

Comments on draft MAP 2009-13

European Commission

- Chapter 1 should be slightly modified. Subchapter 1.1.1 should be updated with the addendum to the MoU for SEE Railway Transport Area.
- In Chapter 4 subchapter 4.1 Achievements from MAP 2008-12 to date – priority projects and other projects on the Core Network with secured financing and ongoing should be separated.
- In Chapter 4 subchapter 4.3.7 IPF programme should be mentioned.

Albania

- Project Upgrading Milot - Morine road should be removed from the list because financing is secured.
- Project Upgrading Pogradec - Korca road is candidate for priority project list.
- For projects Construction of Gjirokastra, Tepelena By-passes and a new link in the region of Tirana-Durres-Rrogozhine-Elbasan additional data is submitted in order to candidate for priority project list.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Project Reconstruction of Seslije - Samac should be removed from the list because financing is secured.

the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Regarding the Multi-annual plan (MAP) 2009-2013, we would like to give generally a positive remark, as the Plan is generally well prepared and contains more data than the previous plans, which means that the data collection process has improved this year.

We are submitting the following concrete comments and remarks:

- On page 19, the second paragraph, it could be added that the intermodal expansion depends also on the logistic and forwarding companies
- On page 40, second paragraph, it has to be added in brackets that the section Tabanovce-Kumanovo is undergoing construction works, so that will be up to international standards
- On page 44, regarding the Corridor VIII, the paragraph should be updated with the latest developments: "the constructed Skopje bypass section was officially opened on 24.07.2008"
- On page 44, regarding Corridor X, it has to be added whole paragraph for the section Demir Kapija-Smokvica, which should read, as it follows: "The financing for section Demir Kapija-Smokvica is secured- EIB and HPERB grants are already approved and national co-financing is secured, while the approval from IPA funds (component 3) is pending upon submission of IPA application to the European Commission"
- In the part 4.1 Achievements from MAP 2008-2012 to date, the following progress should be added: "On 15th of July 2008 the Government of Republic of Macedonia announced a public request for preliminary

expression of interest in a limited public tender to participate along with the Government in the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of a series of Toll Motorway links located in different parts of the country. The successful bidder(s) will be invited to enter into a concession (or series of concessions) to develop specific sections of the Motorway network”

- On page 45, the part of the airports should be amended with the following sentence: On 24.09.2008, a concession agreement was signed with the Turkish company TAB for awarding concession for construction, reconstruction and use of the airport “Alexander the Great” – Skopje
- On pages 55-57, the project description and current status should be revised according to the abovementioned information and data
- On page 87, the second last paragraph should be revised linguistically, as the meaning is not clear
- On page 88, in part 6.3 Implementation and associated risks, perhaps the role of the SEETO Secretariat in facilitation of the implementation and anticipation of the risks can be briefly outlined.

Montenegro

- Project Bar – Boljare Motorway, section Podgorica – Matesevo is candidate for priority project list.
- Port of Bar reconstruction project is updated.
- Several railway projects are candidate for priority list.

Serbia

- Project Completion of motorway Leskovac – Presevo is candidate for priority projects list.

Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99)

- Project Construction of motorway, section Pristina – Hani i Elezit is candidate for priority project list.
- Projects Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99) section of Route 7 Branch Morina – Merdare and Rehabilitation of Pristina airport is updated.