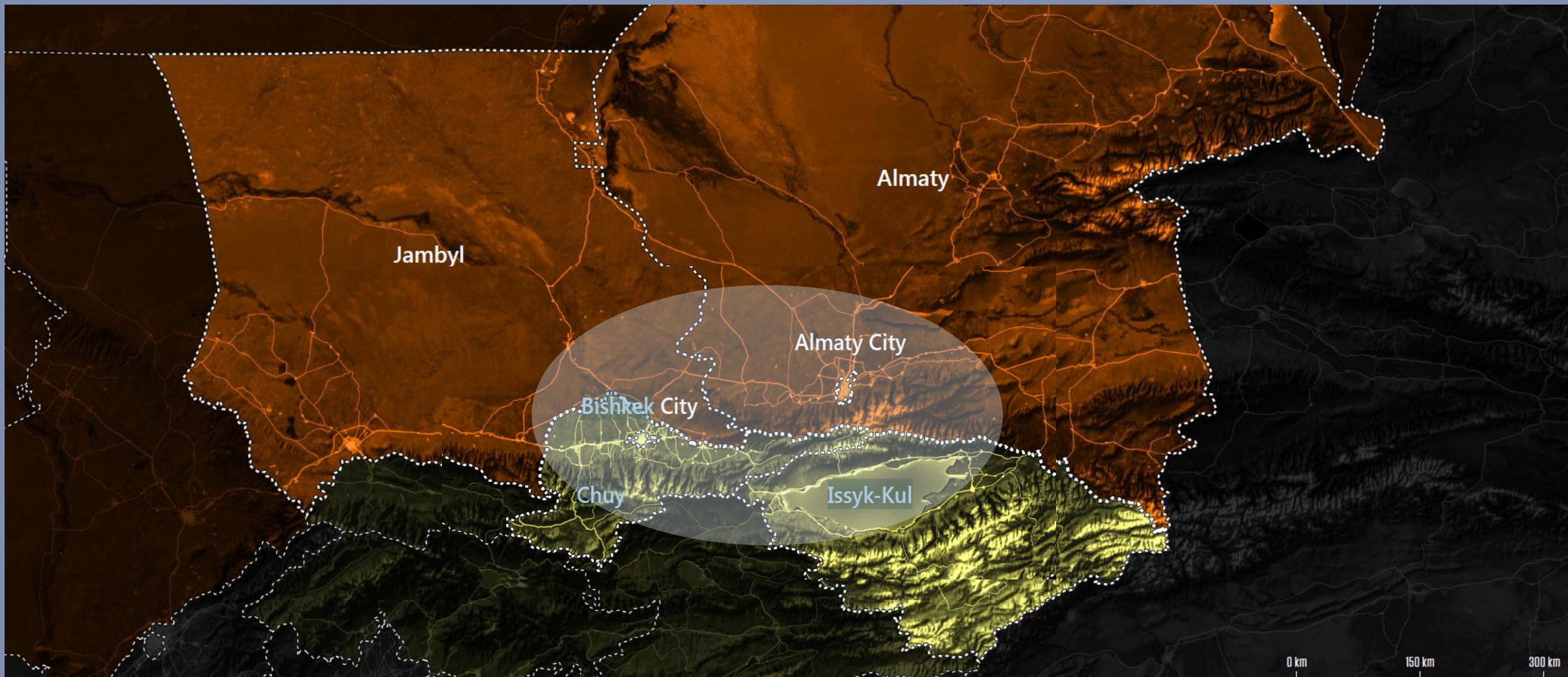




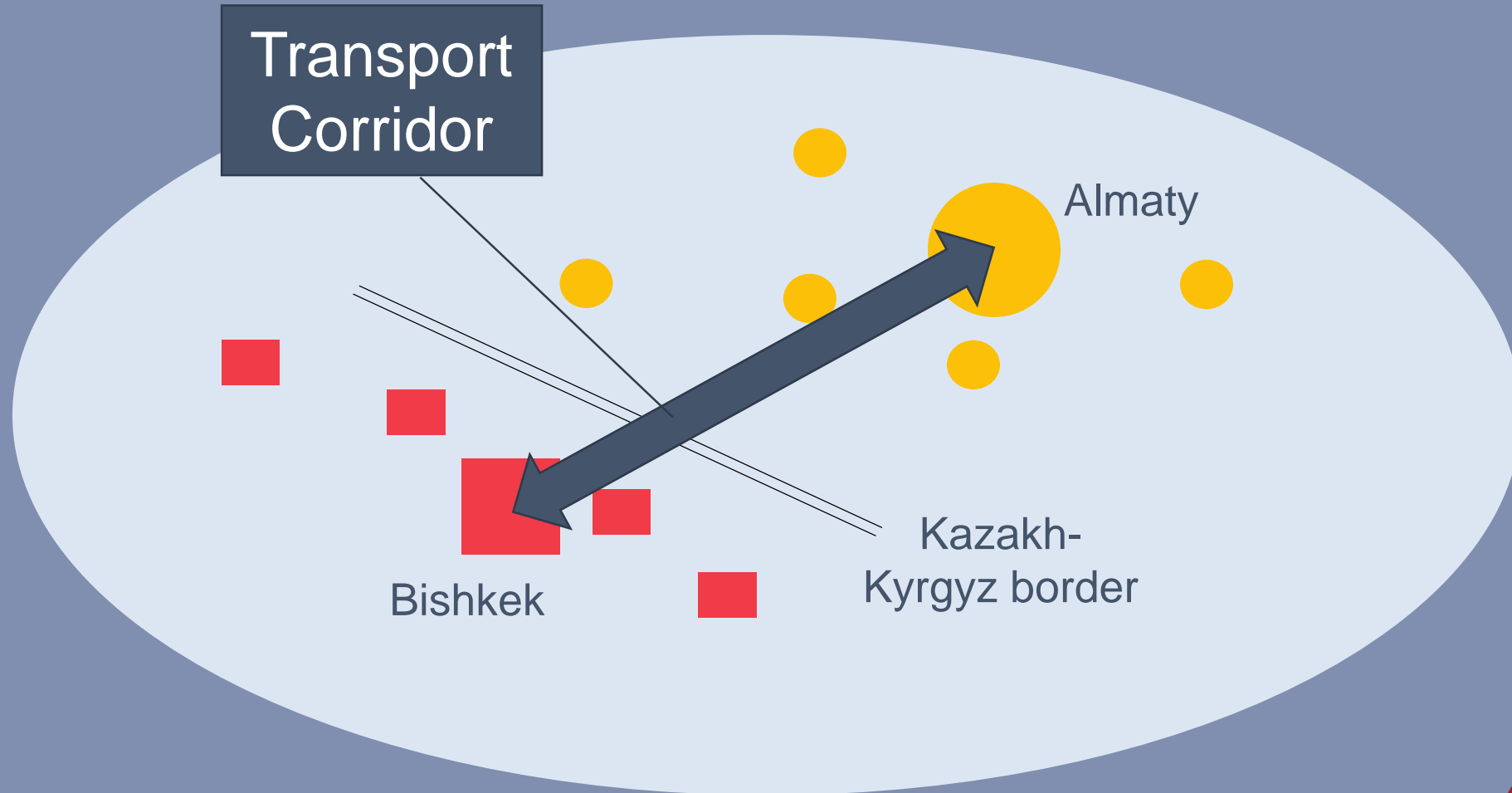




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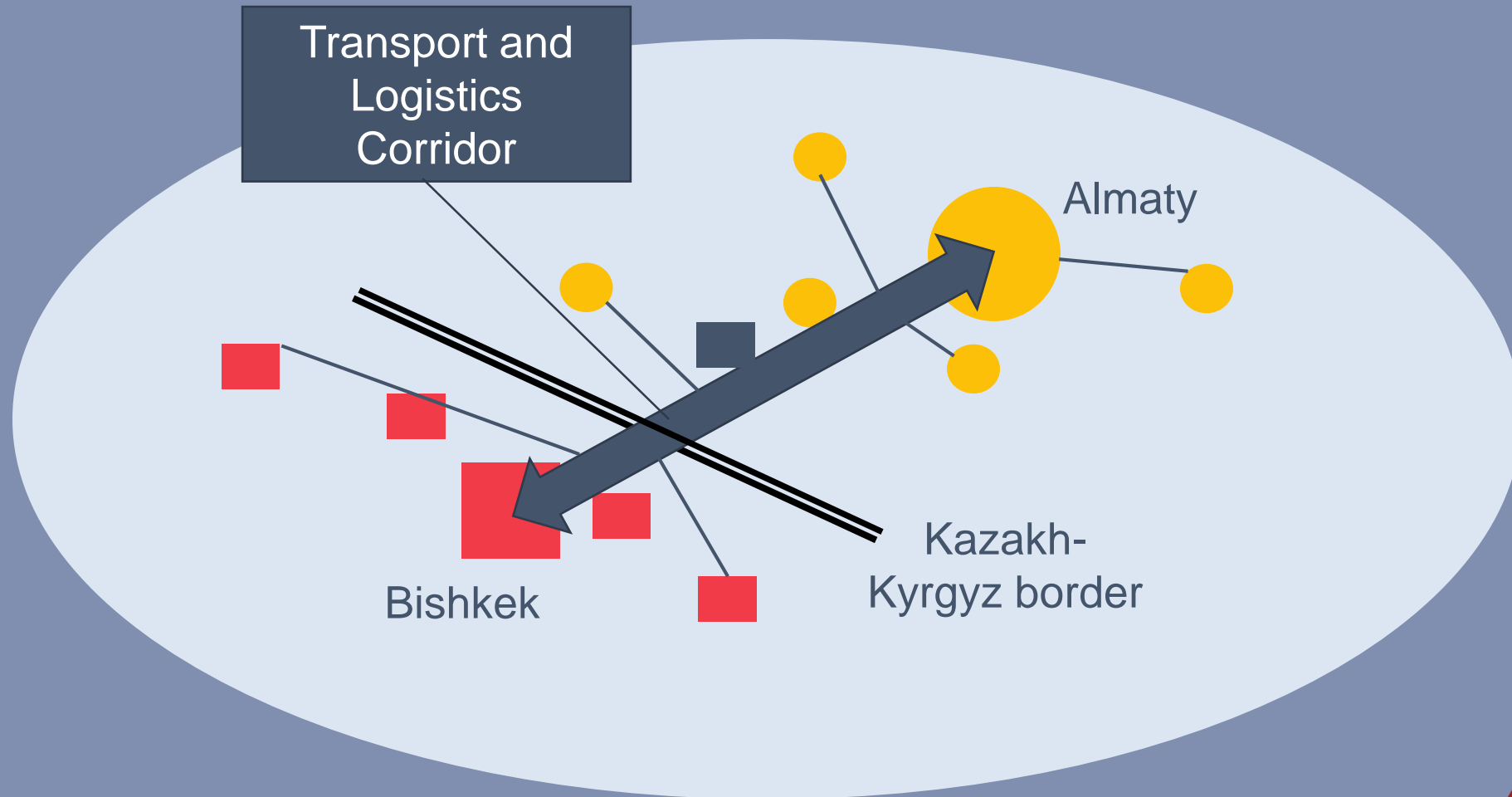


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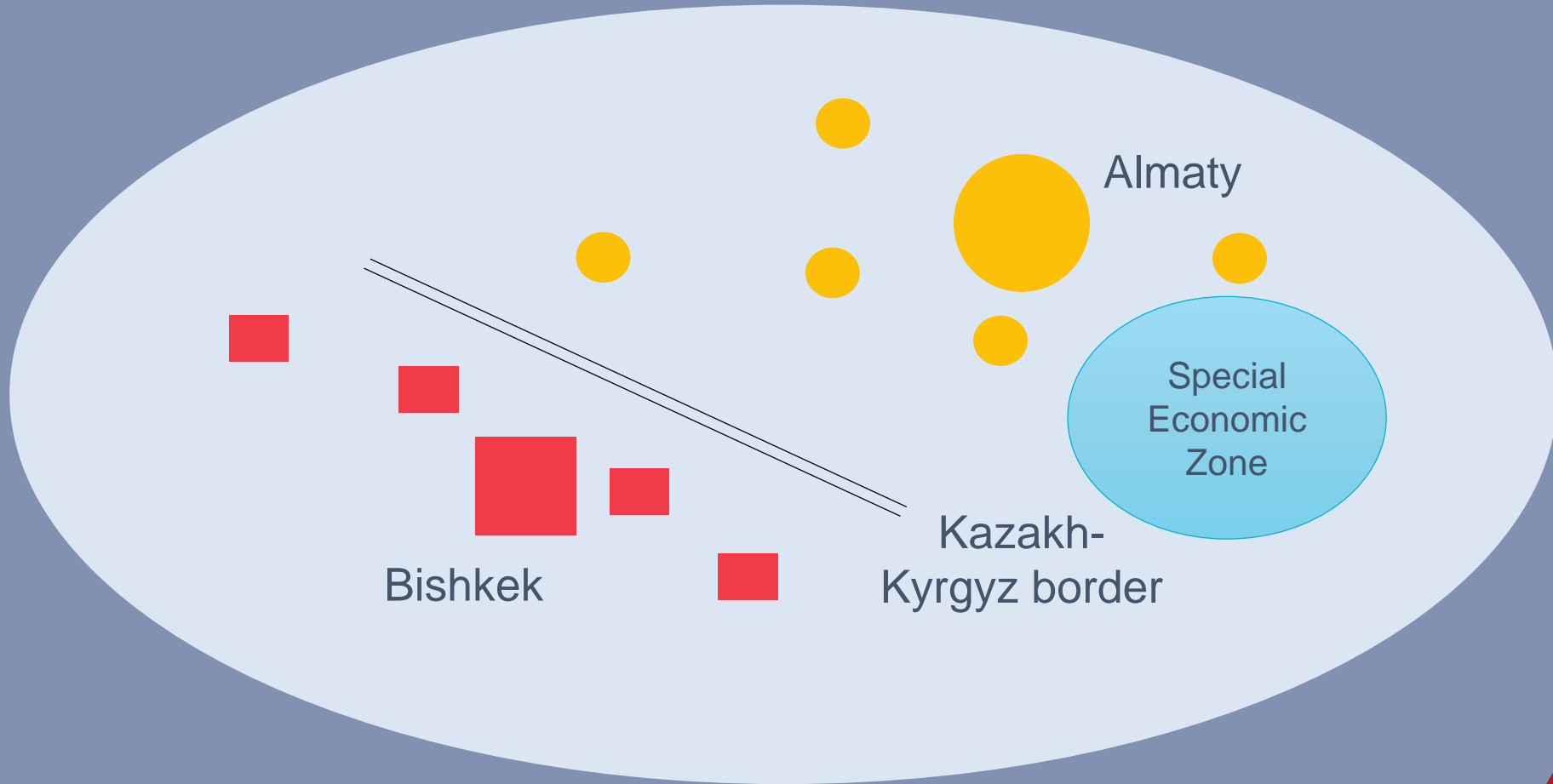




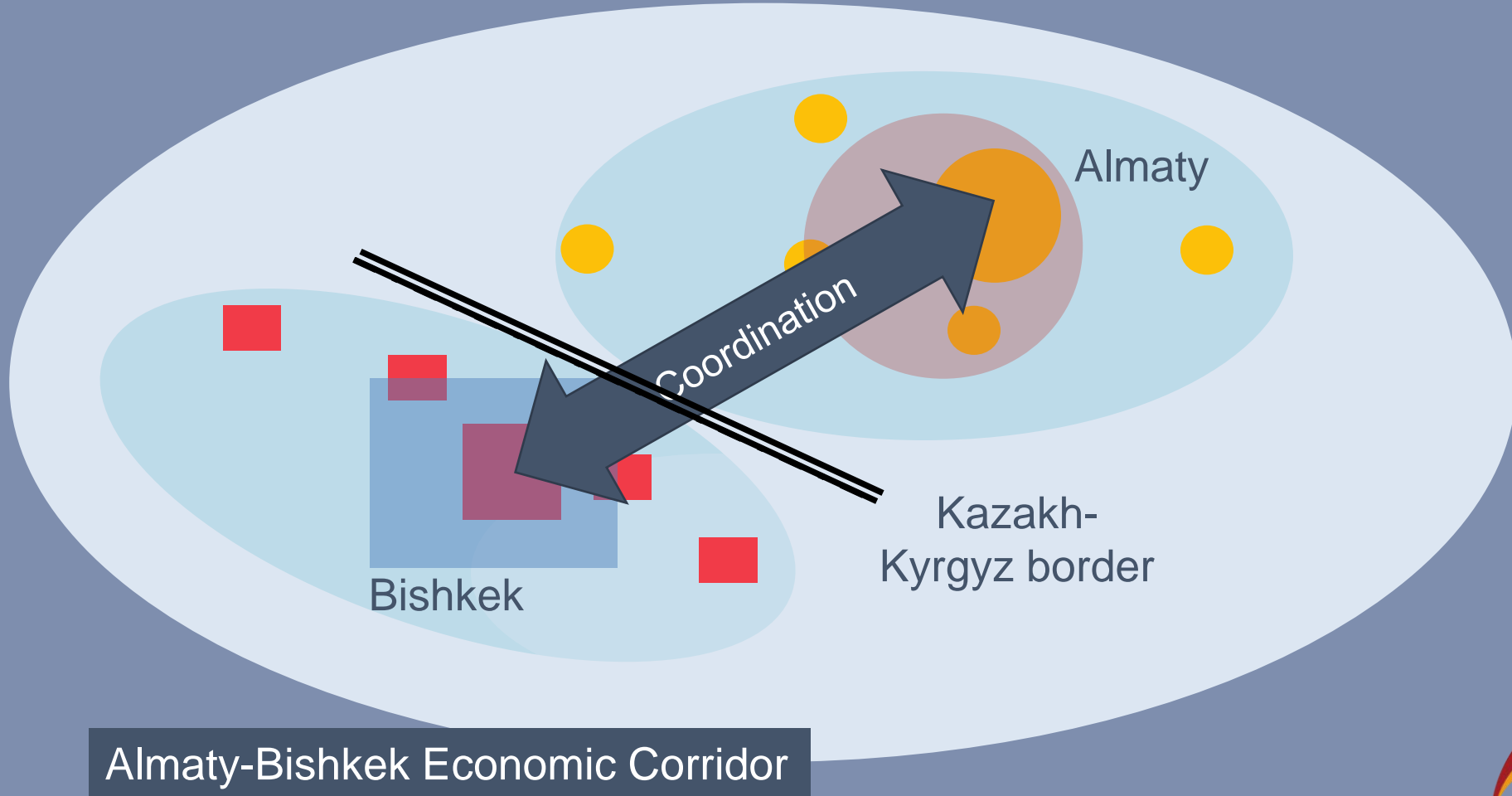
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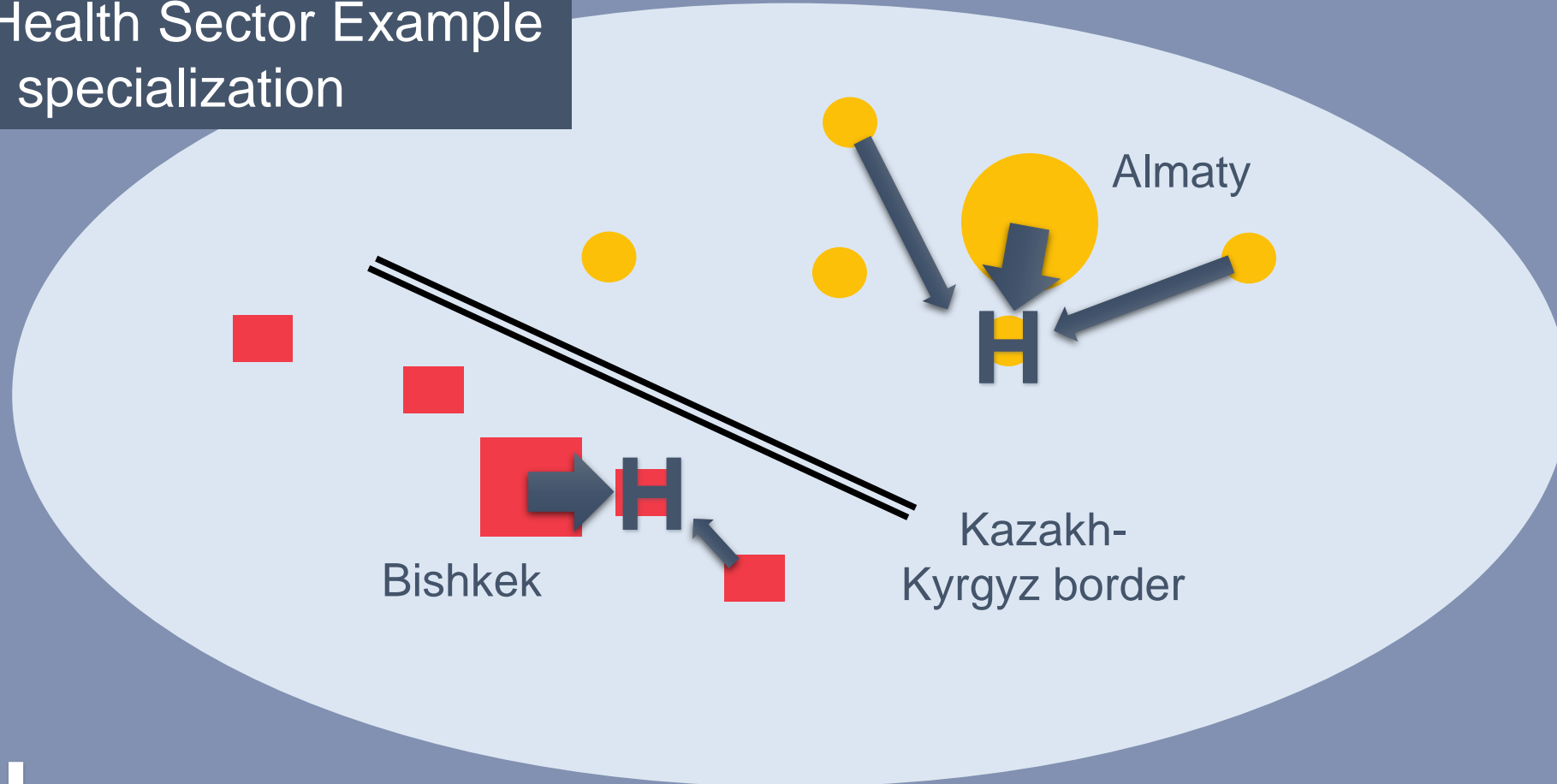




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- specialization

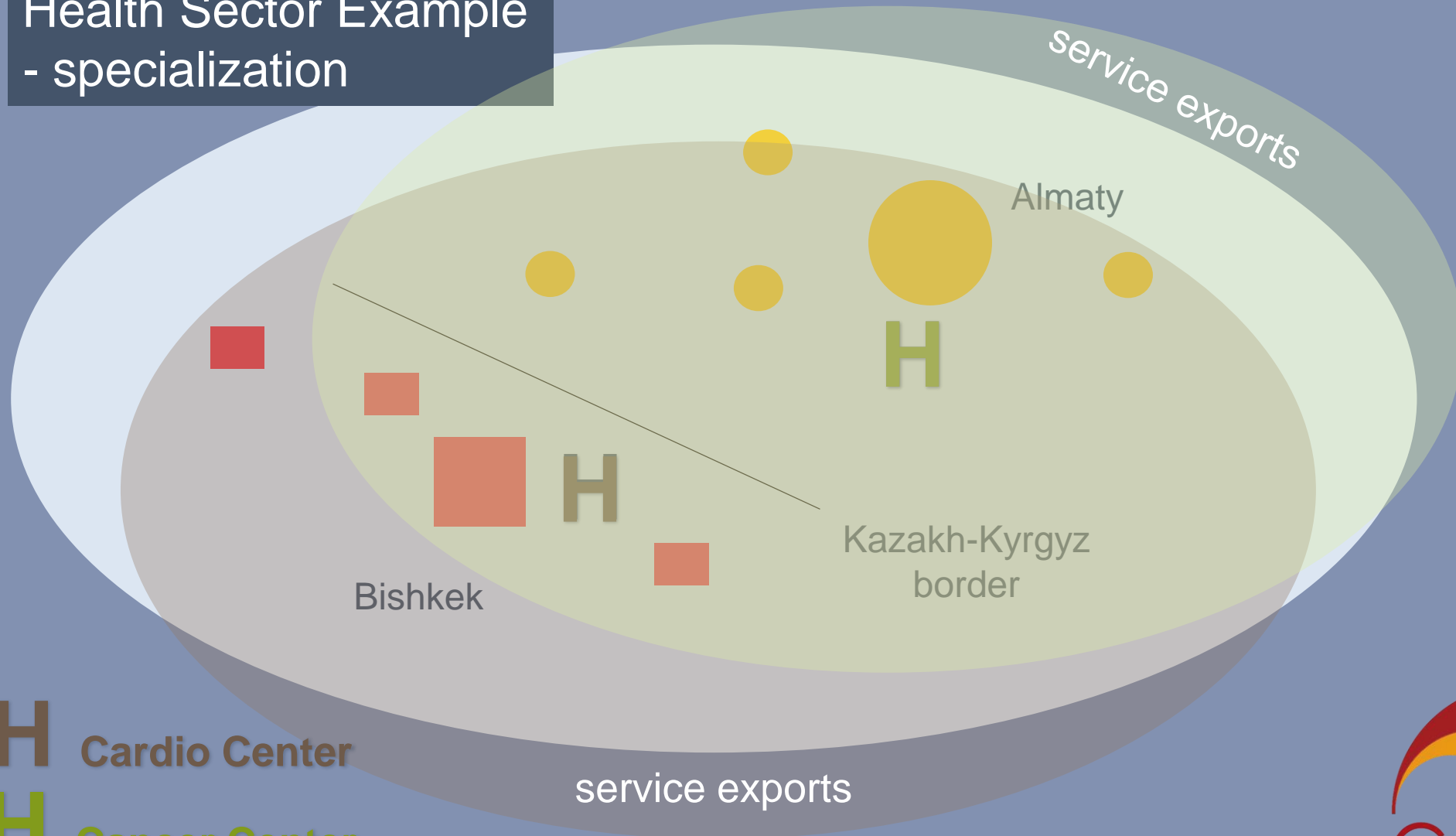


**H** Hospital with cardio and cancer treatment

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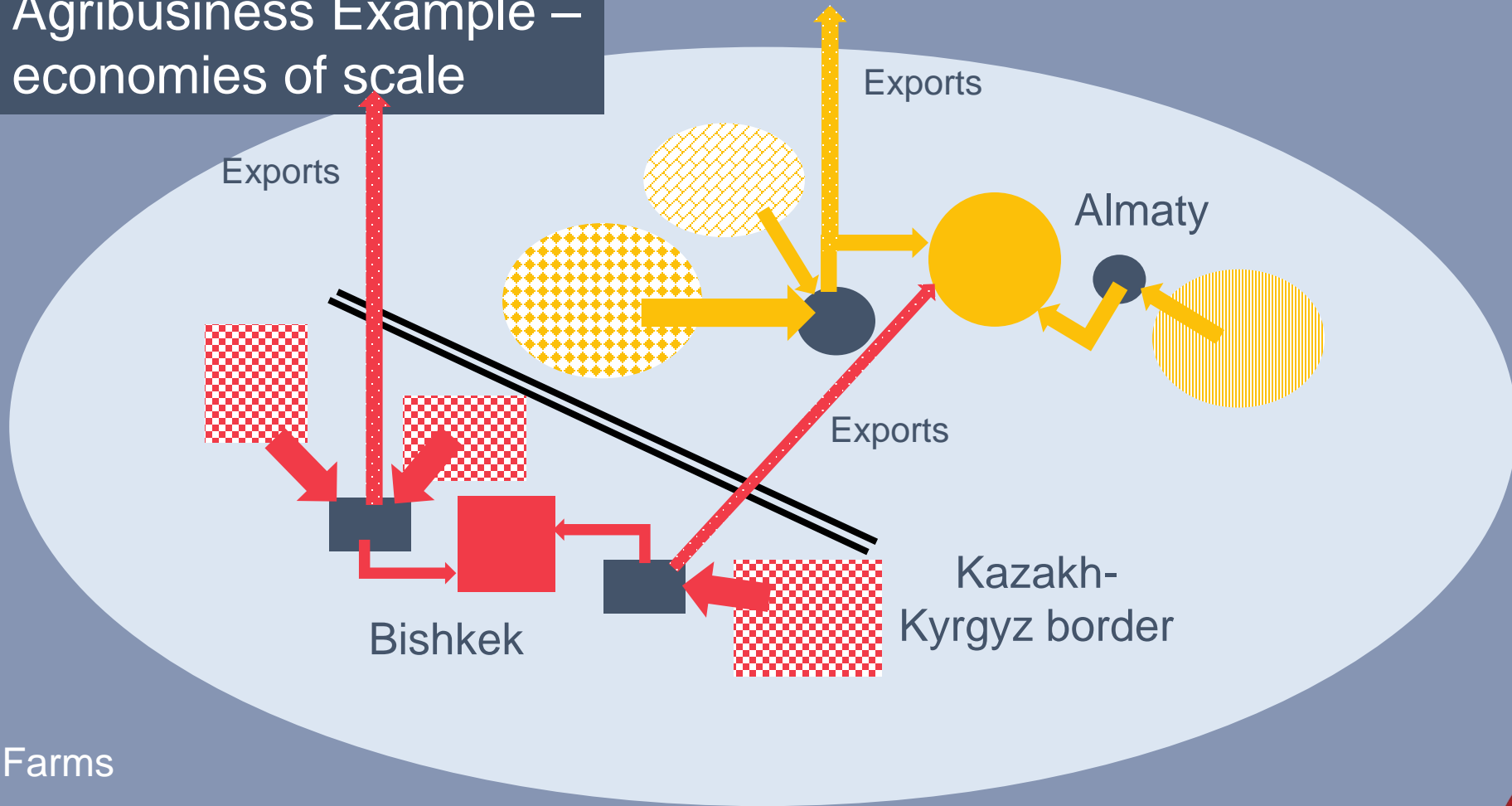


**H** Cardio Center  
**H** Cancer Center

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Agribusiness Example –  
economies of scale



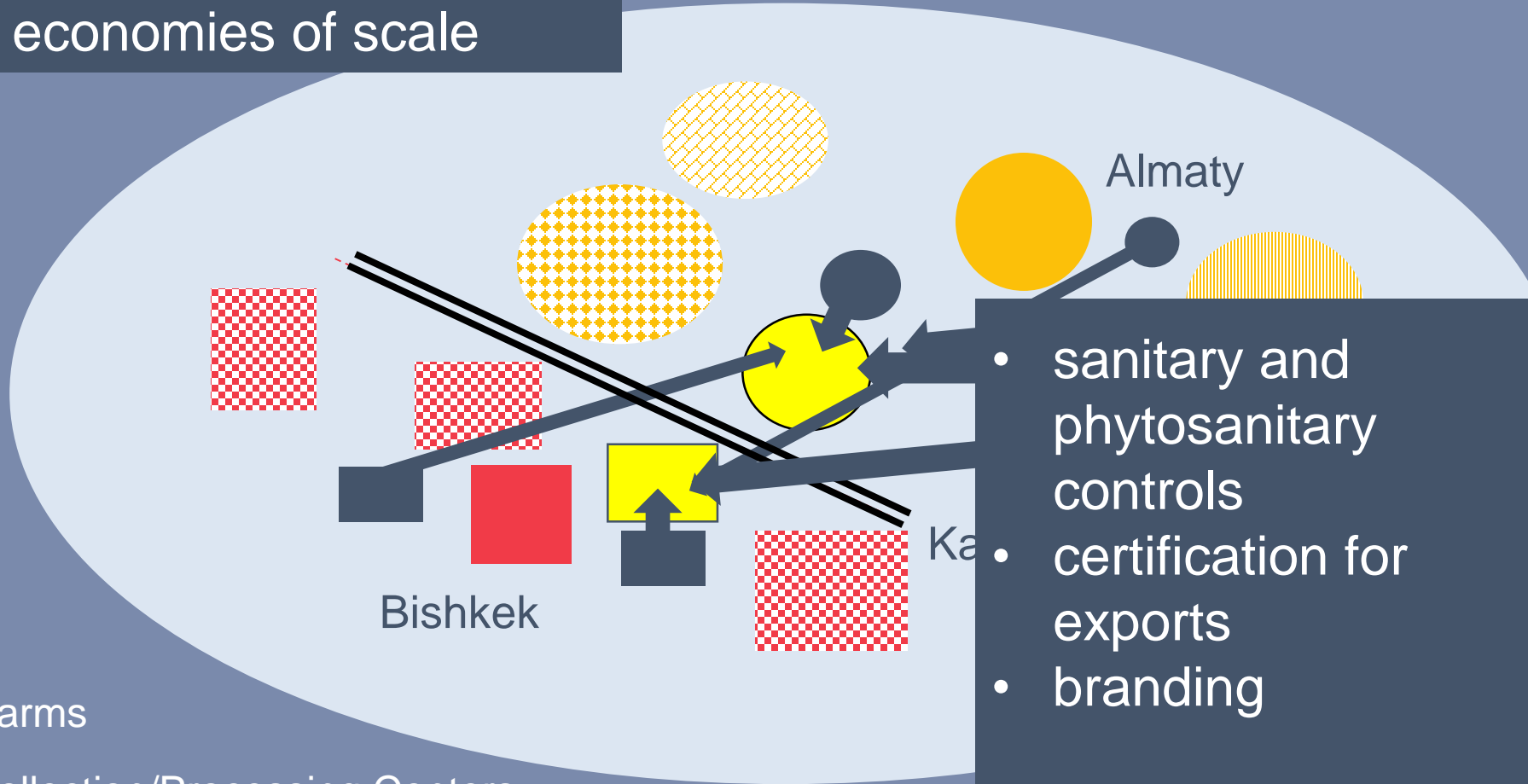
-  Farms
-  Collection/Processing Centers
-  Exports



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Agribusiness Example –  
economies of scale



Farms



Collection/Processing Centers



Meat and dairy wholesale market



Fruits and vegetables wholesale market

- sanitary and phytosanitary controls
- certification for exports
- branding







Fruits & vegetables



Fish wholesale



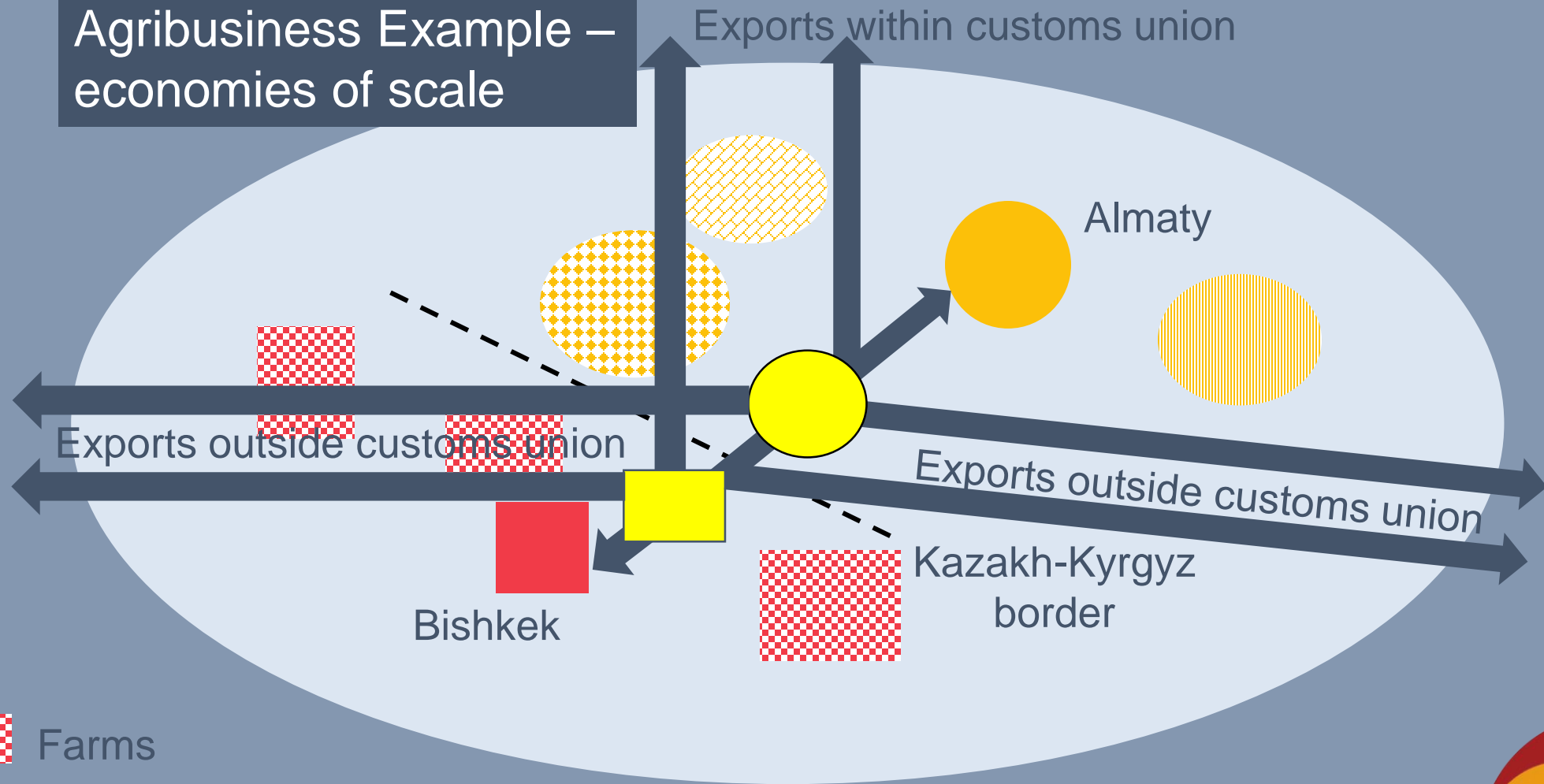
Wholesale meat section





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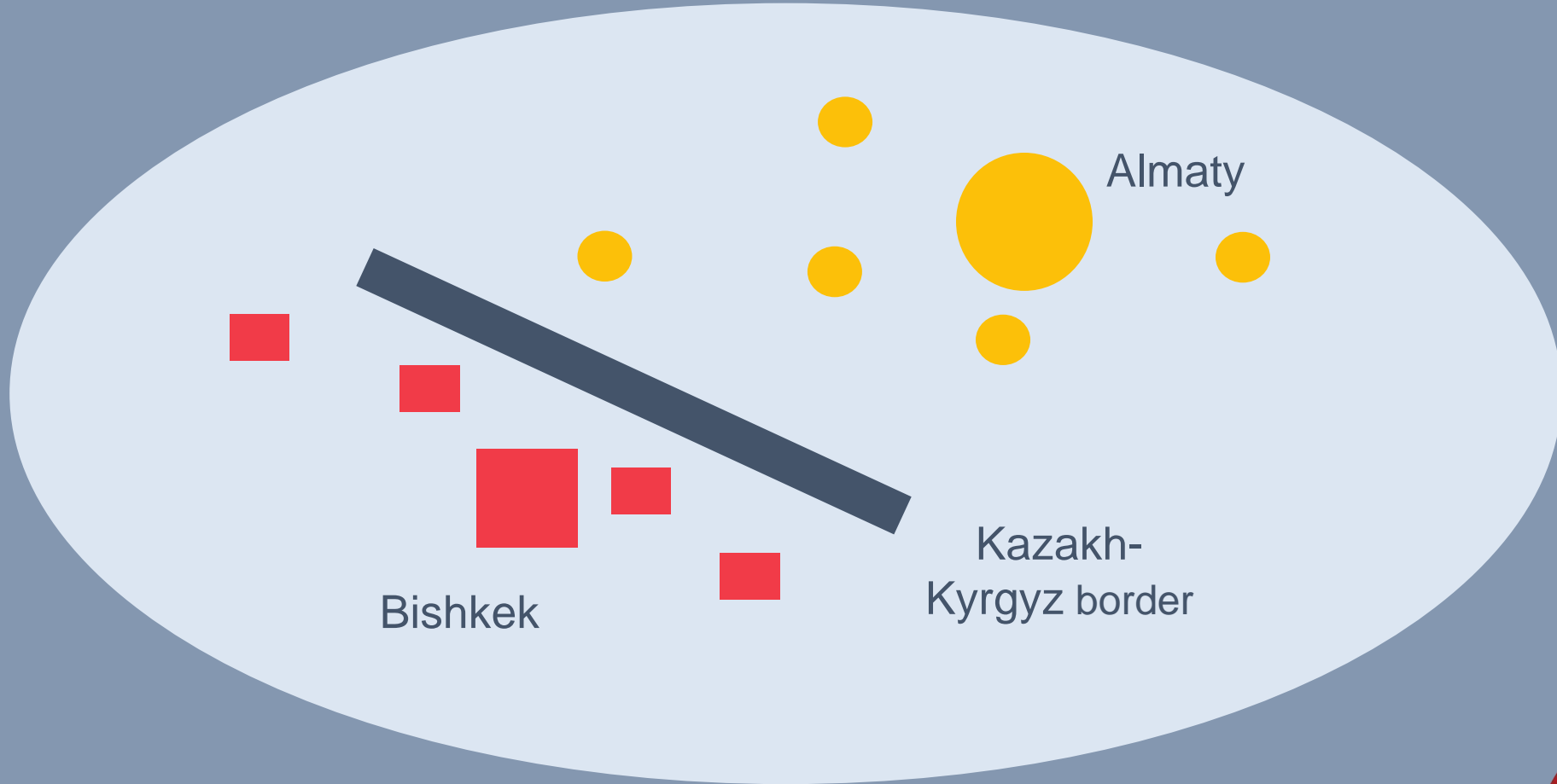
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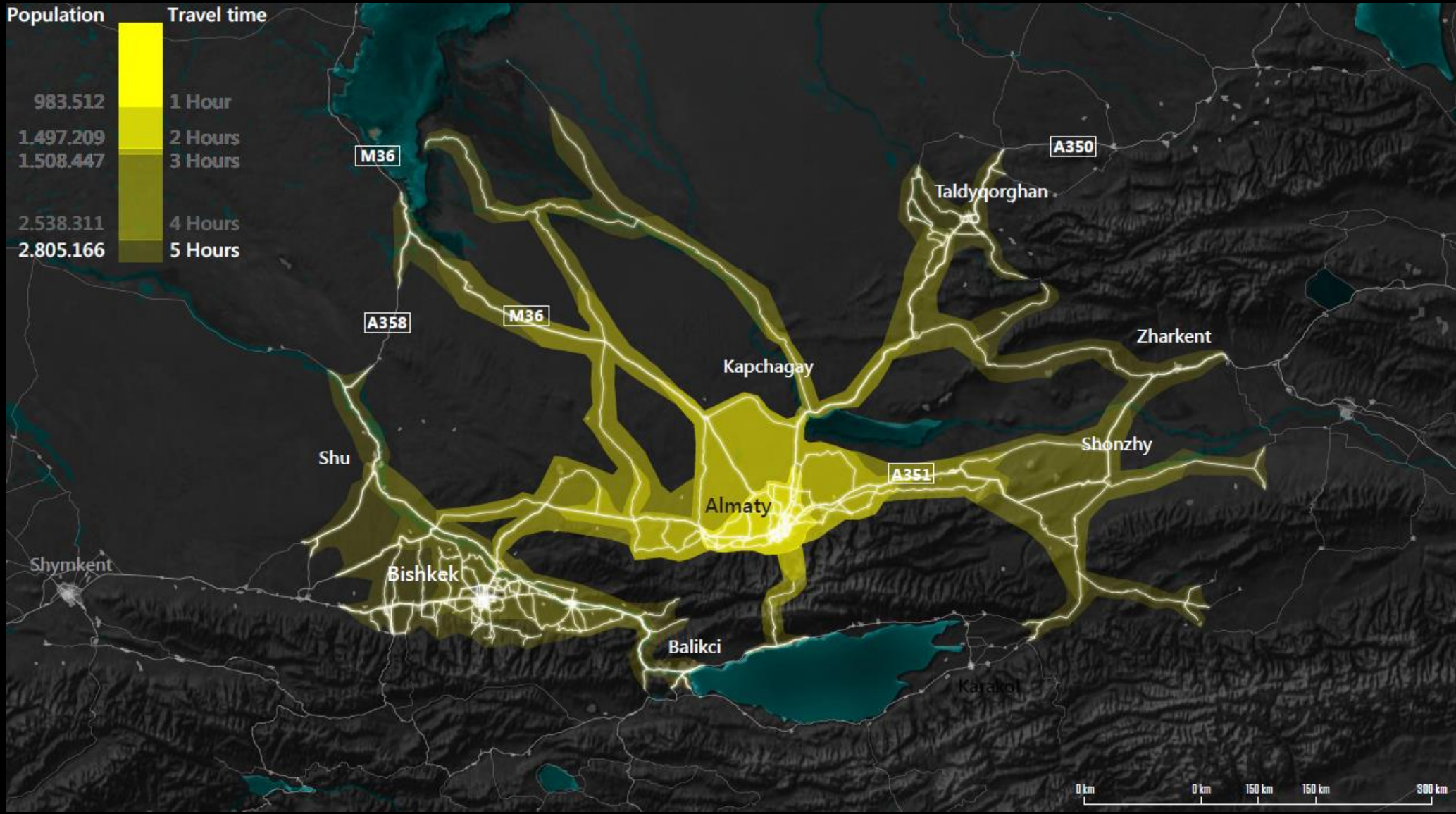
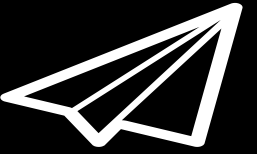
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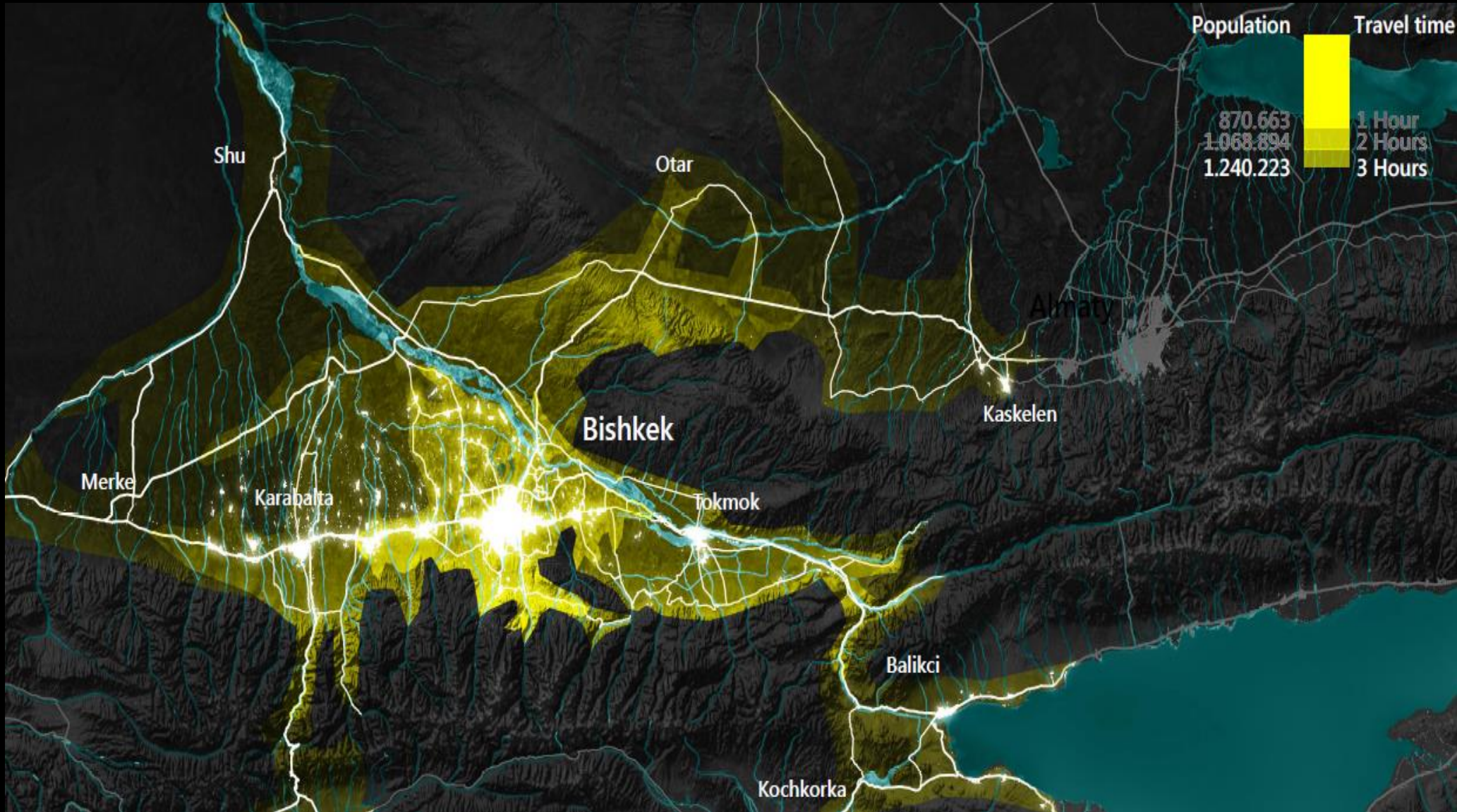
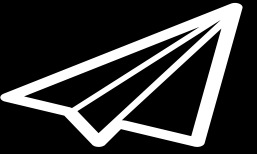


Travel time

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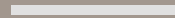




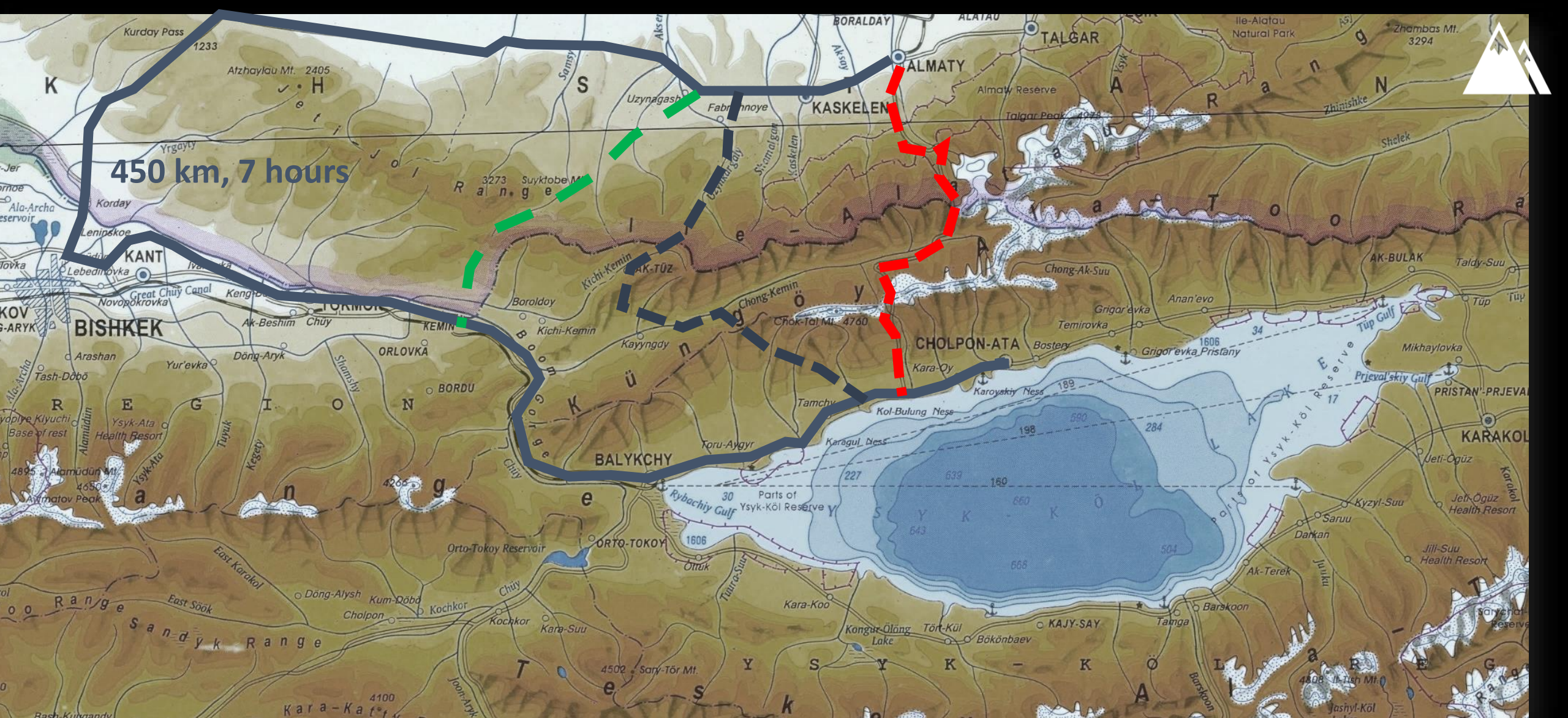




Tourism potential









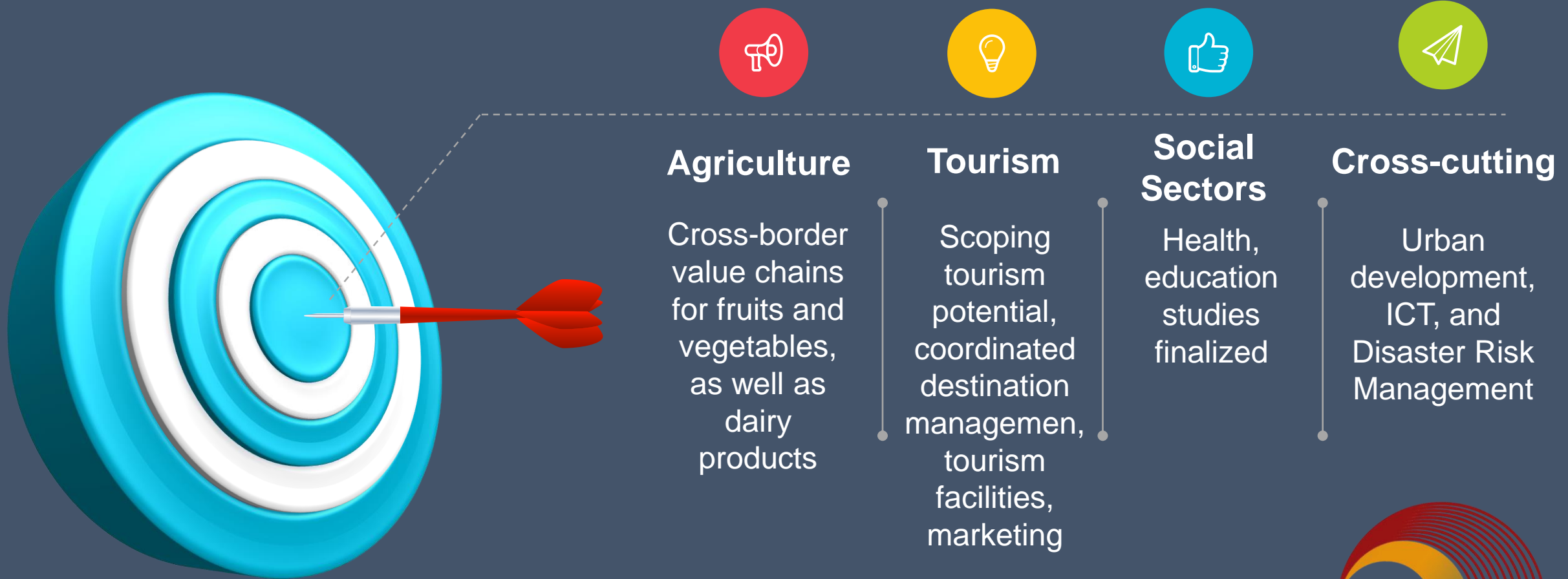
# Lake transit



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program



# What has been achieved so far?



# What is currently happening?



ABEC Subcommittee, chaired by Vice-Ministers, under the Intergovernmental Council, headed by Prime Ministers

ADB technical assistance  
ADB agribusiness project

# What are the challenges?



Replication in  
CAREC



Linking beyond  
ABEC



Monitoring and  
attribution

# What is the way forward?



**01** Involving private sector



**02** Setting up regional value-chains



**03** Act local – think global





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**Thank you!**

