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Memorandum of Understanding On a core transport network

Working Group Railways

**Addendum for a
South East European Rail Transport Area**

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The regional approach

Need for technical and financial support

Common problems - common solutions

Synchronised and sequenced actions





Why a regional approach?

- Declining market share of railways
- Financial performance is not sustainable
- Risk of creating additional barriers
- Need for a larger market and larger distance





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Supporting factors

Governments are committed to reform

Coordinated plans for modernising and renewing

Technical Assistance and feasibility studies

SEETO Secretariat

**European initiatives – MoU, Multi-annual programme
(MAP)**

Declaration on Railways of Dec. 2006





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Advantages

- **For the countries**
- **For the EU Commission**
- **For the donors**





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Objectives of the Addendum

- 1 Effective regulatory institutions for the rail sector**
- 2 Separation, management independence, market orientation and social dimension**
- 3 Market access, interoperability and safety**
- 4 Financial stability and transparency**
- 5 Facilitated border crossing**





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Implementation

- **Working under the existing MoU, the existing committees and working groups**
- **Peer reviews with active support of regional gvts**
- **Reports available to everybody in the region**
- **Technical Assistance**





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Next steps

- **19 June 2007: Sending of 1st drafts to SC**
- **28 June 2007: 1st opinion of the SC**
- **Bilaterals to amend the drafts according**
- **4/9/2007: Opinion of the Working Group**
- **End Sept.: final opinion of SC**
- **July – Nov. : discussion with donors**
- **Nov./Dec 2007: Annual ministerial meeting**





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Thank you for your attention



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