

“TEN-T Comprehensive Network in South East Europe: sustainable financing and policy”

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Regional Transport Planning Cooperation Achievements in 2013

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- 2013 - New revised TEN-T Guidelines adopted, with included SEETO Comprehensive Network as TEN-T in South East Europe
 - Regional Transport Study commenced
 - Focus on SEETO Strategic Work Programme - TA approved by EC
 - Enhanced coordination under WBIF involvement in SEE 2020 Strategy – Dimension Transport
 - 9th Annual Ministerial Meeting
 - Publication of newly structured MAP 2014

Multi Annual Plan 2014

➤ MAP 2014 presents:

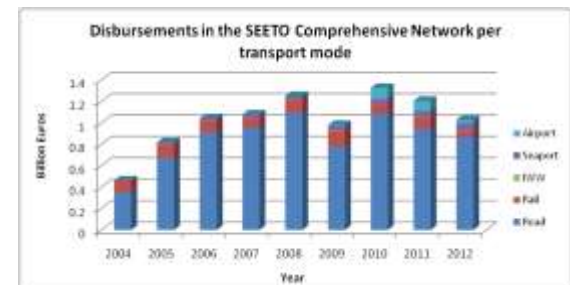
- To date achievements of the SEETO Cooperation
- Current state-of-art of the infrastructure and transport on the SEETO CN
- SEETO CN investment trends in 2004 - 2012 period and urgent investment needs
- Main regional infrastructure priority projects on the SEETO Comprehensive Network
- Horizontal measures, complementing the proposed infrastructure measures



Investments in the SEETO Comprehensive Network

Total of €13.2 billion was invested in the SEETO Comprehensive Network since 2004

- **€ 9.2 billion** disbursed in the SEETO Comprehensive Network in the period 2004–2012
- Financing agreements concluded for additional **€4 billion**, to be disbursed in the forthcoming period
- Investments in the **SEETO Comprehensive Road Network** in 2004–2012 continued to be prioritised – **79% of investments** were disbursed in the road infrastructure

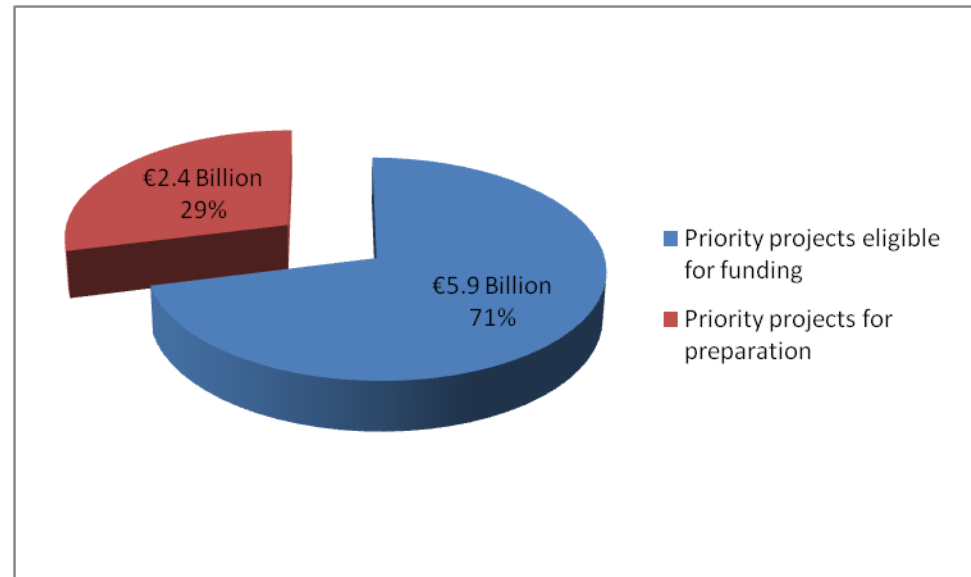


MAP 2014 Priority Projects

Submitted priority projects:

- 20 projects eligible for funding
 - 20 projects for preparation
- **8.3 billion Euros** total required investments in MAP 2014 priority projects

Average score of priority projects evaluation 76%



Transport Policy

- Focus on horizontal measures
 - complement the national reforms and infrastructure development of the SEETO CN
 - few target areas for intervention (Project Tasks) – with EC assistance:
 - ❑ reinforced implementation of the Railway reforms → *Flagship axes initiative*
 - ❑ Transport and border-crossing facilitation
 - ❑ Road safety auditing- training programme to be developed and training for trainers to be carried out

- Participation to EU initiatives and “umbrella” EU driven strategies with regional ownerships (**SEE2020 Strategy- Dimension Transport**):
 - ❑ improve the utilization rate of transport infrastructure
 - ❑ ensuring harmonisation with the EU transport regulatory framework -creating common market conditions and safety standards
 - ❑ development of co-modality and improving the ratio of railway and waterborne transport

Regional Transport Study (REBIS update)

- Commenced in October 2013
- Financed and conducted under the World Bank (Western Balkans Investment Framework)

The expected results are:

- Transport Demand Model and traffic projections
- Identification of key transport corridors/routes/links
- Analysis of the physical and non-physical barriers to the efficient operation of the SEETO Comprehensive Network
- Identification and Analysis of Investments and Measures to Enhance Network Efficiency;
- Priority Action Plan for physical and non-physical improvements in the SEETO Comprehensive Network.



Flagship initiative

❑ The main objective

- cutting the **travel time** and **transport costs** on selected SEETO Comprehensive Network axes

❑ On the 37 SC meeting (June 11th, 2013) Steering Committee agreed to pursue with the Flagship Axes Initiative

❑ Following five flagship axes were selected:

- **Corridor X** (highest traffic flows + connectivity Port of Thessaloniki and Belgrade)
- **Corridor Vc** (connectivity Port of Ploce and Sava river)
- **Corridor VIII + Route 7** (connectivity Port of Durres, Corridor X and Black Sea)
- **Route 4** (connectivity Port of Bar, Corridor X, Danube and Corridor IV)
- **Danube river** (already European corridor)

A way forward

- Improvement of regional interconnections and attraction of European and world commercial transport flows-bringing economic growth
 - Use of IPA II (including Multi-beneficiary IPA) and CEF should be focused and well targeted in line with the SEETO priorities
- Reducing barriers- improving quality of services and efficiency of the transport system (*Multimodal Flagship axes initiative*)
- Promoting co-modality, energy efficient & environmentally friendly transport modes (*SEE 2020 Strategy*);
- Preparation of a new strategic vision and framework for overall transport system development in line with *the EU White Paper on Transport*



Thank you for your attention!

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