

Review of: "The Strategy of Russia in the Trans-Eurasian Connectivity"

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Review

This paper analyzes the important role and far-reaching significance of INSTC, and points out the challenges and obstacles facing future development. The paper highlights the potential of INSTC to form a strong connectivity network from the Indian Ocean to the Baltic States and Scandinavia, in particular by illustrating the economic advantages of land transport between Asia and Europe, demonstrating that it will drive economic development in surrounding countries and regions.

However, some issues still need to be discussed further:

1. The article is more like a political commentary, and some conclusions are not fully demonstrated from the perspective of academic papers and need to be discussed.
2. The economic feasibility and advantages of INSTC transportation scheme is only illustrated with examples, lacking sufficient data and research support.
3. Academic research does not need to be so political, and the paper is full of opposition and antagonism to the Belt and Road Initiative, but there is no specific comparative research and evidence to support it. From the perspective of development, since most of the countries covered by the INSTC program are participating countries in the Belt and Road Initiative, it is best to organically integrate with the development strategies and belt and road initiatives of participating countries to achieve a multiplier effect.