

## REGIONAL PLAN TO IMPROVE REGIONAL OPERATIONS

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## Introduction, sources of information

### Objective:

prepare a draft Regional Plan which outlines the steps to be taken in order to implement the outputs and conclusions resulting from:

- Activity A.2.1.3: Review of bilateral agreements
- Activity A.2.1.4: Review procedures of technical acceptance
- Activity A.2.1.5: Analysis driver training
- Activity A.2.2: Border controls of passengers on moving trains

- The Consultant has prepared a proposal of a Regional Plan to improve regional operations to be signed by the SEETO Participants.

## Basis of the Regional Plan

- **The Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of the South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network for a South East European Railway Transport Area**  
(December 2007, Tirana)

## Objectives (1)

- Establish and implement the legal and institutional framework for a gradual market-opening of rail transport in South East Europe, named South East European Railway Transport Area, based on gradual achievement on the following targets:
- **Target 5: Facilitate border crossing:**  
To reduce delays at borders involving all actors (mainly the railways, but also the various public authorities); to revise bilateral border-crossing agreements, bringing them into line with Community legislation, and learning from good examples. To remove discriminatory practice with regard to foreign or new-entrant railway undertakings

## Objectives (2)

- **Measures to be implemented: 2.5 Border crossing:**  
The existing bilateral border-crossing agreements will be brought into line with the requirements of Community law by applying best practice. To that effect, the Regional Participants are ready to establish bilateral groups involving the different experts from both sides of the border with a view to streamlining and shortening border-crossing procedures. They will encourage railways to streamline the handover of trains on borders based on mutual trust.

## The "Summary Time Table"- Guideline

| Measures                                                                      | Albania | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Croatia | the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Montenegro | Serbia | Kosovo under UNSCOK 1244/99 | Region        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Addendum Item 2.1: Institution building                                       | Jun-09  | 2008                   | Dec-09  | Jun-09                                    | Jul-09     | 2006   | Feb-10                      | <b>Feb-10</b> |
| Addendum item 2.2: Separation, management independence and market orientation | Jun-09  | Feb-09                 | Mar-08  | Feb-08                                    | Sep-08     | 2010   | Apr-10                      | <b>Apr-10</b> |
| Addendum Item 2.3: Fair infrastructure access, safety and interoperability    | 2010    | 2010                   | -       | Dec-10                                    | 2010       | 2010   | Dec-10                      | <b>Dec-10</b> |
| Addendum item 2.4: Financial Stability                                        | Jan-09  | 2009                   | Jan-07  | Jan-09                                    | Jan-09     | 2010   | Dec-09                      | <b>2010</b>   |
| Addendum item 2.5: Border Crossing                                            | NA      | 2009                   | -       | Jun-09                                    | Dec-08     | 2010   | Jun-09                      | <b>2010</b>   |
| Addendum item 2.6: Social dimension and social dialogue                       | Jan-09  | 2008                   | -       | Dec-09                                    | 2009       | 2010   | 2003                        | <b>2010</b>   |

## Implementation of Proposed Agreements with the Help of the Regional Plan

Approaches for implementation:

- **Market oriented/corridor approach**
- **Implementation approach**
- **Activity approach**



## Implementation steps of the Regional Plan (1)

Components of the draft Regional plan:

- Framework Border-Crossing Agreement (BCA)
- Framework Border Police Agreement (BPA)
- Agreement between Infrastructure Managers on the Interconnection of Networks
- Agreement among Railway Undertakings concerning the Transfer of Wagons
- Regional Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Training Certificates



## Implementation steps of the Regional Plan (2)

- **Step 1:** To be initiated by the competent stakeholder or even stakeholders of at least 2 SEETO Participants.
- **Step 2:** First draft presented by the initiating party from Step 1
- **Step 3:** Negotiations opened either bilaterally or multilaterally, depending on the intentions of the initiating parties (and their joint commissions)
- **Step 4:** Negotiations finished, draft approved by the competent joint commission
- **Step 5:** Ready for signature.



## Conclusions for the proposed border crossing agreements (BCA and BPA)

- **Improve the competitiveness of their international rail traffic**
- **Simplify border crossing for their citizens and shippers using rail**
- **Join the European Union**



## Conclusions for the proposed agreements on interconnection and wagon acceptance

- **Reduce waiting times at the borders**
- **Abolish the “empty wagon tourism” with the SEETO Participants**
- **Force the wagon keepers to operate their rolling stock with the SEETO Participants in a customer-oriented way**
- **Increase the return on capital of the wagons**



## Conclusions for Regional agreement for driver training

- **Mutual recognition of driver training certificates** is the first step towards harmonising the railway sector in SEETO Participants, since it opens the door for the free migration of highly qualified railway personnel in the SEETO Participants
- *The Consultant proposes the SEETO Secretariat to initiate the negotiation on the Regional Agreement for driver training*



## Conclusions for control on moving trains

- **No necessity to have controls in standing trains**
- **No necessity to have controls before boarding and/or after disembarking as it is the case for air and bus**



## Conclusion for the draft Regional Plan

### The proposed Regional Plan shall:

- enforce the already existing implementation efforts of the SEETO Participants
- provide them with a guideline which respects the time frame of the Conclusion of the Annual Ministerial Meeting held in December 2008 in Becici.
- be scrutinised by:
  - 4th Railway Reform Workshop in the 4th week of September 2009 and
  - 10th Railway Working Group in the 4th week of September 2009.
- [LINK TO TABLES](#)



**Thank you for your attention!**

