



Eighth Annual Meeting of Ministers on the Development of the SEETO Comprehensive Network

“Common problems – Shared solutions”

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PRESS RELEASE

The South East European Transport Observatory (SEETO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia are hosting the **8th Annual Meeting of Ministers** for development of the SEETO Comprehensive Network, which is going to be held **in Hotel Westin, Zagreb on December 4th, 2012.**

The Meeting shall be attended by high level delegations from the Transport and Infrastructure Ministries of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo* as well as the European Commission, EU Member States, International Financial Institutions and various transport related organisations.

On the occasion of the 8th SEETO Annual Meeting of Ministers, the 2013 **Multi Annual Network Development Plan** shall be delivered. It presents a regional transport planning document, agreed jointly by all SEETO Participants that gives an overview of the development of the SEETO Comprehensive Network, presents the main regional priority projects and streamlines further reforms in the transport sector. In the Plan, the total reported investments in completed and finance secured/ongoing projects on the SEETO Comprehensive Network from 2006 to 2011 amounted €10.8 billion, while the total estimated costs for all priority projects for implementation from the 2013 Priority Project List amounts to € 8,2 billion, to be carried out in the next midterm rolling period.

In the Conclusions to be adopted by the 8th SEETO Annual Ministerial Meeting, the Ministers commit to further develop the SEETO Comprehensive Network in order to establish a fully connected South East European extension of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), and agree to work together for facilitating the transport operations along the network. They will undertake a model of cross-border cooperation along the transport axes, aiming to address the obstacles which hamper the smooth traffic flows and to reduce travel time and transport costs.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence



South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) is a regional transport organisation established by the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2004 by the Governments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the European Commission. The aim of SEETO is to promote cooperation on the development of the main and ancillary infrastructure on the multimodal SEETO Comprehensive Network and to promote and enhance local capacity for the implementation of investment programmes, management and data collection and analysis on the SEETO Comprehensive Network. More information can be found on www.seeto.int.org.