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# **Memorandum of Understanding On a core transport network**

## **Steering Committee**

### **Ad-hoc Working Group Railways and Intermodality**

#### **Progress 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

- WG met 23 June 2006 and 21 September 2006
- All signatories participating
- All neighbouring countries are invited as observers, most of them participate (HU, AT, SI, EL, RO, BU)
- External experts participating according to topic of the meeting
- Many participants are railway employees - role of the states?
- Round table to update on rail reform
- SEETO secretariat putting national railway law on their web site





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## Coordination with parallel activities

**Presentation from Arge corridor X**

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

**Exchange with corridor X MoU (Korfu, June 2006)**

**Regional Railway working group of CER**

**Railnet Europe (Vienna)**





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## Progress of Work

- **Standing topic: update on rail reform, coordination on parallel activities**
- **Questionnaire survey - and text to be discussed at next meeting**
- **Synchronised action of regional infrastructure managers on network statement - to be ready by 2008**
- **Technical Specification of Interoperability: Telematic Applications for freight**





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## Thematic Sessions

- **1<sup>st</sup> meeting: mandate and scope, approach, telematics applications for freight, customs**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: network statements, legal institutions**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: track access charges, border crossing**





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## **Recommended measures (provisional)**

**Independent and efficient railway authorities**

**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)**

