

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

### **8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

September 26/27, 2006

Pristina, UNMIK/Kosovo

### **Day 1 – Tuesday 26 September (bilateral meetings)**

9:00-10:00 *Preparatory meeting with the Chairman and the Co-chairman*

10:00-19:30 *Bilateral meeting with each delegation*

- Discussion on MAP 2007-11 comments (special attention on the list of priority projects and the soft measures)
- Strategy on data collection for the assessment on Core Network Performance
- Future SEETO activities to end-2007
- Developing a strategy for SEETO operation post-2007
- Miscellaneous

Mr. Jurisic, who chaired 8<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in the absence of Mr. Bajrambasic, opened the bilateral meeting and proposed open discussion on MAP 2007-2011 provided that each country supports each other.

Mr. Begeot excused Mr. Thielmann who could not come.

In the name of UNMIK/Kosovo delegation, Florim Grajevci welcomed delegates in Pristina.

Mr. Jurisic asked each delegation their opinions on MAP 2007-2011. Mrs. Petrusseva reminded that the deadline for delivering comments on MAP 2007-2011 had been Friday, 22/09/2006, and that the Secretariat received the comments only from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and World Bank and asked each delegation to deliver their comments in written promptly after today's discussion.

According to the time table, individual discussions on the MAP and the future of SEETO were held with all SC members except Serbia:

1. UNMIK/Kosovo delegation – pledged that their delegation would submit comments in the shortest period. Starting with the year 2002 and REBIS Study, Mr. Zuallaert stressed that, even with all comments and arguments, in general, an immense progress is evident since then. Concrete comments were:
  - UNMIK/Kosovo delegation – Route No.7 – they accepted the conception of the main and regional road, but considered Route No.6 – to Podgorica, according to the REBIS Study, inappropriate and outdated. UNMIK/Kosovo is open for cooperation with all neighbouring countries and, to reduce travelling to neighbouring countries, these routes are very important for them. Central section for Route No.7 (West from Pristina), the Government required to be continued to the South.
  - In regards to Pristina Airport, Mr. Zuallaert appreciated this project had been put on the priority project list because it needs to be renovated.
  - In regards to the railway, RWG was mostly concentrated on Corridor X, but UNMIK/Kosovo considered that the railway part of the Route No.7 was very important also.
  - Nis - Merdare has to be included in the priority project list.
  - In regards to wording in MAP 2007-2011, UNMIK/Kosovo would submit comments during the next week.
  - There were certain concerns about regional cooperation. The Secretariat should facilitate full regional cooperation, as well as improvement of cooperation between SEETO and National Coordinators (there has to be improvement in this cooperation, e.g. good experience after Mrs. Petrusseva visited Kosovo in August).
  - The support from ISG is also needed.

In regards to changes in proposed projects, there will be consultations in EC on possibilities. Mr. Jurisic was strict that, if there would be changes, they would have to be justified. Mr. Zuallaert proposed to SEETO that the Secretariat should submit a list of all possible changes on the Network.

After Mr. Jurisic and Mr. Deksnis asked how SEETO could help them and if UNMIK/Kosovo saw SEETO as catalyst for the speed process of getting loans, Mr. Zuallaert stressed that SEETO planning staff could stay in Pristina on the presentation of the feasibility study.

As conclusion, Mr. Zuallaert stressed that there was the room for improvement and they were open for further discussion.

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## 2. Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- The river Sava has to have better status in the priority project list. The problem is that there are too many approaches because each country has different priorities
- Good progress has been made with MAP 2007-2011 and now it has good position for future activities.
- Bosnia has good communication with SEETO Staff
- There is a need for one specialist for Information System
- Rout from Ploce to Ancona should be included in priorities
- As there are information that are missing, problem is lack of statistic information

Mr. Deksnis was interested in visibility of SEETO and MAP and what SEETO could do to improve it. Mr. Dujso stressed that SEETO made very good progress for very short time, that there is very good cooperation with SEETO staff.

Mr. Jurisic was interested what B&H expects from SEETO in future and after MAP is adopted. Mr. Dujso informed that they expect information how to obtain money for projects realisation and to ensure serious negotiations with IFIs. Mr. Deksnis reminded that this initiative is not obligation of SEETO, but of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and he was interested if the Government is ready for these negotiations. Mr. Dujso confirmed that very soon Government would be ready to negotiate, especially about Corridor Vc.

In regards to soft measures, Mr. Dujso gave support, especially to safety auditing, legislation and harmonization

## 3. Croatia:

- In generally MAP 2007-2011 is good document
- Port of Ploce is under reconstruction as well as Port of Dubrovnik
- Sava River is important for Croatia as well as for Bosnia
- Zadar port is very interesting project for Croatia, but it is not included in the priority project list
- Port of Dubrovnik – Construction of international passenger terminal – to remain in the priority project list
- Croatia has built and reconstructed respectable Core Network transport infrastructure projects. Therefore, at the time Croatia has no needs to realise its infrastructure projects through SEETO. Many of the projects are financed by the IFIs (Rijeka Gateway Project, Ploče Port, Dubrovnik Port, railway corridors X and Vc and others)
- Employment of high-quality staff in civil service is very complicated due to strong competition of private companies and institutions that offer far better working conditions and salaries. That also applies to SEETO, of course. Measures have been taken to overcome the problem and we expect in 2007 better results regarding the work of SEETO.

Conclusion made on the basis of Croatian delegation – the list of projects is still not perfect and has to be improved. Certain information still missing and that should be submitted.

## 4. Macedonia – Mr. Mate Gjeorgijevski, Macedonian representative in SC firstly introduced himself, and Mrs. Svetlana Gligorovska gave concrete comments:

- The text is improved
- Pg.6 – Corridor XD – Gradsko to be changed in Veles
- Within the text about the Corridor X (Chapter 4.5.1) to be added that the Route Tabanovci – Kumane is in the negotiations with IFIs
- The written comments and new maps will be delivered up to Monday 02/10/2006 – Macedonian NC will update questionnaires according to the new maps that Mrs. Gligorovska brought and this should be included in the MAP 2007-2011. Updated questionnaires would be delivered up to Wednesday 04/10/2006.

In regards to Soft Measures, Macedonian delegation was interested in “Improving project preparation capacity” and if SEETO could revise it according to the Macedonian proposal, which is needed for revision of feasibility study.

EC stressed that soft measures are not the real one, but only on paper and that they would think about TA and how it could be financed. EC also stressed that in regards to soft measures they needed soft measures on cooperation between countries, which has been slowly starting and in their budget they might even find some funds to support this. For any other soft measure, there is not possibility for EC to support it. Maybe with new budget from CARDS 2006, there would be more possibilities. SEETO should not go too wide in regards to soft measures, but to concentrate on 2 or 3 and to agree with beneficiaries how to work together on them. Cooperation with the World Bank is correctly supported from EC, especially for funding for RWG, but we should not discuss about soft measures financed by WB if we do not have concrete funding.

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In regards to Macedonian opinion on the SEETO, cooperation is much better and they think they could expect help from SEETO. Still, they need even more presence of SEETO staff, as well as precise framework of each proposed project, Action Plan with complementary measures in timely manner, TA assistance and good reference for the Investors.

Mr. Jurisic was interested if Macedonia expected any support from the SEETO in regards to loans and delegation confirmed that they did.

5. Montenegro:

- In general, MAP 2007-2011 is very good document
- We have to pay attention on the projects in implementation phase
- It is good that the SEETO recognised regional importance of each project
- They need help from the SEETO in the status of the preparation of the project
- If possible to prepare one master plan on regional level which would show the weakest link of the core network (suggestion if could be supported)
- If SEETO and EC could help them with some TA and training
- The Government of Montenegro prepared Draft National Strategy for the Transport and they would like to link the SEETO with that strategy. Some of the projects from the National Strategy are not from the Core Network and they would appreciate certain flexibility, especially because Montenegro does not have any corridor. The National Strategy is stating that Montenegro considers the SEETO a good opportunity for connecting with a Core Transport Network.
- Revision of the Core Network would be a very powerful tool for attracting investors for Montenegro

In regards to soft measures, Ms. Zivkovic stressed that the measure in Intermodal Transport could be developed.

Montenegro delegation stressed that the SEETO managed to achieve good cooperation of beneficiaries which was obligation from MoU. Even though, the SEETO has to strengthen its own position in region. The next good step for that is that Secretariat will organize PPP Workshop and Investment Conference where everyone will see how Investors will react. Another thing that Montenegro needs from SEETO is translation of the *acquis communautaire* in transport. In regards to that, Mrs. Petrusseva reminded that Croatia had this translation and Montenegro could take it from them.

6. Albania delegation stressed that they had some projects already funded by the Italian Government, EBRD, WB and other IFIs; some projects are covered by the Albanian Government - road section from Duresse – Macedonian border is covered with this funds and for the next year they plan to cover projects from Capasan – border with Greece. The project for Duresse port for container terminal and the Airport project are covered with concessions.

Mentioning all issues above, Albanian delegation concluded that they considered SEETO as a helpful in building Transport Core Network, especially for removing some non physical barriers (visas, drivers' permits, etc.) and this removal of barriers is very important for Albania.

In regards to the SEETO list of priorities, Albania was going much faster than this list and it had to be changed. As they see the SEETO as very slow, the Secretariat has to find the way to become faster and to justify position of each beneficiary, because Core Network has to have the same importance for everyone. EC stressed that it was good that Albania was going faster than the SEETO list of priorities, but if so, they should inform SEETO about that and list would be updated. Also, on behalf of their ministers, Albanian SC Members should be clear that being part of the SEETO is being part of promoting regional cooperation which is politically very important especially in regards of removing non physical barriers and the process of accession to the European Union.

The summary on Albanian comments:

- MAP 2007-2011 should pay more attention to soft measures
- They would like to have prefeasibility study for the whole network
- SEETO should consider other transport agreements being made in recent years, especially those that are related to social consideration
- Duresse-border with Kosovo is tendering project
- Milot-Trscen is funded by the WB
- Trscen-Kalamasi is funded by the Albanian Government
- The Priority Project list has to be updated with new project list and Albania will submit new information; updates and changes has to be submitted to the SEETO in official form

## **COMPILATION OF COMMENTS**

In view of the fact of completing REBIS and the signing of the MoU there has been clear progress

### **MAP 2007 to 2011**

All SC members regarded the MAP 2007 to 2011 as an improvement of the MAP 2006 to 2010 especially in terms of information on the performance of the core network.

The most of discussion focused on the particular investment projects and their positioning into short, medium and long-term implementation period. It was necessary to make it clear that this categorisation did not reflect their priority but preparatory status which could easily change. There were no significant changes to the priority investment plan.

Inconsistencies between the MAP priority projects and those proposed for IPA and other funding was covered in several discussions. It was understood that this was partly due to the prioritisation process that was devised to reflect the regional importance but mostly due to the restriction on the number of projects that should be contained in the MAP. The project pool contains 164 projects thus it is clear that whilst the size of the priority list of projects is restricted to 20 to 30 projects, it would exclude many projects that are being progressed. An observation from one member was that project investment had been increased so implementation had been accelerated to more than was anticipated in recently approved national plan. It is clear that, for the next MAP, the number of projects included in the MAP must relate more precisely to amount of funding that is available.

However, it was also clear that for some beneficiaries, projects are submitted for IPA that is not even in the project pool. In this case it is possible that this omission could delay funding decisions. Reference to projects submitted by others was considered to be very useful; therefore submission of all core network projects to SEETO was strongly advocated.

The requirement to keep project data current was raised a few times, as minor differences between information in the MAP, and the latest status became apparent. It was understood that that it is up to NCs to advise the SEETO of any changes as soon as they become known.

The usefulness of the MAP to participants was debated. For some, it was unclear exactly what the MAP was used for internally, but for others the MAP was used in National Planning. However, there was a unanimous understanding that the MAP would enhance the possibility for funding.

### **SEETO activities for 2007**

No suggestions were received that would change the role and function of the SEETO to scope of work that was agreed by the SC at its early meetings. However, there was a popular understanding that SEETO would help to prepare projects and directly mediate with IFIs. The SEETO can advise on project preparation, present the regional best case for a project and advise on the important evaluation criteria etc. In fact, the SEETO proposes to provide NCs with the tools to pre-evaluate and prioritise projects before submission, to make the process of regional prioritisation more transparent and useful. Mediation with IFIs was never part of the scope of work of SEETO. It was suggested that governments should be able to approach IFIs with more confidence if the project is included in the MAP. However, the workshops on PPP and especially the investors' conference were considered to be very important activities for SEETO in 2007. The SEETO was requested to be more proactive in the field of political and technical levels – involvement with the EU delegations, ministries of finance and the EU integration process were also recommended. This was noted.

### **Beyond 2007**

There was no withdrawal from commitments made by SC to fully fund the administration of SEETO after the project. In addition to which, further specialist technical assistance may be available from the future CARDS programme for 2007.

The SEETO would certainly provide more focus on soft measures as these were seen by IFIs to be of critical importance. The capacity of both SEETO and the NCs to support the process was raised, though no specific recommendations emerged. Mostly there was an overriding need to demonstrate clearly the successes of SEETO – especially for politicians that will have to approve the budget support. Overall it was understood that cooperation had to be both visible and effective to satisfy the requirements for the Stability and Association Agreement and further progression to membership of the EU.

### **Wrapping Up**

The one-to-one meetings were considered to be successful and could be repeated.

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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### Day 2 - Wednesday 27 September (SC8 meeting)

#### Present:

##### Members (Voting)

- **Mate Jurišić**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development, Croatia, **Deputy Chairman**
- **Svetlana Gligorovska**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Macedonia
- **Angelina Živković**, Advisor to Minister, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport, Montenegro
- **Florim Grajcevc**, Political Adviser, Ministry of Transport and Communications, UNMIK Kosovo
- **Francois Begeot**, Policy Officer, EC DGTREN **Deputy Co Chairman**

##### Deputy Members (Non Voting)

- **Mate Gjorgjievski**, Head of Unit, Secretariat for European Affairs, Macedonia
- **Jozef Zuallaert**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Transport & Telecommunications, UNMIK/Kosovo

##### Apologies for absence from

- **Osman Metalla**, Director, Directorate of Maritime Transport Policies, Albania
- **Izet M. Bajrambašić** Assistant Minister, Ministry of Communications and Transport Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Chairman**
- **Nikola Šego**, Secretary General, Ministry of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Natasa Mikus**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of European Integration, Croatia
- **Amna Redžepagić**, Advisor for European Integration, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport, Montenegro
- **Miodrag Jocić**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Capital Investments, Serbia
- **Gordana Lazarević**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of International Economic Relations, Serbia
- **Edgar Thielmann**, EC DGTREN, **Co-Chairman**

##### SEETO Team

- **Slavjanka Petruševa**, SEETO General Manager
- **Douglas Rasbash**, SEETO Project Manager
- **Alexander MacDonald**, Planning Expert
- **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
- **Romir Ametaj**, TA to the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunications, Albania
- **Mehmed Dujso**, Head of Department for Transport Infrastructure, Ministry of Communications and Transport Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Vjeran Basic**, Directorate for the Coordination of Assistant Programs and Cooperation with EU, Ministry of European Integration, Croatia
- **Joaquim Rodon Blas**, Team Leader, Safege IRD, Montenegro
- **Eduards Deksnis**, Principal Administrator, European Commission, Enlargement Directorate-General

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In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Jurisic, Deputy Chairmen, chaired 8<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting.

**9:30 –10:00- Opening by the Chairman**

- Approval of minutes of the previous meeting - Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting will be changed according to Macedonian comments and signed on the next SC Meeting
- Approval of the agenda – Adopted

**10:00-13.00 – The Multi Annual Plan 2007-2011**

- Summary of comments and responses
- Discussion on Core Network Performance
- Discussion on Project Investment List
- Discussion on priority soft measures (rail, road safety auditing)
- Tour of table
- Approval of the MAP

SEETO produced General Report from the Bilateral Meeting, which is included in these Minutes. He explained that all participants expressed their expectations from SEETO. In regards to concrete question – What should SEETO do after year 2008, there was no specific proposal. Delegates considered bilateral meetings useful because it had been an opportunity to speak openly and express opinions and expectations. Improvement is noted, but all countries have to work more. EC emphasised that the beneficiaries have to understand that SEETO is separate entity that has to have specific proposals from beneficiaries for the Core Network and sent in written. It is not certain the proposals would be adopted immediately, but at least there would be some reactions. Mr. Jurisic proposed annexes to the REBIS study as very useful and Mr. Zuallaert said that, as all countries need changes on the core network, it should be possible to have them. Mr. Jurisic accepted this proposal and stressed that changes have to be justified because experts who were preparing REBIS study were not aware about constructions on motorways which had been made. It was obvious there should be corrections due to the changes on the Core Network. Direct proposals given from beneficiaries were as following: Bosnia and Herzegovina proposed the Sava River, Montenegro to connect Route 1 to Corridor VIII and Macedonia Corridor X, Section in the eastern part. EC noted that those direct proposals would be considered and Mr. MacDonald stressed that an appendix on the description on the Core Network should be formally done. Croatia listed the changes of proposed projects and confirmed that they will send the official letter to the SEETO.

EC explained that yesterday meeting had been organised due to concern about development of the Core Network and the period after SEETO would be possessed completely by beneficiaries, that in the next several SC meetings everyone should give proposals for the Action plan which should be provided by the SEETO in January 2007. The beneficiaries should be also more active in possessing the SEETO. The regional cooperation is the most important for the EC and all beneficiaries should be aware of that. SC members should keep their good will to cooperate and take that message to their authorities.

Kosovo/UNMIK concluded that all beneficiaries had proposals for updates on the Core Network. He said that, as there was a mechanism for cooperation and countries had already set up priorities, the logical continuance of the SEETO support is the implementation of proposed projects. SEETO proposed to beneficiaries to recognise what kind of help they need and perhaps a special SC meeting could be organised in order to discuss this issue.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, stressed that the SEETO was very important to them in terms of regional cooperation, confirmed good progress made by the SEETO from MAP 2006-10 to MAP 2007-11 and pointed out that priority project proposals from MAP should be implemented as soon as possible. The only change that Bosnia is expected in regards to the Core Network is the River Sava, especially as it is actual regional project which could be supported by IFIs.

Montenegro said that the soft measures and institutional capacity, in regard to *acquis communautaire*, could be considered as direct proposals how the SEETO could help.

There was a question raised if the MAP is a high-quality document which is needed to be promoted both for implementation and for attracting financing. Once again it is the most essential for IFIs to recognise regional cooperation as very important activity which was confirmed by Mr. Guitink in front of the WB. He also explained that the SEETO is not the entity that borrows money, but the Governments of the states. Beneficiaries should be aware what they were expected to do and what kind of promotion they need. In regards to soft measures, we should concentrate on those which would be low cost and would have good influence on the Core network development.

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Beneficiaries continued on the soft measures. Croatia explained that negotiations with neighbouring countries are in progress and Bosnia was giving support to the safety and to process of facilitating procedure in border crossings and visa issuing, which would mainly help in opening markets.

Croatia proposed prolongation of MAP 2007-2011 because the preaccession countries had recently got the plan for 2006-2010 and they needed more time. EC agreed with this, reminding that it was up to the beneficiaries to give to the EC the documents and the high-quality study that were as completed as possible.

Mr. Begeot confirmed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> AMM will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2006 in Brussels, that we have to have good MAP to present it on the AMM and stressed a few points on the substance:

1. Appreciation to colleagues from the SEETO for hard work. In order to provide a better plan, the beneficiaries should provide the SEETO with new information on projects. He also thanked colleagues from IFIs for supporting this meeting.
2. Soft measures must be concrete measures and not wishful thinking. We should use the opportunity for having active participation of the World Bank in our work and the support of the World Bank to the SEETO.
3. Project list will be the most important document to clarify if a project is a design study, a prefeasibility study or other and to explain if a project is short, mid or long-term project.
4. General remark on the MAP – sometimes there is policy judgement, which is not good. There is a need to be more careful in the introduction of the MAP, the language is low quality and it need to be perfect. Mr Douglas and Mr MacDonald should improve it.

Mr. Deksnis stressed that we had to be aware of readers who had not read the First MAP and we had to clarify in the introduction what the SEETO was. The MAP should be corrected and finalised up to the AMM.

Mr. Daniel Muller-Jentsch, in front of the Joint Office of the EC and WB, said that we have to be careful that the soft measures are connected with hard measures and investment projects. The evaluation criteria have to be improved and the Working Group supporting linking soft and hard measures could be formed to insure this progress.

Conclusion: Up to 1 December, SEETO has time to include all agreed changes in the MAP.

#### **14:30 – 16:30 - Follow up activities**

- Producing the smart version of MAP 2007-2011 - Agreed  
Conclusion: SEETO would produce the smart version of the MAP 2007-2011.
- Core Network Database – missing data by countries and modes  
Conclusion: NCs to fill the gaps in data base
- Remarks on Methodology for Core Network Assessment by ISG - As Mr. Guitink stressed that SEETO should submit information on black spots, accidents, etc, in regards to safety, Mr. Rasbash stated that there was a lack of information on safety and we were in position to submit any information in that matter. Mr. Begeot said it would be very important to have the project prioritisation, while Mr. Dujso stated that the project prioritisation should be in regards to national priorities. Considering the Core network, Mr. Gencel said that the submitted data had been distributed and the beneficiaries had been asked to submit all missing data.  
Conclusion: Beneficiaries should be committed to submit all missing data by the next Friday, 06/10/2006. All data received by that date will be included in the Plan, and after it there would be no changes.
- NC contracts, SEETO budget report – As the SEETO legal advisor was not present, the best would be to receive written comments on distributed material and to sign contracts on the next SC meeting. Agreed.
- PPP workshop –It is agreed that PPP Workshop would be held in January.
- Annual Meeting of Ministers - EC confirmed that the AMM will be held in Brussels on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, presence of Mr. Jacques Barro, Commissioner for Transport and proposed that the Agenda should include the opening, speeches of all ministers and IFI representatives, MAP presentation, signing of the Protocol and the Declaration and press conference (to be confirmed). Draft Resolution was distributed and SC Members should submit the comments on it in order to amend the Resolution if necessary and adopt it on the next SC Meeting for signing on the AMM. An afternoon before the AMM a meeting of SC and IFIs should be organised about the infrastructure and acquis alignment. The presence of all ministers is a question of high importance and beneficiaries need to submit information about contact person in the Government Mission. The logistic support will be provided.
- SEE Infrastructure Conference – December 2006, London – It was announced that the Infrastructure Investors Conference in London would be organised to gather in one place private companies, lawyers, government representatives, IFIs, EC and different independent authorities, to present and make our projects more public.

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The programme and additional information would be provided by the SEETO. The level of conference is for high government delegation. Delegations should be prepared as good as possible to present their own countries and needs in the shortest time.

Mr. Daniel Muller-Jentsch had presentation on Performance of indicators – “MAP – Comments with a specific focus on methodology”. He also proposed to prepare revision of Questionnaires and offered any further support.

**16:30-17:00 –Railway working group**

- Report on the last meeting of 21 September - Common network statement had been agreed as a good idea, but unfortunately at first stage it would be developed nationally which would cause certain deviation. It will be much better to take regional standpoint. January 21<sup>st</sup> was confirmed to be 3<sup>rd</sup> RWG.
- Approval of the draft declaration of rail common statement in view of its adoption by the Ministerial Conference – Mr. Guitink said that the common network statement is based on the rail network and we should be more clear about regulatory framework (which is different than *acquis*) as well as comments from beneficiaries. SEETO confirmed that the first draft paper would be produced. There was the drafting committee formed to prepare this document. The first draft of this report should be prepared by the end of the year.

Mr. Guitink informed that they were drafting the first MoU at present. They would send it to Mr. Frank Jost for comments and if needed they would hand it over to the draft committee of RWG. This MoU could provide certain coordination to the RWG draft paper.

**17:00-17:10 – Closure by the Chairman**

- Next Steering Committee meeting - Zagreb, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- AOB
- Closure of the meeting

**Minutes Approved**

Chairman .....Date.....

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