

South East Europe Regional Railways Program (SEE RRP)

The need to strengthen
regional cooperation

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 single European Railway Area


...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
- ◆ Regulation of railway services
- ◆ Rail infrastructure performance and access conditions
- ◆ Restructuring rail freight services

Underlying principles to be met:

- ◆ Country Governance and commitment
 - ◆ Common solutions for common problems
 - ◆ Synchronization of reform steps
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Institutionalize Commitment : SEE RRP – MOU as a first step

- ◆ Consensus on validity of regional approach
- ◆ Documents cooperation intentions and enhances 'peer pressure'
- ◆ Provides the 'backbone' for stakeholder and donor support

MOU processing plan

- ◆ WB to prepare draft – done
- ◆ Internal comments/clearance of draft – ongoing
- ◆ Invite EC and CER comments – end September
- ◆ Present draft MoU to SEE countries for comments
- ◆ Present final MoU text to countries and initiate signing process