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Working Group
Railways and Intermodality, SEETO
secretariat, CER, ETF, World Bank and
Speakers

Subject: Invitation to the SEETO working group railway and intermodality

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to invite you to the next meeting of the railway and intermodality working group to be held in **Podgorica, between 8 June 2010, 14:00 and noon of the following day**. The venue is at the

Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro
Vuka Karadzica 12
81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
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The Commission does not provide reimbursement for this meeting. This meeting will be preceded by a TAIEX workshop. Regional members and speakers invited for the TAIEX workshop are informed about reimbursement provisions together with the invitation on the TAIEX workshop.

Find enclosed as annex 2 a draft annotated agenda, which also foresees a short intervention from all delegates on the state of their rail reform. Interventions should relate to the mandate of the working group (e.g. recent development regarding rail reform, rail market development, competition), which is attached as annex 1. Please send a summary of rail reform measures taken since September 2009 to **Mr Jost (0032 2 29 93911, frank.jost@ec.europa.eu)** and **also inform who will participate in this meeting before 1 June 2010**.

Yours faithfully,

Maurizio CASTELLETTI

Enclosures: terms of reference, draft annotated agenda, ~~questionnaire~~

Terms of Reference / Mandate

The Steering Committee sets up an ad-hoc Working Group on railway and inter-modal policy on a temporary basis according to paragraph 9 of the Memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network (SEETO).

The WG will deal with the administrative and regulatory procedures necessary to foster the development of a European railway area, leaving discussions on investment prospects to the Steering Committee. While the ultimate aim is to promote the implementation of the EU railway acquis in the SEETO region, the Working Group will more specifically take stock of, analyse and give its opinion to the Steering Committee on some or all of the following issues:

1. Inventory of rail reforms
2. Reviewing participants' strategies for reform, including regulatory and policy change with regards to
 - open access to infrastructure
 - network statements
 - institutional settings (regulatory bodies and safety authorities)
 - intermodality
3. OTIF rules for international traffic and compatibility of cross-border agreements with EU legislation and the EU rail market opening approach
4. Recommend measures to be taken to ensure regional integration and harmonisation of reforms

Coordination and Cooperation: The Working Group will report to the Steering Committee and coordinate its activities with those of the Steering Committee and of other Working Groups set up under this MoU.

The Working Group will ensure that work carried out in other exercises (such as the task force on railways of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and by the working group on South-East Europe set up under the auspices of the Community of European Railways (CER)) is properly coordinated with its own activities.

Participation: Steering Committee delegated experts including European Commission/DG TREN. The Working Group may on a case by case invite external experts and stakeholders, like representatives/experts from neighbouring countries, international financial institutions, corridor secretariats, regional railways, professional associations etc.

Meetings: 2-4 per year

Chair: EU Commission/DG TREN

Secretariat: SEETO

Draft Annotated Agenda

Item no	Hour	Topic	Main responsables
(1)	14:00	Welcome	EU Commission, participants
(2)		Adoption of the minutes of previous meeting Documents: Draft is available at the SEETO web site.	Delegates
(3)		Adoption of the agenda	Delegates
(4)		A Best Practice guide for network statements : main results of the NETSTATE study of 2009	Mr. Diego Artuso (Price Waterhouse, Rome)
(5)		The last mile problem and the role of regulators	Mr Fürnkranz (tbc)
(6)		Measuring traction current – interoperability, legal and economic aspects	Mr Stomer, Mr Gulbrandson
		Night break	
(7)	9:00	Insurance of railway undertakings - Presentation and discussion of a summary paper	DVA (tbc)
(8)		Rail freight services on the South Eastern Axis – Conclusions of the CREAM project	Mr Lars Deiterding, HACON, Hannover
(9)		Round table on state of rail reform in the SEETO signatory states and rail market monitoring, incl. updates of the 1 st interim report. Action: Please complete the attached questionnaire and return to Mr Jost one week before the meeting	Round table
(10)		Other business	Delegates

		Topics for following meetings should be discussed based on suggestions of the chairman.	
(11)		EU railway legislation and railway policy: Update	Frank Jost
	13.00	Close	