Creation of tourism centers by benefitting from restoring and organizing railway’s closed and abandoned stations and buildings
Problem Statement

- Old age of railway industry
- Vast interaction between the railways and its surrounding areas
- The influence of developments and commercial purposes
- Many buildings and stations lose their previous activities
Different Types of Abandoned Buildings in Stations

- Repair and Maintenance Locomotives Industrial Sheds
- Luggage Warehouses
- Residential Houses
- Office Buildings
- Facilities Buildings
- Stations Buildings
Case Study: Trans-Iranian Railway

- 90 Years old with 1394 KM Length
- Nominated on national Iranian heritage list and candidate for UNESCO heritage list
- Passing Through 8 Different Climates
- Diverse Ethnicity and Culture of People
- Various Natural Landscapes
- Historic Cultural Heritages
Potentials of Recreational Activities in TIR

Trans-Iranian railway has a good potential to establish eco-tourism residences and centers by benefitting from its closed or abandoned buildings.
• 90 Stations with 14 Types of Architecture

• More than 200 Abandoned Dependent Buildings
Different Activities for Restoring and Renovating Abandoned and Closed Buildings at Stations in TIR
1. Some Operated Works for Restoring and Renovating Buildings in TIR

Shirgah Accommodation
Andimeshk Museum
Arak Traditional Restaurant
Veresk Accommodation
2. Studies for Identification and Documentation of Station buildings

Proposed Application for This Building:
Restaurant-Café

Luggage Warehouses of Sari Station
3. Example of university students studies for buildings at Susa, Sabz-Ab and Haft-Tappeh Stations with respect to their historic value

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Results

- **Great opportunities for investment** because of vast interaction of railways and its talented surrounding areas

- **Usage of an existing hidden wealth** in closed and abandoned buildings of railways (more than 70 percent of total cost of construction)

- **Great opportunities for tourist attraction in all seasons** due to diversity of climates and ethnicity in the long route of railway is a of the year

- **Boosting cities and villages and creating job opportunities** in a large area of country by attracting tourists

- **Increasing the portion of railways** in benefitting from tourism industry
Call for Action:

• **Integrating of different activities** for renovating abandoned buildings and stations with emphasis on attracting tourism in the railway

• **Formulating a master plan** for different part of railways route containing tourist attractions and opportunities of investment

• **Attracting and incentivizing creative university students** for creation of different renovating designs and touristic complexes

• **Presenting investors the unknown attractions** around the railways route
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