

Report of Montenegro for 18th SEETO RWWG

On the 21th June 2012, Government adopted the new Railway law, which is now in parliamentary procedure. News in the Act are: the obligation to draft a five-year national program of railway infrastructure, the introduction of obligations on public transport operators for PSO engaged in transportation of passengers, an extension of jurisdiction the Directorate of Railways of the PSO, the monitoring of the market of transport services and the monitoring of railway companies. Draft agreement for the PSO is prepared by consultants, and after the adoption the Railway law by Parliament, it will be defined by Government.

On the 10th October 2012 year, the draft law on railway safety and interoperability was published on public debate, which will last until 19th November 2012. years. It is expected to be adopted by the Government in the first quarter of 2013. year. The new law will be elaborated interoperability for the first time, then the news of the security relating to the production and placing on the SMS function, CSM, CSI, then the licensing of train drivers and traffic staff, detailed solution to the body for investigation of accidents and etc.

In March 2012, it was signed a contract with consultant "Egis International" in order to prepare the privatization tenders for: freight operator Montecargo AD Podgorica; maintenance of railway infrastructure and railway station and the land, which will be extracted from the Company Railway Infrastructure of Montenegro AD – Podgorica. This is the last stage restructuring of the railway system in Montenegro.

Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania on the border dispatching for Rail Transport was signed on 3th August 2012. Proposal Law on Ratification of the Agreement is forwarded to the Government and is expected to be established by the end of the week. According the national legislation, adopted Proposal Law will be submitted to the Parliament, after that we will send Diplomatic note to the Republic of Albania. After receiving last Diplomatic note, Agreement will enter into force.

About technical assistance to the Directorate of Railways, it is currently in the second phase, which refers to the development of a five-year business plan for the Directorate, taking into account all the obligations that the state agency has to fulfill in the future by adopting new laws and regulations, and in accordance with the European legislation.

On the 24th September 2012, Infrastructure Manager and Institute of Civil Engineering, signed the Contract on the Study and Conceptual solutions reasonable railway Pljevlja, Bijelo Polje (Ravna rijeka)-Berane-Kosovo*¹ border. According to a signed contract, full documentation will be completed within 10 months from the date of signing the contract. The study will show the common point of railway line on the border with Kosovo.

¹ *"*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence*"

Works on on the Project of repair and electrification of the railway line Niksic-Podgorica were completed, so that line was launched in the 1st October 2012. year. But, trains still dont have design speed, becouse, some rail crossing are not regulated. This problem is expected to be solved by the and of the year, after that trains will have new timetable, as well as designed speed.

The rehabilitation of the tunnel Ostrvica (1400m), financed by the EBRD loan for Bar-Vrbnica, has done. Works on the electrification of the VI and VII tracks in the station Bijelo Polje are in last phase, in order to be achieved removed bottlenecks on the railway infrastructure as wel as easier receipt of a number of trains.

Current investment works on the railway infrastructure:

- election of contractors for the Project documentation for reconstruction 16 steel bridges on the line Border with Serbia-Bar;
- remont of part Mijatovo kolo-Mojkovac (IPA 10) (line Bar-Vrbnica);
- Through IPA Component III, there are nominated projects of rehabilitation of 12 slopes on part Trebešica-Bioče (Bar-Vrbnica line), as well as **electric traction substation** (EVP) Trebešica. It is expected that the tender for the preparation of project documentation for EVP Trebešica to the level of readiness for use FIDIC yellow books to be published by the end of 2012.
- EBRD III transh remont of part Kolašin – Kos (12,8km) and project documentation for 5 tunnels, works expect to start in middle of next year.