

Sixth Annual Meeting of Ministers on the Development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network

“Common problems – Shared solutions”

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CONCLUSIONS

The Participants of the Memorandum of Understanding on the development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network,

having regard to:

- the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network, signed in Luxembourg on June 11th 2004;
- the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network for the South East European Railway Transport Area, signed in Tirana on December 4th 2007;
- 5 (five) Annual Meetings of Ministers held from 2005 to 2009 in Skopje, Brussels, Tirana, Besci and Zagreb
- the revision of the Core Regional Transport Network adopted at the Fifth Annual Meeting of Ministers in Zagreb on December 3rd 2009;
- the Steering Committee meetings of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network held from 2005 to 2010;
- 5 (five) Multi Annual Plans for development of the Core Regional Transport Network published from 2006 to 2009.

Make the following conclusions:

1. Accept the recommendations of the Steering Committee with respect to the Multi Annual Plan 2011 for the period 2011 - 2015 and in doing so adopt the aforesaid Plan as the principal planning document for development of the Core Regional Transport Network;
2. Stress the need for strengthening of the regional cooperation established and organised through the SEETO, which resulted in the continuous and sustainable improvement of the Core Regional Transport Network;
3. Acknowledge the difficulties and problems arising from the existing non-physical barriers among the Regional Participants and between the Regional Participants and the EU, which hinder the flow of goods and passengers and integration of the transport services market; the Regional Participants undertake the commitment to carry out necessary measures in overcoming the non-physical barriers through revision of the bilateral agreements, shortening and simplifying the border crossing procedures and upgrading the standards for vehicles, drivers and infrastructure in accordance with the EU legislation;
4. Acknowledge the need for further improvements in the process of data collection, analysis and dissemination of information on priority projects - but note that data collection is a continuous process that needs more resources and coordination, cooperation and harmonisation with the TEN-T (Trans European Transport Network) methodology in order to have compatible data;
5. Acknowledge that Trans European Transport Network (TEN-T) Policy is being revised and that Regional Participants must closely follow that revision, having in mind that the Core Regional Transport Network can be regarded as the precursor of the comprehensive TEN-T network in the Western Balkans. Furthermore, the process of development of a high level Core Regional Transport Network in line with the future TEN-T Policy changes should be continued;
6. Welcome the progress made in implementation of the SEE Railway Transport Area; Recognising the benefits of an integrated railway market, are encouraged to vigorously continue to support and carry out the railway reforms;
7. Recognise the importance of inland waterway transport in the regional co-modal transport system and therefore call for further improvement of the conditions for the inland waterway navigations as well as for the modernisation and upgrade of the Core Regional Transport Network's river ports;
8. Acknowledge and welcome the progress made in the area of road safety upon finalisation of the project financed by the European Commission "Support for Implementing Measures for the South East Core Regional Transport Network Multi Annual Plan 2008 – 2012", but request further measures to be taken as a project follow up in order to complete a process of certification of road safety auditors and inspectors;
9. Take into account the results of the *South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network-Review of MAP Priority Projects* meeting held in Brussels on September 17th 2010 with the participation of International

Financial Institutions and the European Commission. The Annual Meeting of Ministers encourages the SEETO to strengthen identification of regional priorities. It also advocates greater donor coordination, aligning project preparation and investments on common regional priorities, particularly in relation with the Western Balkans Investment Framework;

10. Recognise that the sustainability of the SEETO process is very important and that the method of calculation of the Regional Participants' contributions to SEETO budget should not be based on the number of priority projects presented in the Multi Annual Plan. The contribution should reflect the interest of the Regional Participant for the process of transport regional cooperation as well as to reflect the economic development of each Regional Participant. Thereby, the Participants accept the formula for calculation of contributions adopted by the Steering Committee on October 13th 2010 and presented in the Annex I;
11. Call upon the Participants to jointly organise a conference in the spring of 2011 during which prospects for financing of the major Core Regional Transport Network projects of utmost regional importance shall be sought with international financing institutions and the European Commission.

Annex I

The model for calculation of the Regional Participant`s contribution to the SEETO budget is based on the principle that the contribution of one Regional Participant is decoupled from the total value of the projects on the MAP Priority Project List submitted by the same Regional Participant and that the contribution should reflect the economic development of each SEETO Participant to the total GDP of the SEE Region. For these purposes, a financial formula is developed on the following manner:

- 70% of the Budget shall be shared on equal parts between all Regional Participants (10% each);
- Remaining 30% of the Budget shall be divided according the GDP share of each SEETO Participant in the total GDP of the SEE region.

Participant	Fixed Percents	Variable Percents	Contribution (%)
Albania	10.0	2.7	12.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10.0	4.0	14.0
Croatia	10.0	9.75	19.75
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	10.0	2.3	12.3
Montenegro	10.0	0.9	10.9
Serbia	10.0	9.15	19.15
Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99)	10.0	1.2	11.2
Total	70.0	30.0	100.0