

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

### Seventh Meeting

July 04<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Belgrade, Serbia

#### 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**
- **Florim Grajcevc**, Political Adviser Ministry of Transport and Communications, UNMIK Kosovo
- **Svetlana Gligorovska**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Macedonia
- **Angelina Živković**, Advisor to Minister, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport, Montenegro
- **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
- **Jozef Zuallaert**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Transport & Telecommunications, UNMIK/Kosovo
- **Amna Redžepagić**, Advisor for European Integration, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport, Montenegro

#### Apologies for absence from

- **Osman Metalla**, Director, Directorate of Maritime Transport Policies, Albania
- **Davor Čilić**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of European Integration, Croatia
- **Melaim Ademi**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, FYRo Macedonia
- **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**
- **Douglas Rasbash**, SEETO Manager, **Advisor to the Steering Committee**
- **Alexander MacDonald**, Planning Expert

#### SEETO Team and Advisor to the Steering Committee

- **Slavjanka Petruševa**, SEETO General Manager
- **Goran Kecman**, Planning Manager
- **Andrija Gencel**, IT Manager
- **Mirjana Čizmarov**, SEETO Legal Advisor
- **Jordana Fićović**, Administrative Assistant

#### Guests and Observers

- **Joaquim Rodon Blas**, Team Leader, Safege IRD, Montenegro
- **Ivan Kekovic**, Construction Supervision Expert, Safege IRD, Montenegro

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**Objectives of the meeting:**

- Recent SEETO activities To discuss the issues of the adopted MAP 2006-2010
- Preview on MAP 2007-2011
- Initiative on PPP workshop
- Adopting of SEETO Budget

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairman opened 7<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting apologizing for delay. He stated that Albania and Serbia don't have representatives.

- **Adopting the agenda**

The Chairman proposed to start with point 3 and discuss point 2 at last.

**Conclusion:** SC members adopted Agenda with proposed changes.

- **Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> SC: Minutes are adopted without comments**

**2. SEETO activities between two SC meetings**

- **Report on NC5 in Duress, Albania** – Minutes from the Meeting were distributed and Mr. Kecman had brief report on NC5 Meeting, held in Duress, Albania
- **Report on RW WG1 in Belgrade, Serbia** - Notes from Railway and Intermodal WG were distributed and Mr. Kecman had brief report about this meeting

Chairman opened discussion about reports on NC5 and RWG meetings.

Mr. Zuallaert (UNMIK/Kosovo) asked to hear which map of the regional railway network was discussed, what are conclusions and improvements. He was interested if there was discussion about railway network for SEE, did RWG members make statements and prioritization for SEE railway network. He explained that these questions should be asked to avoid WG without impact.

Mr. Begeot stressed that that the Railway Working Group made a plan for further works. He explained that the meeting reached the following conclusions:

1. For the next meeting, it is expected that delegates will agree a common form for the network statement (September 2006)
2. For the third meeting, agree actions to improve rail border crossings (March 2007)
3. For the fourth meeting, harmonising access charging (June 2007).
4. Also SEETO will institute a process for monitoring reform
5. Interim reports will be produced after each meeting and a final after all items in the mandate have been covered.
6. Items for action included in the resolutions at Annual Meetings of Ministers

Mr. Begeot also agreed with Mr. Zuallaert that RWG has to make contribution, especially for the next MAP.

In regards to the fifth meeting of National Coordinators (NC5), Mr. Begeot, was surprised by the too large and too political topics discussed by the NC. SC agreed that NC meetings should be only technical.

- **MAP 2006-2010**

Mr. Kecman presented printed version of the MAP 2006-2010 and proposed that MAP could be distributed on behalf of ministries and on behalf of SEETO. He also proposed distribution list which NCs could use for local distribution and cover letter which will be given with MAP to all recipients. As there should be a track of distribution, Mr. Kecman also proposed recipients check list. Everything that was proposed should help to NCs in MAP distribution. In regards to project updating

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and submission, Mr. Kecman reminded that agreed deadline for project submission was June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and he informed SC members how many projects SEETO received from each country (Albania 2 projects on Seaport, UNMIK 16 projects on Railway and Serbia 3 projects on Airport).

Chairman opened discussion on the MAP 2006-2010 which raised different opinions and comments. Several SC members highlighted shortcomings in the present MAP. The main conclusion after long discussion was that there should be modest presentation of MAP 2006-2010; in particular with IFIs and that everyone should be committed to improve the next Plan which should be agreed by the next Ministerial Meeting in November. In order to build credibility, the SC agreed that the MAP 2006-2010 as to be seen as a first exercise. The MAP exercise is a rolling work-process that will evolve and mature over time.

- **Preview of MAP 2007-2011**

- Draft Outline for MAP 2007-2011 was distributed and Mr. Kecman explained overall objective and structure of the new document. He gave the schedule of dates for finalizing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final draft for each part of the document and asked SC members to give their comments after the presentation. Mr. Kecman explained proposed chapters of the MAP 2007-2011 (annex 1). He asked SC members to make sure that NCs will submit as much as possible information and projects in due time and quality. In purpose of avoiding mistakes and delays, he also asked from beneficiaries to cooperate more. SC members are not supervisors of the NC. Mr. Kecman has to work in close cooperation with NC and to visit the country if needed
- Mr Begeot proposed that the next Plan be more precise and less general. The Map 2007-2011 should built from existing work on soft measures on railways and road safety auditing as well as the list of priorities projects. A chapter need to cover the review of progress for the implementation of the Core Regional Transport Network (SEETIS, GIS). The Chapter on soft measures should concentrate on existing soft measures (Rail and Road Safety Auditing). A chapter on progress reform in the transport sector towards EU integration as well as on EU assistance through IPA should be drafted to highlight the link between Regional cooperation and EU integration. The list of priority projects should be split in two: one list for short term priorities with readiness and one list with medium term projects for which studies need to be carried out. The information concerning those two lists that need to be strongly updated. Each list must be reviewed to avoid omission of important project (for example, Corridor X road project for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia...). Some projects of those lists could be eliminated if not more relevant. The Chairman proposed to put some analysis in Introduction of the MAP 2007-2011.
- After a long discussion, the SC agreed to draft the next plan according these lines and asked the Secretariat to circulate as soon as possible a new structure.

CHAPTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> DRAFT	2 <sup>ND</sup> DRAFT	FINAL DRAFT
Executive summary	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Introduction	July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Transport policy	July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Core network performance	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Investment program	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Action plan	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Expected results, monitoring	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006

### 3. Future SEETO activities

- **Workshop on PPP** – Mrs. Petrusева presented the idea about PPP Workshop, proposed Agenda for the meeting, date and who to invite. Idea for PPP workshop was adopted by all SC members. Agenda for it, venue date and place should to be done by SEETO, but not before October.
- **Meeting of Corridors secretariats** – Mrs. Petrusева explained the idea of joint Secretariats meeting to be held in Belgrade. The SC didn't accept this activity

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- **Annual Meeting of Ministers** – All participants agreed to have AMM in November, preferably in the first half. Mr. Begeot will check possibility for having meeting in Brussels. To held the next AMM in Brussels was very much welcomed by the SC as it will give a strong political signal to the Transport Ministers. Date to be confirmed on next SC meeting.

#### 4. SEETO Administration and financial matters

- **SEETO budget** – Mrs. Petrusseva presented the SEETO Budget and in particular the 2006 National contributions.

From the discussion we could extract the following:

- As the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia already allocated money for SEETO in their budget and it can not be changed, they can support SEETO budget only if it is according to the draft from December 2005
- Mr. Jurisic supported budget, specially payment of NCs, stated that budget is prepared as it was agreed on previous meetings and confirmed that Croatia is in the process within the Government for signing SEETO Agreement
- Kosovo and Montenegro agreed with budget
- Serbia informed Mr. Jurisic that in absence of its representatives, SEETO will receive written confirmation that they are supporting
- Chairman asked if we are talking about six months budget, description has also to be for six months. He also proposed to reduce cost of printing and to put more money for NCs. Otherwise; there aren't any objections on budget.

**Conclusion:** Budget is adopted

- Kosovo informed that Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Head of the UNMIK, signed approval for SEETO Agreement.

## Minutes Approved

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

ANNEX 1

ANNEX 2

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