
World Bank Support for the
Realization of the
*South East European Railway
Transport Area*

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SOUTH EAST EUROPE Core Network Links Railways and Waterways

Corridors and Routes

- Corridor X
- Corridor Xb
- Corridor Xc
- Corridor Xd
- Corridor Vb
- Corridor Vc
- Corridor VIII
- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 4
- Route 9
- Route 10
- Route 11
- Corridor VII, Waterway

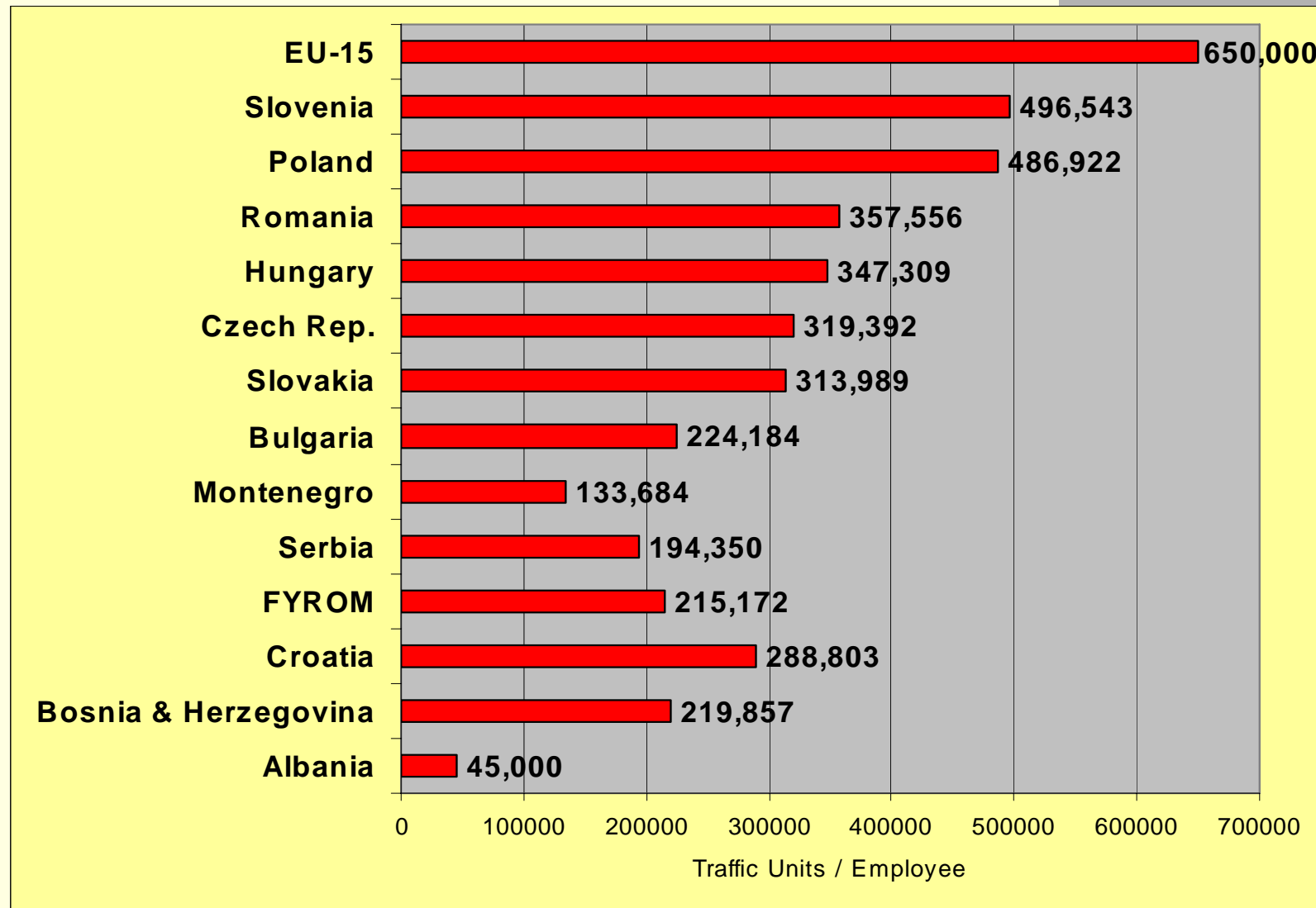


The South East Europe Rail Sector

Key Challenges

- A drastic decrease in traffic:
 - 10 billion passenger-km in 1990 versus 2.8 billion passenger-km in 2005
 - 20 billion ton-km in 1990 versus 1.8 billion ton-km in 2005
- A legacy of damaged infrastructure and rolling stock
- An unacceptable call on State budgets for capital and operating subsidies
- Poor productivity

Railway Labor Productivity (UIC – 2005)



The South East Europe Rail Sector

Key Regional Challenges

- Small individual country railways (they lack critical mass)
- Fragmented services
- Individual railway performance is highly dependent on the performance of the railways in neighboring countries

Achieving a Sustainable Solution

- Take a regional approach to integrate and coordinate railway initiative
- Guiding principles:
 - Country governance
 - Common solutions
 - Synchronized changes
- Establish the SEE Railway Transport Area as the mechanism to implement this

Key Objectives of the SEE Transport Area

- Create effective regulatory institutions for the railway sector
- Reorganize the railways as independent companies separated along main lines of business
- Assure access to markets, inter-operability and railway safety
- Achieve financial stability and transparency
- Facilitate border crossing
- Address the social dimension

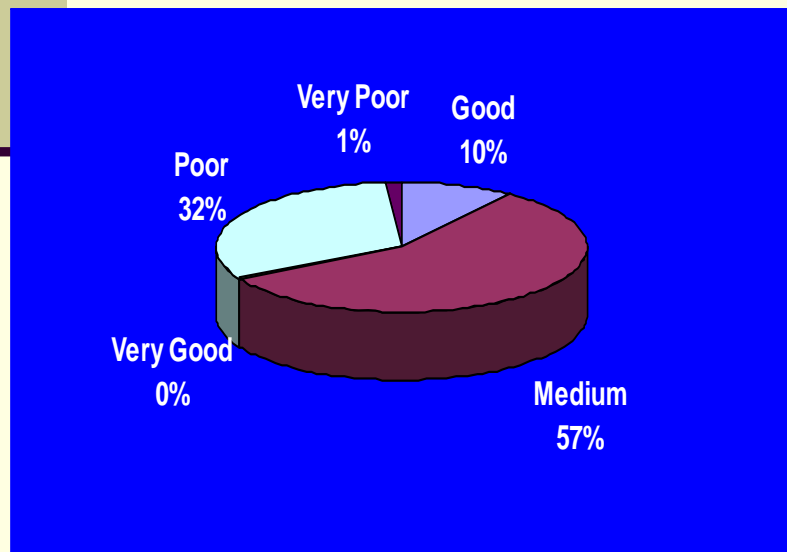
Coordination of the Implementation of the SEE Railway Transport Area

- International Financing Institutions Advisory Group (IFIAG) – Operational Working Groups
- Structures created by the MoU on Development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network:
 - Ministerial Council
 - Steering Committee
 - Secretariat – SEETO
 - Working Group on railway and inter-modal policy

Significant Investments Are Required

The Length of Core Network

Railway network	Corridors [km]	Routes [km]	Totals [km]
Albania	273	118	391
Bosnia & Herzegovina	408	87	495
Croatia	763	326	1089
UNMIK/Kosovo	0	150	150
FYRoM	527	32	559
Montenegro	0	192	192
Serbia	760	628	1388
Total Lengths	2,731	1,533	4264

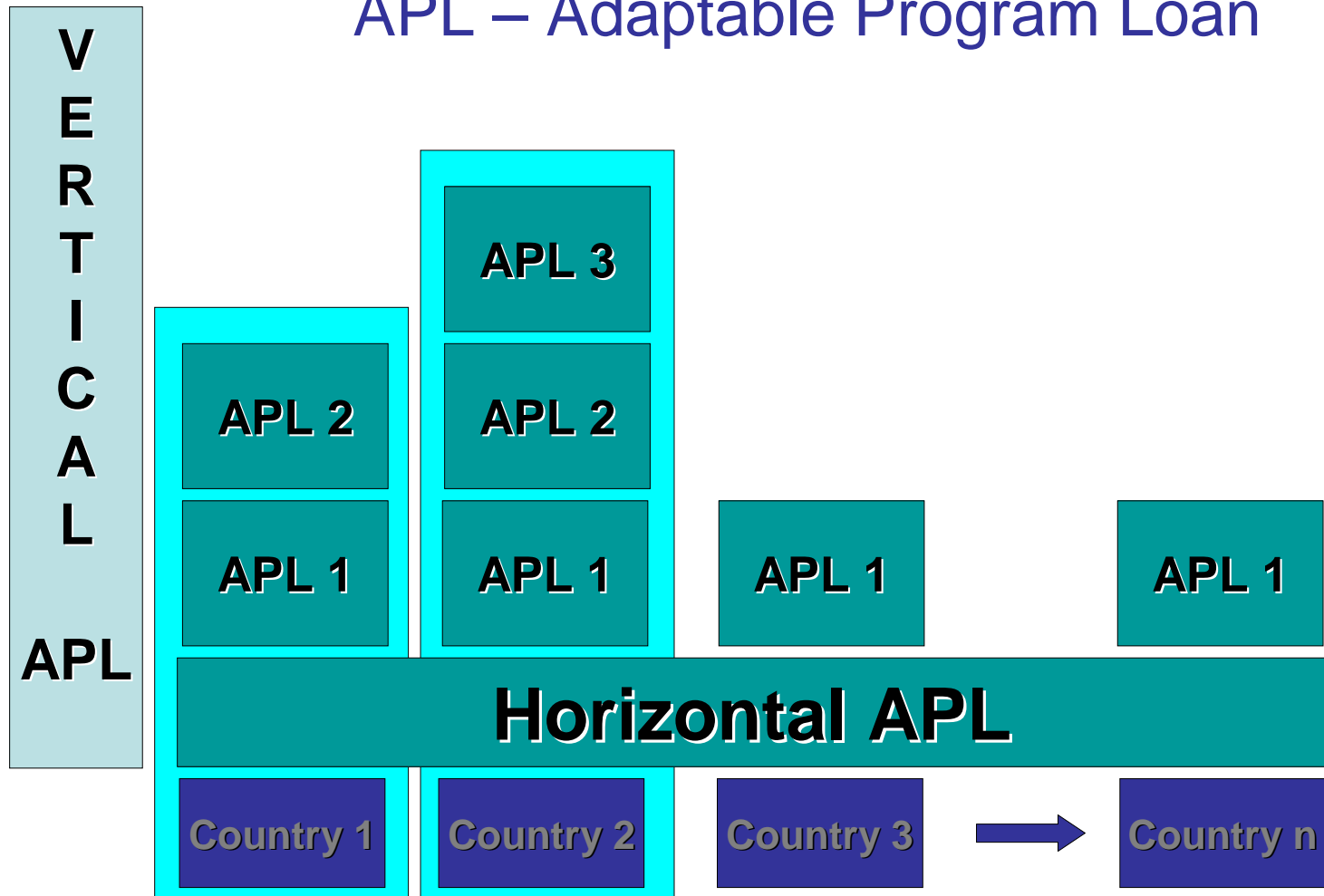


The technical condition of the Core network (17 % not evaluated)

The Future Involvement of the World Bank

- Support to the policy dialogue
- Technical assistance
- Investment financing – on a regionally focused programmatic basis

APL – Adaptable Program Loan



Thank-you

