

Steering Committee for the Development of the South East Europe Regional Core Transport Network

9th Meeting

November 14th, 2006

Zagreb, Croatia

Present:

Members (Voting)

- **Izet M. Bajrambašić** Assistant Minister, Ministry of Communications and Transport Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Chairman**
- **Mate Jurišić**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development, Croatia, **Deputy Chairman**
- **Angelina Živković**, Advisor to Minister, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport, Montenegro
- **Miodrag Jocić**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Capital Investments, Serbia
- **Florim Grajevci**, Political Adviser, Ministry of Transport and Communications, UNMIK/Kosovo
- **Francois Begeot**, Policy Officer, EC DGTREN **Deputy Co Chairman**

Deputy Members (Non Voting)

- **Nikola Šego**, Secretary General, Ministry of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mate Gjorgjievski**, Head of Unit, Secretariat for European Affairs, Macedonia
- **Amna Redžepagić**, Advisor for European Integration, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport, Montenegro
- **Jozef Zuallaert**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Transport & Telecommunications, UNMIK/Kosovo

Apologies for absence from

- **Osman Metalla**, Director, Directorate of Maritime Transport Policies, Albania
- **Natasa Mikus**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of European Integration, Croatia
- **Svetlana Gligorovska**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Macedonia
- **Gordana Lazarević**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of International Economic Relations, Serbia
- **Edgar Thielmann**, EC DGTREN, **Co-Chairman**

SEETO Team and Advisor to the Steering Committee

- **Slavjanka Petruševa**, SEETO General Manager
- **Douglas Rasbash**, SEETO Project Manager
- **Goran Kecman**, Planning Manager
- **Andrija Gencel**, IT Manager
- **Jordana Fićović**, Administrative Assistant

Guests and Observers

- **Kujtim Hashorva**, Director of Road Transport Policy Department, Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunications, Albania
- **Vjeran Basic**, Directorate for the Coordination of Assistant Programs and Cooperation with EU, Ministry of European Integration, Croatia
- **Danijel Krakic**, **Senior Advisor**, Ministry of Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development, Croatia
- **Joaquim Rodon Blas**, Team Leader, Safege IRD, Montenegro
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Opening by the Chairman

As 7th SC Minutes were changed according to Macedonian proposal from previous SC Meeting, Chairman signed them.

- Approval of the minutes of SC8 – comment was that Minutes were distributed too late

Conclusion: Comments on Minutes of the 8th SC will exchange by email and Minutes will be signed on the 10th SC

- Approval of the agenda – Mrs. Petrusseva explained to SC Members that London SEE Infrastructure conference is cancelled for now because of insufficient number of applicants. We will move rescheduled for the next year. Because of that we will exclude SEE Infrastructure Conference from the Agenda

Conclusion: Agenda is adopted without item 4 – SEE Infrastructure Conference

Mr. Begeot apologizes for Mr. Thielmann not being present, but stressed his engagement in preparing 2nd AMM and explained importance of the 2nd AMM and presence of each minister.

The Multi Annual Plan 2007-2011

Chairman opened this item of the Agenda stressing that MAP 2007-2011 is much better than previous one and that can be presented in front of ISG.

- Discussion on document - Tour of table

Discussion rose following comments:

- Albania – looking for changes in the next MAP - Agreed
- Bosnia and Herzegovina – stressed that MAP 2007-2011 is much better than previous one, they fully support it , but still have some remarks:
 - Terminology for short/mid/long term projects - Agreed
 - Instead of table 4-5 to have one single table with minimized description, which is agreed – Agreed
- Croatia didn't have any comments except that MAP 2007-2011 is good document
- Macedonia distributed comments in advance and they are included in material for 8th SC Meeting. Secretariat prepare letter for Macedonian Minister, signed by Mr. Bajrambasic.
- Montenegro stressed support for MAP 2007-2011 as it is with two remarks:
 - Page 10, Table 2-1, Route 4 – Misici to be changed into Bar - Agreed
 - Changes on Core Network for the next MAP -Agreed
- Serbia – stressed very good quality and variety of MAP 2007-2011 and good progress of SEETO and distributed some remarks:
 - Text to be changed in chapters 2.3.3, 2.3.4, 2.8, 3.3 and 5.1 according to distributed remarks – Agreed
 - Chapter 4.4.2, table 4-5 to be revised – Agreed
 - Chapter 4 – name Kosovo/UNMIK to be stated as UNMIK/Kosovo – Agreed
- UNMIK/Kosovo will submit all remarks in written:
 - Project description is not good and has to be improved – Agreed
 - Routes to be described separately, one by one – Agreed
 - Table 4-5, item 12, column 8 to be changed before AMM – Agreed
 - To include feasibility study which will be sent in written
- EC stated that in general MAP 2007-2011 is showing good progress of the Secretariat. As the document is based on submitted information beneficiaries should consider that and submit the best information. Remarks are following:
 - Revision of table 4-5
 - Chapter 4.5.3. is not based on submitted information but on personal opinion. Text is not proper and should be less descriptive and more technical. To avoid this, each beneficiary should submit own projects description in very short time
 - Introduction to be shorter, targeted and more clear
 - Page 1, Paragraph 4 to be deleted

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- Page 54, point 3.4 to be deleted
- Wording in general
- Chapter 4 to be shorter
- There has to be project priority list, with terminology priority projects, not investment projects. This list need to have projects of regional importance
- Project description to be changed
- Description of project prioritisation to be more clear
- Explanation how new projects will be included
- Table 4-3 and 4-4 are not clear
- Chapter 4.6 to be more clear and convincing
- Chapter 4.7.4. to be deleted
- Chapter 4.7.5. – idea is extremely good, should be promoted
- Chapter 5 is very good

In regards to changes in terminology, Mr. Begeot stressed that Mr. Rasbash, as native English speaker, should make corrections.

After discussion checking maps attached to the MoU, it is confirmed that Sava River is included in Core Network and SEETO is going to modify database accordingly. Maps will be attached to the Minutes of the 9th SC Meeting.
Agreed

- Approval of the MAP 2007-11 – After discussion MAP was approved

Conclusion: MAP 2007-2011 is approved and will be prepared for ISG and Annual Meeting of Ministers

- Modification of the SEE Transport Core Network – Chairman stressed that we have to be very careful in changing Core Network and asked Mr. Begeot to explain the procedure. Mr. Begeot stated that this issue will be discussed on the 10th SC Meeting in Brussels and the guideline of methodology for change approval will be presented. Chairman asked to see in advance draft document on criteria and methodology of changes, which it should be prepared for adoption on the 10th SC Meeting. He also proposed SEETO Secretariat and Mr. Begeot to prepare this document for the next meeting. This procedure was agreed.

Conclusion: EC and SEETO will prepare draft document on criteria and methodology of changing SEE Transport Core Network, submit it to the Chairman in advance in order to prepare it for adoption on the 10th SC Meeting.

Second Annual Ministry Meeting

During the afternoon session of the 9th SC Meeting, Mr. Jurisic, Deputy Chairmen, chaired the Meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

- Presentation of the Agenda and the Programme – EC presented Draft Programme and the Agenda of the 2nd AMM as well as speakers. There were some questions raised:
 - Macedonian signature because of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 - UNMIK/Kosovo signatory
 - Translation – proposal was to have translation on French, English, Albanian, Macedonian and Serbian which was not approved by Croatian because of Croatian language. Also Montenegro stressed that they will check if their minister could agree on this. After short consultation there was confirmation for Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian, but not for Montenegro.

Conclusion: EC will provide following translation– French, English, Albanian, Macedonian, Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian and for Montenegro there will be Serbian translator with Montenegro title.

EC was interested if minister's speech could be delivered in advance because of translators.

Montenegro asked for a change in the Programme because Minister Lompar is not acting minister anymore, but pointed as Minister.

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- Adoption of the Ministerial Resolution 2006 – After short discussion following comments were raised:
 - Croatia – Article 2 and 12 should have more appropriate expressions and wording
 - Montenegro
 - Article 11 to be deleted – Agreed;
 - Article 13 to be changed – part of the sentence “and endorse assistance” will be deleted and authorise will become ask – Agreed
 - Article 14 to be more clear
 - UNMIK/Kosovo asked Article 18th to be deleted – Agreed
 - EC asked articles 16,19 and 20 to be changed and specially for the Article 21 to delete or change expression “neighbouring countries”
 - Macedonia asked revision of language. They noticed that there are too many Steering Committees and proposed to merge it into one and it was agreed that we will use joint working group. They also informed that Article 7 is missing. All Macedonian proposals were agreed.

Conclusion: Resolution will be changed and distributed until the end of the week (Friday 17th, 2006).

- Adoption of the Declaration on railway – After short explanation it was accepted with one change – SEETO countries will become SEE countries. - Agreed

Conclusion: Declaration on Railway is accepted and change will be included

Closure by the Chairman

- Next Steering Committee meeting - Brussels, November 30th, 2006. Morning session will be extended on NCs, IFIs, ISG and afternoon session will be SC Meeting as usual. - Agreed
- AOB
- Closure of the meeting

Minutes Approved

ChairmanDate.....

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