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# Balıkesir is the New Favorite for Investments with Developing Transportation Network

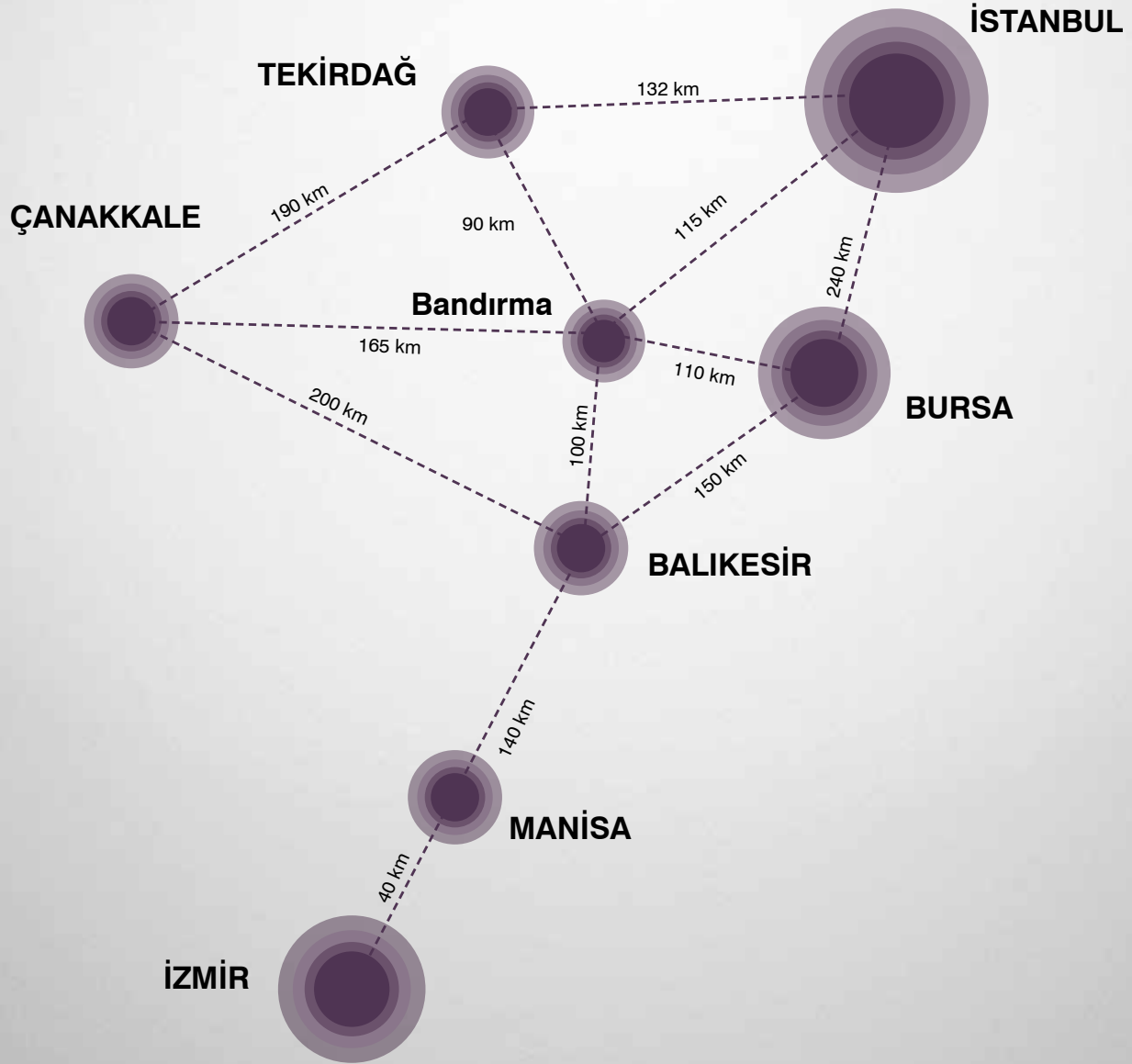
On the junction of East-West and North-South connection roads, Balıkesir is a candidate for being the logistics center of Turkey.

Recent highways and ongoing highway investments, projected railroad and port projects are making Balıkesir the door of Turkey to the world.

These projects will make Balıkesir a bridge between metropoles and other provinces, as well as contributing to inter-province commercial activities.

# Balıkesir on the Road to Become a Logistics Base

Geographic location of Balıkesir and its close proximity to centers such as İstanbul, Bursa, İzmir increases the growth potential of the province. Being an alternative region in industry sector moves Balıkesir rapidly into becoming a logistics base.



# Connection Roads to Neighboring Provinces

Social, economic and logistics relations between provinces have been improved by increasing the length of the total divided roads connecting Balıkesir to neighboring provinces.

Divided road construction works on the 220 km-highway connecting Balıkesir to Çanakkale has been completed and the road has been commissioned.

Transportation infrastructure of 225 km Kütahya – Balıkesir divided road has been improved.

Furthermore, transportation to Bursa, İzmir and Manisa provinces that are neighboring Balıkesir is provided with divided roads.

**► Balıkesir-İstanbul Transportation**

İstanbul - Balıkesir transportation is done via land, air and sea. The road between Balıkesir and İstanbul is 200 km.

İstanbul is accessible through ferry and sea bus from Bandırma and via air from Edremit.

With Gebze-Orhangazi-İzmir Highway Project (also known as İstanbul - İzmir Highway) which will provide rapid transportation between Marmara and Aegean Regions, transportation time between İstanbul - Balıkesir and Balıkesir - İzmir will shorten considerably.

# Connection Roads to Neighboring Provinces

**► Balıkesir-İzmir Transportation Network**

Transportation from Balıkesir to İzmir is done via land and railway.
The distance between Balıkesir and İzmir is 180 km.

Gebze-Orhangazi-İzmir Highway Project which will improve transportation network between two provinces is rapidly progressing.

Bandırma-İzmir high speed train project which will provide fast passenger and cargo transport between Balıkesir-İzmir is planned to come alive in the near future. Currently 225 km uninterrupted railroad infrastructure, which also connects to Bandırma, serves between Balıkesir and İzmir.

**► Balıkesir-Bursa Transportation Network**

The distance between Bursa and Balıkesir is 150 km and all of the road infrastructure is divided highway. The transportation between those two cities will be relieved further after the completion of Gebze-Orhangazi-İzmir highway construction.

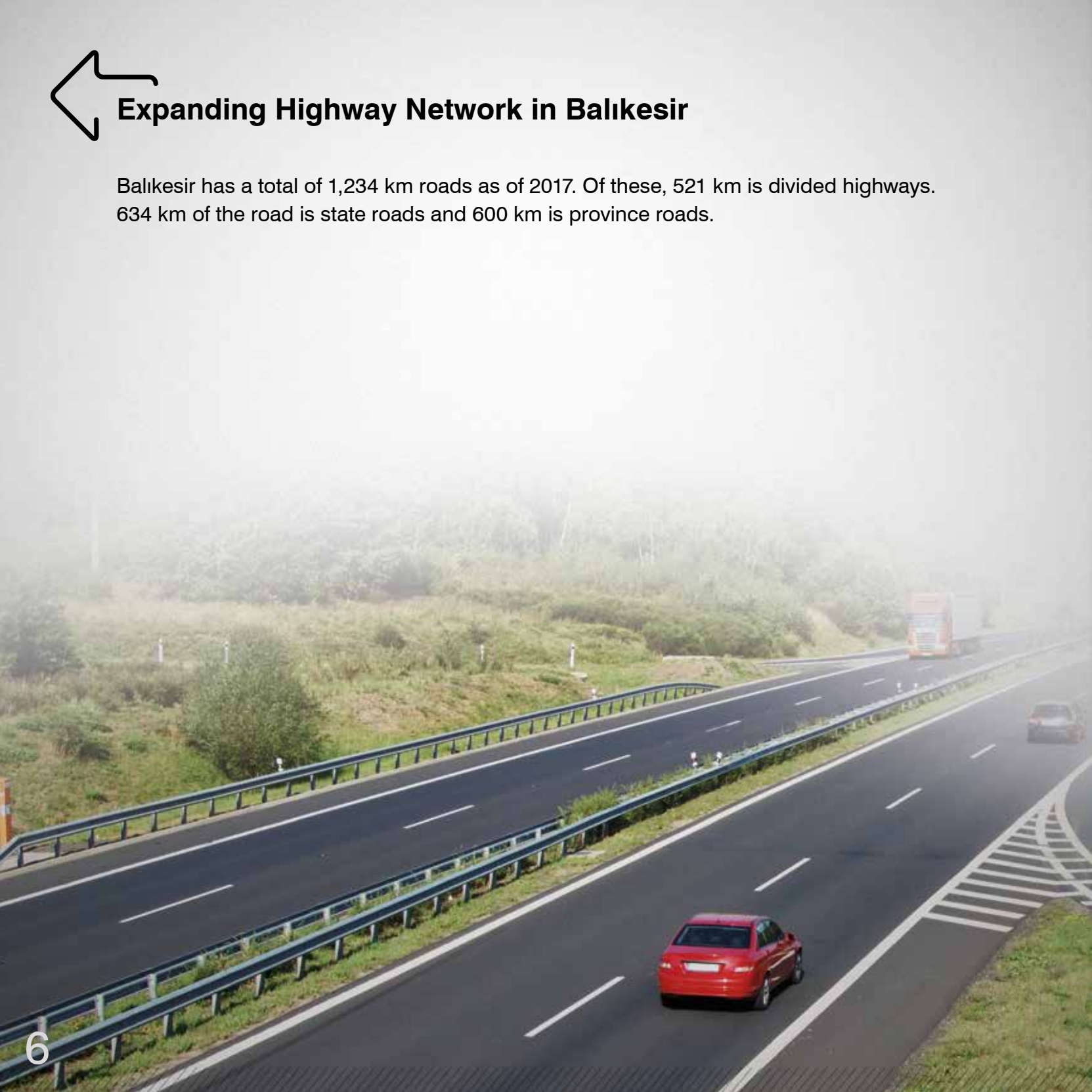
**► Balıkesir-Manisa Transportation Network**

The distance between Balıkesir-Manisa is 140 km and transportation is done via highways and railroads.

The whole highway connecting the provinces is divided road. Furthermore, 275 km Bandırma-Balıkesir-Manisa railroad also serves passenger and cargo transport between two provinces.

# Expanding Highway Network in Balıkesir

Balıkesir has a total of 1,234 km roads as of 2017. Of these, 521 km is divided highways. 634 km of the road is state roads and 600 km is province roads.



# DIVIDED HIGHWAYS

# Transportation Infrastructure Works in Balıkesir are in Progress

Existence of raw materials that can be used in many sectors, advanced transportation network and accompanying commercial developments have increased investments in Balıkesir.

Transportation projects that will ensure faster access to metropolitan cities advance rapidly.

## ► Gebze-Orhangazi-İzmir Highway

The mega project comprising of 433 km of advanced infrastructure, includes 384 km of highways and 49 km of connection roads. The project that will accelerate transportation between Marmara and Aegean Regions is run by a Build-Operate-Transfer project.

With Balıkesir located in the very center, the project will enable access from İstanbul to İzmir in 3.5 hours with Osmangazi Bridge. With the completion of the project İstanbul-Balıkesir and İzmir Balıkesir roads will be 2 hours and 1.5 hours, respectively.

Osmangazi Bridge in the project is the 4th bridge with largest central span in the world with a central span of 1,500 meters and 2.7 km of length and it is operational since July 2016.

## ► Kınalı–Tekirdağ–Çanakkale–Balıkesir Highway

Build with Build-Operate-Transfer project, the highway will create routes alternative to Bosphorus crossing to enable transportation between Aegean and Inner Anatolia Regions to Thrace and Europe.

1915 Çanakkale Bridge that will connect Gelibolu to Lapseki with its 3,869 meters length is the most important connection road in the project. With 2,023 m central span, 1915 Çanakkale Bridge will have the largest central span in the world among the bridges bearing a railroad passage.

Integration of Kınalı-Tekirdağ-Çanakkale-Balıkesir highway to Gebze-Orhangazi-İzmir highway in Balıkesir will reduce the transportation duration from the cities such as İzmir, Aydın, Antalya to European countries and this will lead to a dramatic boost for tourism and related sectors in the region.

# Railroad Network Improving

Balıkesir is in the center of connection of railroad lines. Railroad network of the province starts from Bandırma Station to Soma-Manisa-İzmir in north-south axis and leaves Balıkesir Station in the east to reach Eskişehir-Ankara and Afyon-Konya provinces.

There is a 338 km of railway infrastructure in Balıkesir connecting İzmir and Ankara to each other. This railway has the capacity for 500,000 passengers and 1,200,000 tonnes of cargo per year. Railroad network is used for transporting coal, military cargo, boracite and ceramic.

With the acceleration in railroad investments in the recent years, construction of new roads, improvement on existing rails, commissioning high speed train projects, signalization and electrification works have increased.

## ► Bandırma-İzmir High Speed Train Project

Via the planned Bandırma-İzmir high speed train project, Balıkesir will further connect to Europe with all its regions. Moreover, with the also planned Bursa railroad which will connect to this railroad line, regional economy will be boosted. The line will carry passengers and cargo.

## ► Bandırma-Bursa-Bilecik High Speed Train Project

Via the planned Bandırma-Bursa-Bilecik high speed train project, transportation betwen Ankara, İzmir, İstanbul and Bursa will be considerably developed and travel times will reduce. The line infrastructure will support a speed of 250 kmh.

# Railroad Network Improving

## ► Bandırma-Çanakkale-Tekirdağ Railroad Project

The railroad project connecting Bandırma directly to Çanakkale, will serve both passenger and cargo transport. Railroad line will start from Bandırma and will reach Biga, Karabiga and Çanakkale after passing through Bandırma OIZ and Gönen OIZ.

## ► Bay Light Rail System Project

With this project planned between Altınova and Küçükkuyu, a comfortable and rapid transportation will be provided at Bay Line. The line will connect all of the touristic site along the way, further developing tourism sector in the region.

# Railroad Network Improving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- BANDIRMA-BURSA-BİLECİK HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT
- BANDIRMA-İZMİR HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT
- BANDIRMA-ÇANAKKALE-TEKİRDAĞ RAILROAD PROJECT
- BAY LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM PROJECT
- BALIKESİR-KÜTAHYA RAILROAD PROJECT
- GÖKKÖY LOGISTICS CENTER
- GRAND ANATOLIA LOGISTIC ORGANIZATIONS TRAIN CAR FERRY LINE

# Transport Base Gökköy Logistics Center

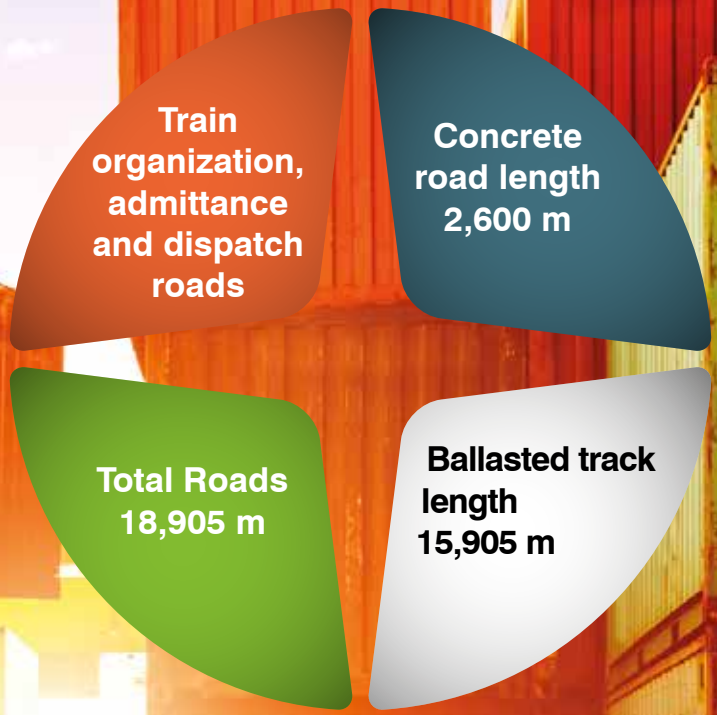
Gökköy Logistics Center is one of the most important transportation base in Aegean and Marmara Regions. The center is adjacent to Balıkesir Organized Industrial Zone.

Logistics Center will be an important location in railroad cargo transport. Produced commodities will be sent to Bandırma and İzmir ports in containers.

- **Bandırma Port 110 Km**
- **İzmir Port 230 Km**
- **Total Roads 18,905 m**

- 211,000 m² of Logistics Area
- Loading, unloading, transfer and storage areas

# Grand Anatolia Logistics Organizations Project (BALO)




Loads taken from load collection centers in Middle and Western Anatolia, such as Gökköy Logistics Center, will reach load collection center in Bandırma, which is a crossroads, with block trains; then will reach Tekirdağ with train ferries and connect to the international railroad network and reach Europe through linking road newly built between Tekirdağ and Muratlı.

**Block trains leaving Kapıkule border gate will reach logistics centers in Wien, Nürnberg, Stuttgart, Köln and Lyon.**

# Air Transport

## Koca Seyit Airport

Built in 1997, Koca Seyit Airport enables transportation from metropoles such as Ankara and İstanbul to every location in Balıkesir.

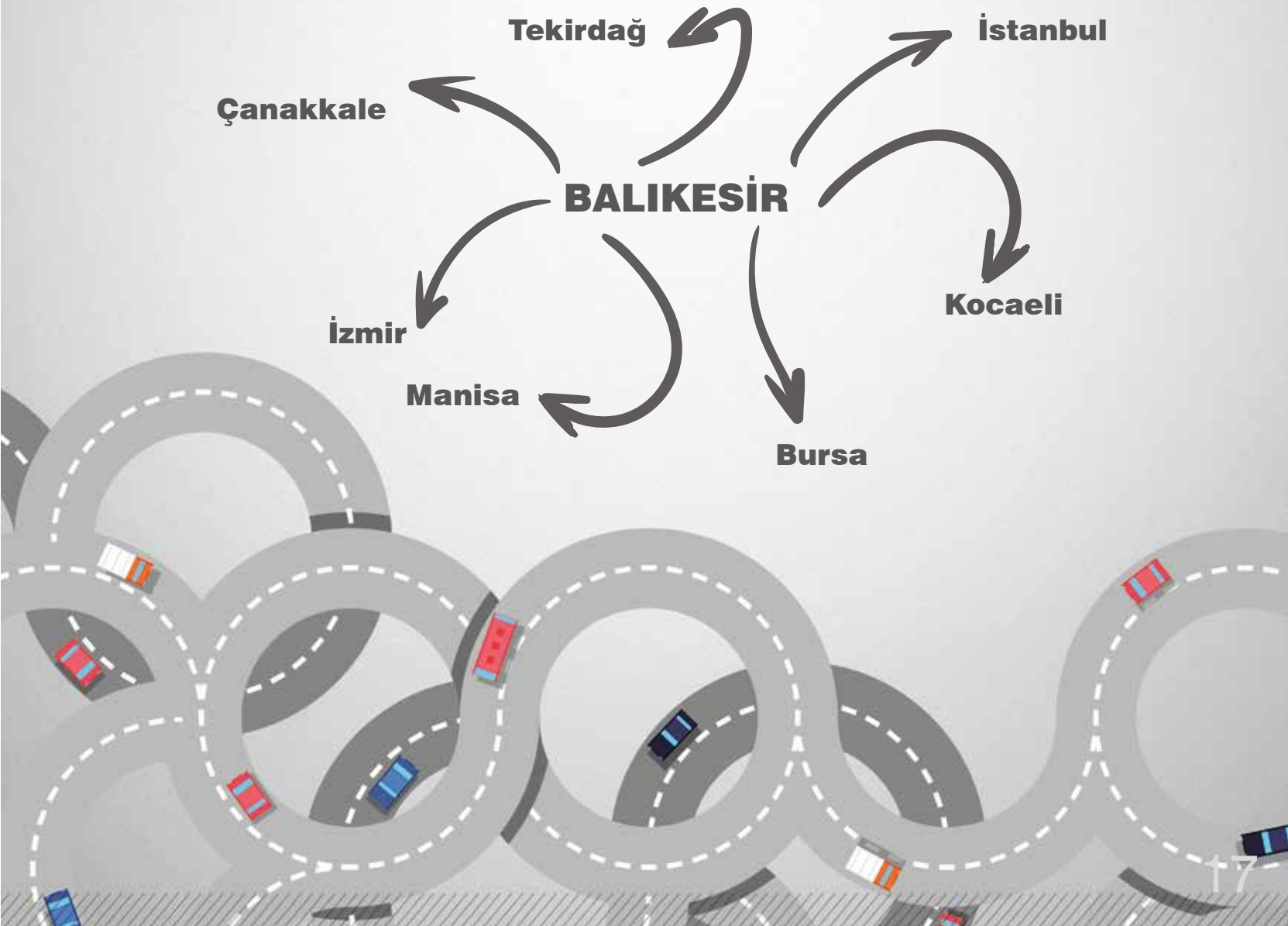
- **23,600 m² Terminal**
- **2 Aprons with capacity of 6 planes**
- **Quick service with 22 Counters**
- **Over 22,000 Flights with 120 International Flights**
- **Over 440,000 Passengers in Domestic and International Flights**
- **Accessible and Green Airport Certified**

## Balıkesir Central Airport

Opened in 1998, Balıkesir Central Airport is used in domestic flights.
The airport serves in civil and military aviation.

# 4-Hour Transportation Ring

The “4-Hour Transportation Ring”, which will make Balıkesir a Logistics center, will enable traveling around the Marmara Sea in 4 hours; integrate with new transportation projects and together with the BALO project, will facilitate Balıkesir’s open up to Europe.

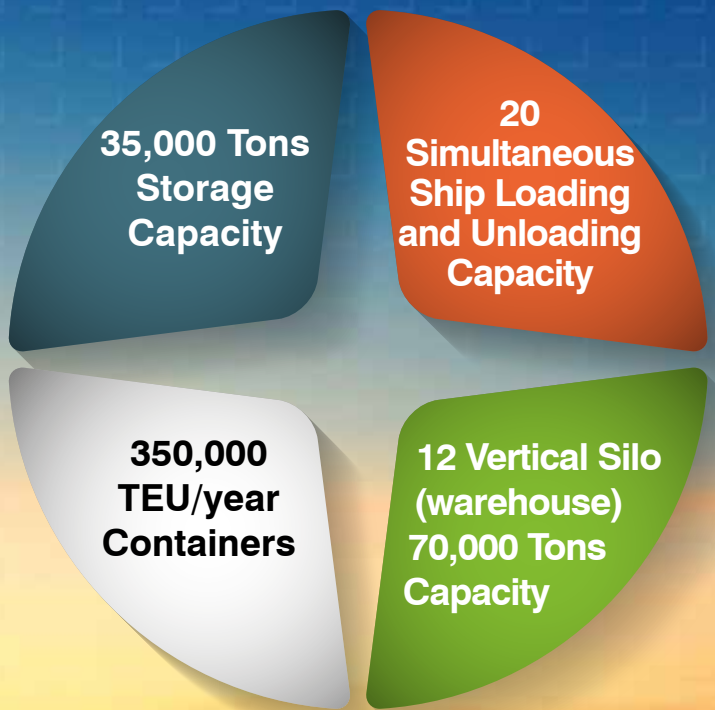


# Balıkesir
# Sea Transport

Connections to Southern Marmara and Aegean regions and the close proximity to commercial activity base İstanbul makes Balıkesir Bandırma Port an important vessel in cargo transportation.

Bandırma Port has the longest pier in the region and is one of the largest bulk cargo ports of Turkey.

Bandırma Port is a port that can handle 350,000 TEU cargo with its location and railroad network accessing the whole country.



# Balıkesir Sea Transport

## Bandırma Port has;

**20 docks with** total of **2,973** meters length and the depths varying between **6 to 11.5** meters

Container, bulk cargo, general load, **project load transport**

Service to **Ro-Ro** vessels

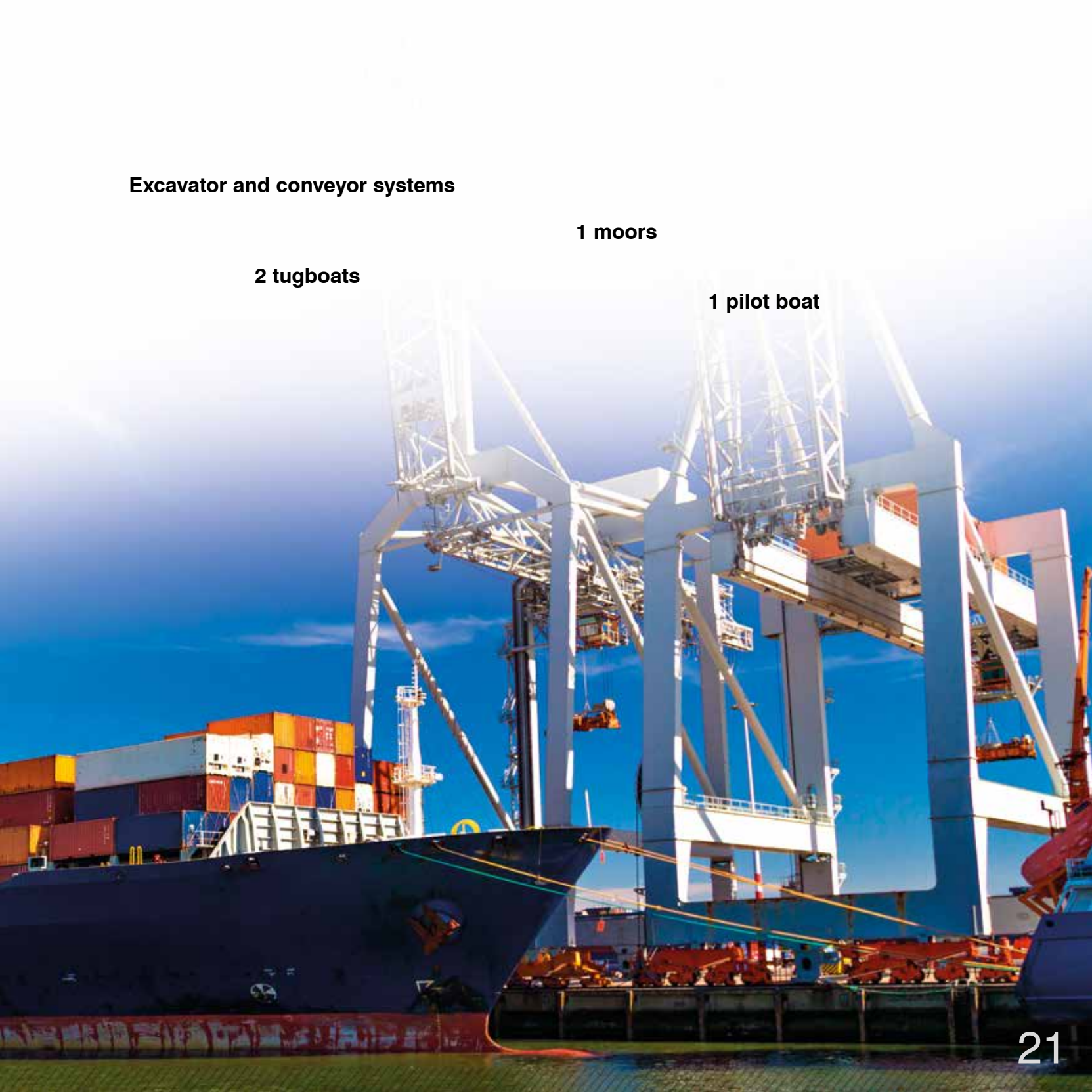
High-tech **mobile cranes**

**Excavator and conveyor systems**

**1 moors**

**2 tugboats**

**1 pilot boat**

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