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

"Common problems – Shared solutions"

1 December 2006 - Brussels

RESOLUTION

The signatories,

having regard to:

- the EC strategy paper *Transport and Energy infrastructure in South East Europe* (European Commission, 2001), the *Transport Infrastructure Regional Study (TIRS, 2002)* and the *Regional Balkans Infrastructure Study (REBIS, 2003)*;
- the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network, signed in Luxembourg on 11 June 2004;
- the Resolution of the 1st Annual Meeting of Ministers signed in Skopje 10th November 2005;
- the establishment of the South East Europe Transport Observatory, called SEETO;
- the Steering Committee meetings of the South East Europe Core Network in 2005 and 2006;
- the work of the High Level Group on the extension of the major Trans-European Transport Axes to the neighbouring countries and regions which is part of the Core Regional Transport Network;
- the SEETO Agreement signed by all signatories to the MoU;

Reconfirm the commitment to develop a well functioning transport network that is a prerequisite to economic and sustainable development, and to integration of the region leading to a transport Community;

Reconfirm continuing support for effective regional coordination to address jointly the need for adequate and sustainable regional transport infrastructure, as well as operational and regulatory issues of regional importance;

Acknowledge the progress that has been made in the implementation the Resolution of the first Annual Meeting of Ministers;

1. Accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee with respect to the Multi Annual Plan for the five year period 2007 to 2011, and in so doing adopt the aforesaid Plan;
2. Intend to take into consideration the contents of the Plan when formulating Government Programmes or Government Agenda, to ensure its implementation and to advise on the progress made at subsequent Annual Meetings;
3. Recognise that at least 20% of the Core Regional Transport Network remains in poor or very poor condition but also that capacity problems will affect over 10% of the network in the next five years due to an increase in traffic;
4. Call upon Participants to ensure that the quality of the infrastructure continues to improve through inclusion of appropriate and economically feasible projects in Multi Annual Plans; at the same time agree that projects may be removed from the Multi Annual Plan where progress has not been made to implement them;
5. Recognise that all Participants are making progress to reform the transport sector introducing new legislation and regulations in line with the *acquis communautaire*; these reforms should be introduced in an harmonised way in order to ensure the effective management and development of the Core Regional Transport Network;
6. Acknowledge the progress made in collection, analysis and dissemination of information on individual projects and project proposals and progress made with regard to the performance of the Core Regional Transport Network, but note that data collection is a continuous process which needs to be updated;
7. Stress the importance of information systems to facilitate analysis and the dissemination of results;
8. Require regular publication of performance indicators covering the condition and operation of the Core Regional Transport Network by SEETO;

9. Having regard to meetings held in June and September 2006 in Belgrade agree that the current interoperability of the core railway network should not be undermined by future regulatory differences between the participants in organising access to railways infrastructure, pricing and management; and thus endorse recommendations concerning the elaboration of a set of common regulations that cover the Core Regional Transport Network;
10. Acknowledge the serious problems concerning road safety, require improvements in management procedures and systems, and endorse the development and introduction of road safety auditing;
11. Require that a SEE Road Working Group be established that will coordinate the work on introducing road safety auditing as well as other actions and undertake to delegate specialists to its meetings;
12. Recognise that the preparation of road safety regulations are needed to introduce road safety auditing;
13. Recognise the role of efficient transport logistics in a modern economy and require that Inter-modal Transport receives increasing attention in the development of the multi-modal Core Regional Transport Network, including the specific development of the inland waterways;
14. Recognise that inter-modal transport development requires a trans-border approach to create optimum conditions for users and investors, and support the preparation of a regional inter-modal development strategy and plan;
15. Acknowledging the significant development to border crossing procedures that has resulted from various programmes, remain concerned that delays persist at international borders especially for freight transport, leading to slower economic development;
16. Support joint working arrangements with ongoing initiatives to facilitate trade and transportation;
17. Acknowledge the limitations of public sector funding for transport infrastructure and the need to involve the private sector, and welcome initiatives to share experience in developing and improving conditions for the extension of public and private partnerships (PPP);

18. Recognise the need to develop trans-border routes and ask the Steering Committee to explore the possibilities of cross border investment and cooperation when developing PPP initiatives;

19. Recognise the wider interest in the development of the Core Regional Transport Network and require the Steering Committee to consider ways of extending participation of neighbouring countries and regions.

Done in Brussels on December 1st, 2006




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