

# **TASIM/EuraCA: New platforms for improving connectivity in Eurasia**

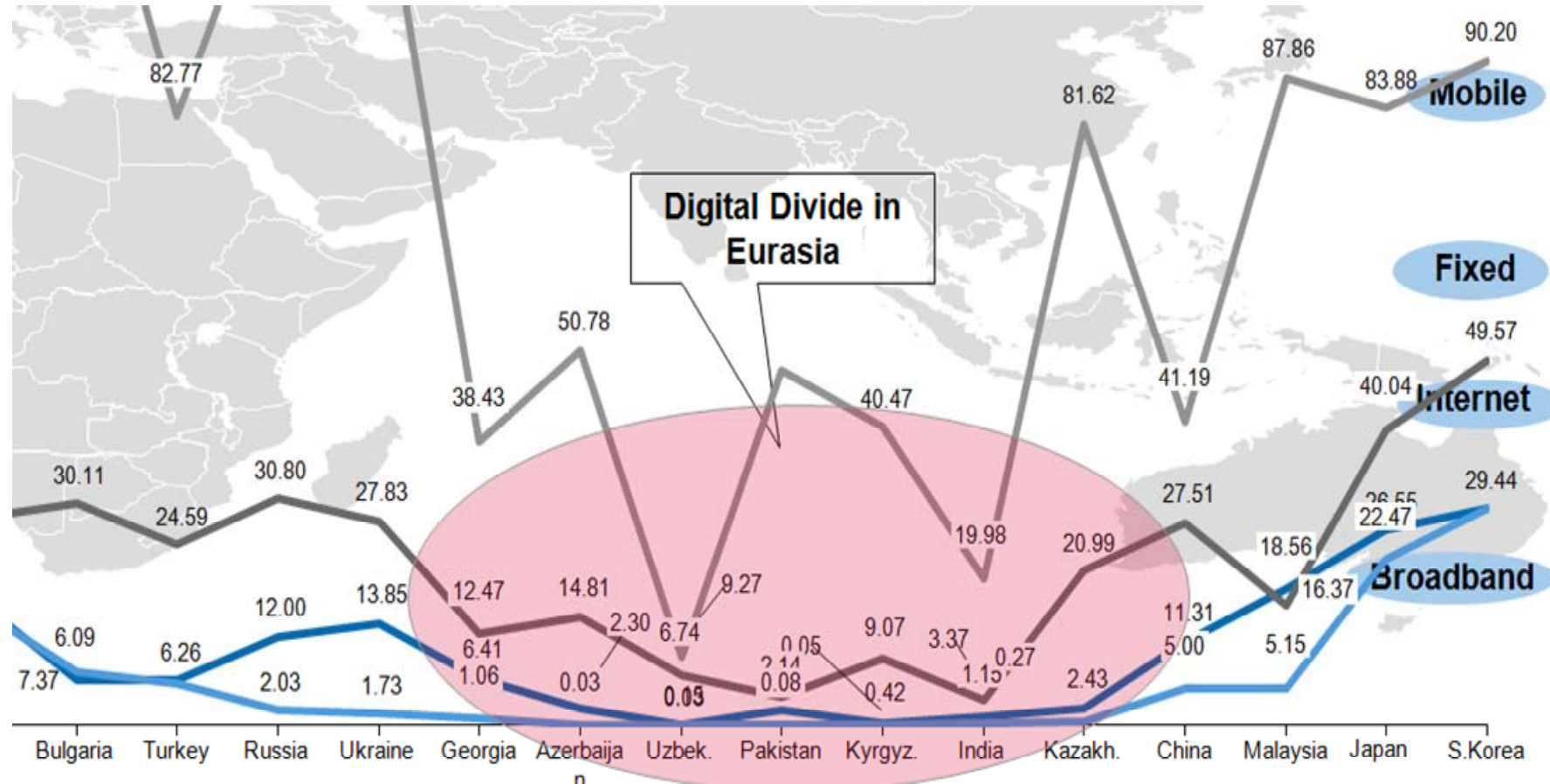


**The case of the Republic of  
Azerbaijan**

## Azerbaijan's vision for enhancement of transit communications in Eurasia:

- Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan 1,768k long crude oil pipeline has been built in 2005 with involvement of BP, Chevron, Statoil, Total, etc;
- Baku-Tbilisi-Akhalkalaki-Kars 826k long railway directly connects Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan;
- TRACECA (acronym: Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia) is an international transport programme hosted in Baku, Azerbaijan embracing 14 countries of the region.

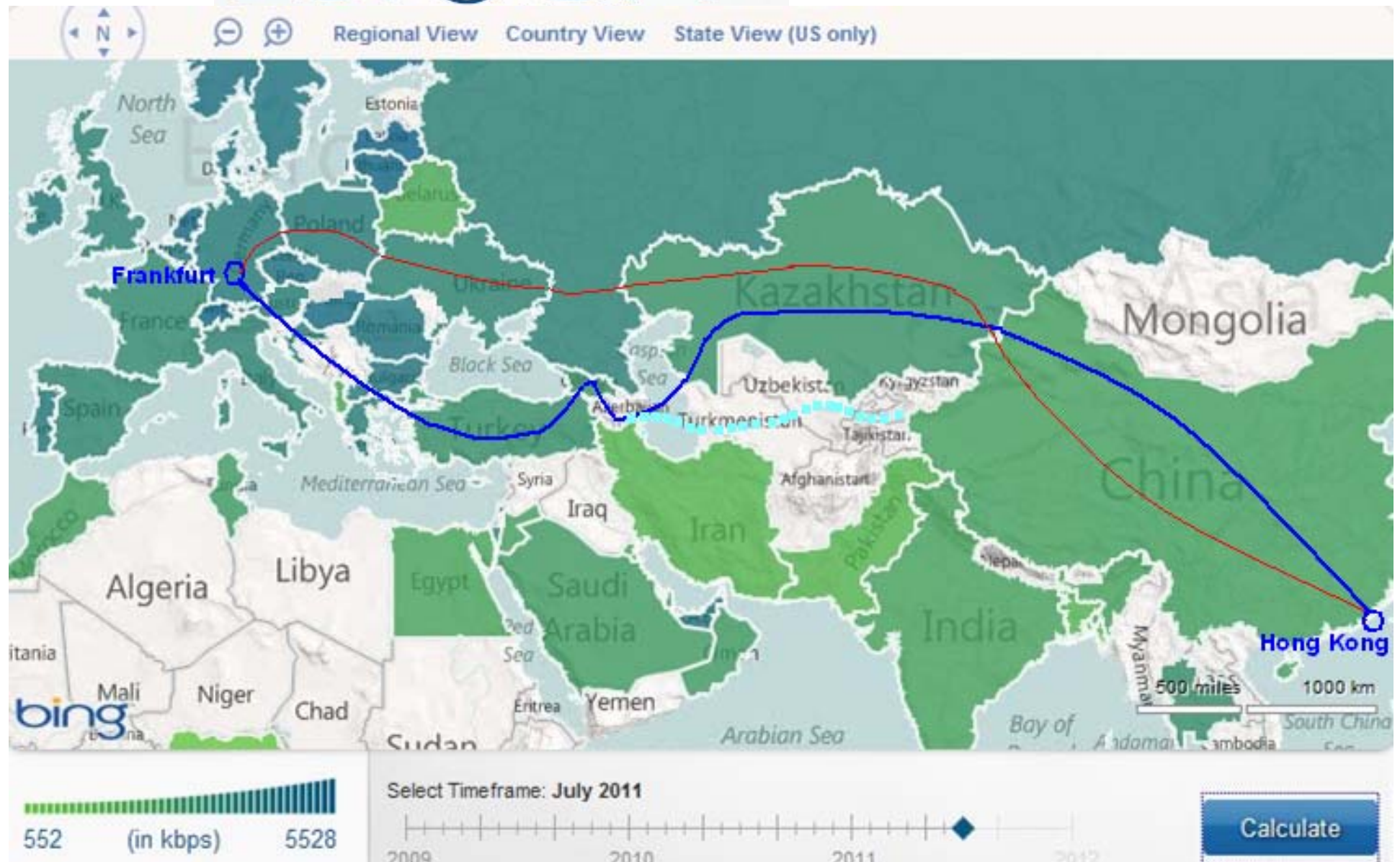
# Eurasian “digital divides” Booz & Company



# What is TASIM?

**Trans-Eurasian Information Super Highway** is a major trans-regional initiative aimed at improving connectivity in Eurasia and establishing new fiber-optic telecommunications transit routes between Frankfurt in Europe and Shanghai and Hong Kong in Asia.

# Eur@CA



# Uniqueness

1<sup>st</sup> of this kind world-wide in terms of:

- @ New major terrestrial route connecting Asia and Europe;
- @ Geographic scope – about 11k;
- @ High social and development impacts for each participating country and globally.



# TASIM Resiliency

- @ Ring topology is planned, despite initial business focus on transit model;
- @ In Central Asia regions, there are future network expansion plans based on mesh topology;
- @ TASIM will improve global resiliency by offering a terrestrial-only alternative to major submarine routes connecting Asia and Europe via North America;



# Major Benefits

regional and global connectivity;  
ersification;  
disaster resiliency;  
igital divide and contribution to MDGs;  
cy, an important for finance and ICT  
on to regional innovation and  
ion.