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Memorandum of Understanding On a core transport network

Steering Committee

Ad-hoc Working Group Railways and Intermodality

1st Interim Report

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Mandate of February 2006

- 1. Inventory of rail reform**
- 2. Reviewing participants' strategies as regards**
 - **Open access to infrastructure**
 - **Network Statements**
 - **Institutional settings**
 - **Intermodality**
- 3. Cross border rules**
- 4. Recommendations for integration**



Organisation of the work

- 4 meetings: 23/06/2006, 21/09/2006, 25/01/2007 and 25/04/2007
- Participation:
 - All MoU signatories participating
 - All neighbouring countries are invited as observers, most of them participate (HU, AT, SI, EL, RO, BU)
 - External experts presenting according to topic of the meeting
- Round table to update on rail reform
- SEETO secretariat: discussion fora, web site





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Coordination with parallel activities

Arge corridor X

**Exchange with railway working parties of
UN ECE and ECMT**

Regional Railway working group of CER

Railnet Europe (Vienna)

**New: EU corridor implementation projects CREAM,
RETRACK, TAF-TSI - SEDP**





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Progress of Work

- **Standing topic: update on national rail reform, coordination on parallel activities, preparation of interim report**
- **Synchronised action of regional infrastructure managers on network statement - to be ready by 2008**
- **Country focus**
- **3 to 5 presentations per meeting**





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Thematic Sessions

- **1st meeting: mandate and scope, approach, telematics applications for freight, customs**
- **2nd meeting: network statements, legal institutions**
- **3rd meeting: track access charges, border crossing**
- **4th meeting: infrastructure charges, technical assistance**





Interim Report: Conclusions from the review -1

Independence and competence of rail authorities not yet there – established inside ministries

2006 Ministerial declaration: Network Statements based on RNE format

**Advance notice and tracking and tracing:
Implementation of IT systems in conformity with
With TSI on telematics applications for freight**

New Customs Transit System (NCTS)





Interim Report: Conclusions from the review -2

Separation of accounts and cost accounting, only partly realised

Common Network Statements: action started

Historic debts remain a major burden, only HR divested

Compensation for infrastructure and passenger services insufficient or non-existent



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Interim Report: Conclusions from the review - 3

Financial stability not yet achieved

No competition on the track, most monopolies

Business plans exist, but are not consistent along corridors





Recommended measures - 1

Independent and efficient railway authorities

Network Statements based on RNE format

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Recommended measures - 2

Border procedures: Quality circles, mutual trust

New Customs Transit System (NCTS); candidate countries associate, others seek compatible procedures

Border agreements: conclude/revise acc. to best practice

Cooperation along corridors of IMs and RUs.



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Recommended measures - 3

Working Group as an advisory platform

Addendum on railway area

Road map for rail market opening

Land transport treaty





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Opinion of Steering Committee

Interim report on public web site

Continue under the present mandate: Updating recommendations and progress reports

Exchange information on technical assistance projects

