## INTEGRATION IN SOUTH AMERICA

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## ABSTRACT

The aim of the launch is to attempt a preliminary response to a complex matter such as the regional networks integration for an efficient intermodal transport is.

With this objective are reviewed, in first place, the challenges that countries have to face in the globalization process and how they need to improve their competitive advantages to reach a better international positioning, by the time they internalize the concept that the regional integration and the insertion in the globalized world are two important and complementary points to the development of their economies. As a complement, it is highlight that, as part of the mentioned process, countries tend to adopt integration diagrams, particularly on territorial integration to reach the development of efficient and integrated transport networks, which are essential to get the competitive wished advantages.

On the following, the experience carried out in South America on the first decade of the XXI century is presented, where, in the framework of a regional integration initiative, has been developed a territorial planification process with the priority objective of identifying and setting up the necessary infrastructure for integration.

Finally, an evaluation of the Proyect Portfolio is carried out, as the result of the mentioned work.

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