

THE STATE OF RAILWAY SECTOR IN KOSOVO*

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From the last SEETO meeting held on 20th of March 2014 in Skopje, there were no important changes which happened in Railway Sector in Kosovo. As usually I will mention the most important issues which happened during this time.

1. Ministry of Infrastructure has prepared Draft Administrative Instruction for Licensing of Train Drivers. The process of public consultation is completed and it is expected signature of mentioned instruction from Minister of Infrastructure.
2. During this period of time, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Finance, INFRAKOS and EBRD, were fully engaged in preparation of documents and finalizing of procedures for loan agreement for general rehabilitation of the Railway Route 10. The parties are agreed to implement this project in three phases:
 - First phase from Fushë Kosovë up to the border with Macedonia;
 - Second phase from Fushë Kosovë up to Mitrovica; and
 - Third phase from Mitrovica up to border with Serbia
3. INFRAKOS has prepared first draft of the NS for 2015 and it is expected to start with consultation process (in which process will participate all interested parties).
4. There are ongoing discussions with TRAINKOS J.S.C. and Government Authorities to make functioning Implementation Plan of Multi-Modal Transport Strategy thru Mid Term Expenditure Framework for 2015-2017 for capital investments.
5. An effort of TRAINKOS J.S.C. to become a member of relevant railway associations is one of the activities for this period to especially with COTIF; also received the recommendation from CIT.
6. RRA (Railway Regulatory Authority) and Directorate of Montenegro Railways has signed the memorandum of cooperation.

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