

SEETO Regional Visits 2013 Summary Report

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General observations

- **Regional visits 2013** - deemed successful in terms of exchanging latest transport information and strengthening the future channels of communication
 - ✓ Seven RP's visited during end March/April 2013
 - ✓ Record number of participants (150)
 - ✓ Record number of institutions involved
 - **Transport Ministries** (high level representatives, SC members, National coordinators, WG members, other personnel from all transport sectors)
 - **Transport modes stakeholders:** Agencies, Public Enterprises, Directorates, Operators, Institutes
 - **Non-transport stakeholders:** NIPAC offices, Customs authorities, Ministry of Finance
 - **Delegations of EU**
 - ✓ Technical site visits conducted
 - ✓ Seven separate Reports and one Summary Report
 - ✓ Agreed agenda and format followed
 - ✓ News published and disseminated www.seetoint.org





Main findings

- **SEETO Comprehensive Network** - steady development: some major projects in progress, others expected to begin
 - ❑ need to strengthen the project planning & preparation (tender procedures and technical issues related to licences, permits and land acquisition)
 - ❑ request to revise the present configuration of the SEETO Comprehensive Network in Bosnia and Herzegovina to better reflect the current needs
 - ❑ DEU in Skopje- it might put under consideration the possibility to finance access & feeder roads through IPA
- **SEETO visibility**- highly improved; **MAP**- recognized as helpful instrument in the regional transport planning which can catalyze the investments and transport reforms
- **Common transport policy/strategy**- expressed the need by the RPs
 - ❑ Regional Transport Study – highly welcomed
 - ❑ Flagship Initiative on multimodal corridor management- support expressed
 - ❑ Working Groups continuation- supported
- **Cooperation & coordination** further needed: on national level, among authorities from different RPs, with EC, IFIs ,Delegations of the EU, other EU related Projects and financial instruments
 - ❑ WBIF and IPA
 - ❑ Danube Strategy
 - ❑ ACROSSEE, DAHAR, WANDA, Project for Monitoring&Evaluation Capacity Development.....



Transport observations

- **Air transport**- growing sector in the region: increase of passenger transport, introduction of new regular lines and low-cost carriers, several airports have completed/undergoing major reconstructions
- **IWW**- establishment of bilateral Inter-state Commissions; introduction of RIS; reconstructions have been completed/planned for ports of Vukovar, Osijek and Sisak, and sections Sisak-Brcko, Brcko-Belgrade
- **Maritime transport**- progress in some international regulations; different concession arrangements for ports of Durres, Bar, Rijeka and Vlore
- **Railway transport**- uneven progress, decline in passenger and freight traffic
 - Pledge for more coordinated approach for investing in railway infrastructure (Albania)
 - Kosovo*- good progress; Serbian Railways- lack of progress in restructuring; Macedonian authorities closed the market
 - Border-crossing agreements to become operable (reported interruption of freight transport towards Greece)
- **Road transport**- steady developments
 - Maintenance and road safety-issues of concern (request for RSA Project)
 - Intensified cooperation on BCPs between police, customs and border agencies- commitment to cooperate with SEETO
 - request to regionally address the issue of the non-unified scales for HGV weighing, maximum allowed weight rules and road inspections

* 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.

Conclusions

1. Regional visits – highly appreciated, useful and welcomed
2. Constant presence of SEETO in the region and need for dissemination of information in both direction
3. Future EC assistance to SEETO activities for establishing an efficient transport system - highly welcomed by all Regional Participants
4. A common Regional Transport Strategy should streamline the efforts of the different parties and should guide the common transport policy for the region of Western Balkans
5. Strong support to the Transport Community Treaty

Thank you for your attention !

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