

South East Europe Regional Railways Program (SEE RRP)

The need to strengthen
regional cooperation

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Development objectives of SEE RRP....

- ◆ Create a regional railways transport market in South East Europe and to facilitate the integration of SEE Railways into a Southeast European Transport Community

...and its proposed outputs:

- ◆ Establishment of a new legal and institutional framework in accordance with EU Railway Directives;
- ◆ Reform of railway companies along main business lines;
- ◆ Rationalization/modernization of regional rail infrastructure;
- ◆ rolling stock tailored to client needs

SEE RRP target areas:

- ◆ Market policy and regulatory institutions
- ◆ Market structure
- ◆ Infrastructure investment program
- ◆ Harmonize market regulations for railway services (TAC, path allocation, etc)
- ◆ Rail infrastructure market pricing
- ◆ Regional rail freight services

Underlying principles to be met:

- ◆ Country Governance and commitment
- ◆ Common solutions for common problems
- ◆ Synchronization of reform steps

Institutionalize Commitment : SEE RRP – MOU as a first step

- ◆ Reflects consensus among EC, IFI's and SEE countries on validity of regional approach
- ◆ Documents cooperation intentions and enhances 'peer pressure'
- ◆ MoU supports alignment to EU Acquis
- ◆ First step towards more binding agreement to establish regional transport community

MOU processing plan

- ◆ WB to prepare draft – done
- ◆ Internal comments/clearance of draft – done
- ◆ Invite EC and CER comments – done, positive responses
- ◆ Present draft MoU to SEE countries for comments - underway
- ◆ Present final MoU text to countries and initiate signing process

Relevant ongoing WB activities

- ◆ Track Access Charges studies to be commissioned in Serbia and Macedonia. Dissemination strategy part of TOR's.
- ◆ Harmonization of Customs and Railways rail freight data requirements planned under Macedonia TTFSE II. Dissemination strategy to promote cross-border harmonization foreseen.
- ◆ Preparation of Horizontal APL to support integration of regional railway transport market