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South East Europe Rail Reform Progress



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Background

- In 2006, SEETO Steering Committee established an expert Working Group on Railway and Inter-modal policy
- On December 4th, 2007 the Addendum of the MoU regarding the South East Europe Railway Transport Area was signed at the Third Annual Ministerial Meeting
- On December 4th, 2008 the Time table for the implementation of Addendum was adopted on 4th Annual Ministerial Meeting
- In 2009, under the umbrella of SEETO, regional Railway reform project was carried out

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Purpose

- Main purpose is to give an overview of the implemented reforms, in regard to the Addendum to the MoU and to provide support and assistance to Regional Participants in further planning of the reforms

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Progress in the implementation of the Addendum

- Institution building
- Separation, management independence and market orientation
- Fair infrastructure access, safety and interoperability
- Financial Stability
- Border crossing
- Social dimension and social dialogue

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Institution building

- Establishment of effective regulatory institutions for the rail sector:
 - railway licensing bodies responsible for issuing licences to railway undertakings;
 - regulatory bodies in charge of allocating railway infrastructure capacity and levying charges for the use of railway infrastructure, and of safety certification;
 - safety authorities
 - incident and accident investigation bodies

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Separation, management independence and market orientation

- Restructuring of railways into more commercially oriented companies
- Separation of transport services and infrastructure management
- Financial documents kept and published separately

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Fair infrastructure access, safety and interoperability

- Clear and transparent conditions for access to the rail infrastructure
- Maintain and further develop the existing high level of interoperability,
- Support rail safety by setting up safety targets and safety management system

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Financial Stability

- Placing railways on financially viable basis
- Introduction of annual and multi-annual contracts between the public authority and the Infrastructure Manger
- Public Service Obligation Contracts for compensation of passenger services

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Border crossing

- Reduction of excessive border crossing waiting times and facilitation of movement of passengers and goods
- Aligning bilateral border crossing agreements with EU legislation
- Introduction of joint border station, zone, passenger control on moving trains

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Rail reform projects in the region

- To provide insight in the various rail reform projects and studies done in the Regional Participants
- Full utilization of infrastructure investments and improvement of the overall transport system

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Identification of focal points in the rail reform process which need to be further addressed

- Analyses and elaboration of the main issues in the implementation of Addendum and give possible directions for further actions
- The proposals for further actions will be elaborated after consultations with the RWWG group
- Proposals will be based on recommendations and conclusions of the previous RWWG meetings and SEE Rail Reform Progress - report



Thank you for your attention !

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