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## SEETO Key Users Meeting

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### Draft Conclusions

In the framework of the current SEETO Strategic Work Programme and the Technical Assistance adhered to SEETO for implementing it, as well as on the basis of the monitoring mechanism created for the SEE2020 Strategy (dimension Transport), the national transport authorities (*SEETO Key users and SEETO National Coordinators*) agree on the following:

- Transport Data Collection/Analytical mechanism
  1. The enhancement of the SEETO transport data collection and transport analysis is recognised as a great need and priority by the Regional Participants given the increased demand and quality of SEETO outputs which are and will be generated to address the regional needs and underpin the regional transport planning process
  2. Regional Participants request further modifications and improvements to the system as follows:
    - a. Maintenance costs, road safety data and border-crossing data are to be introduced in the collection and analytical system as per the proposal from SEETO, due to necessity to put a greater institutional focus on tackling the urgent issues arising from the mentioned sectors. The next priority programmes of SEETO should inevitably deal with improving the maintenance of the infrastructure, of the road safety conditions and facilitation of transport in the region as continuation to the SEETO Flagship axes initiative
    - b. The introduction of the new social, economic, financial and environmental indicators in the Project questionnaires is welcomed in order to better reflect the maturity of the projects and the related analysis can have added value to the prioritisation process
    - c. New policy questionnaires and check-lists are to be created by SEETO for each transport mode (following the example of railway sector) to enable SEETO to better track the progress of the national transport reforms, to ensure greater visibility in front of EC and international stakeholders and to assess the capacities and needs for future assistance

3. Regional Participants commit to provide the requested data from item 2 and in doing so, they will interact with respective national authorities beyond the transport sector
4. SEETO key users and National coordinators recommend to SEETO to introduce a formal mechanism of data exchange with respective regional and international organisations, notably CEFTA and ITF with purposes of amplifying in depth the cooperation, complementing the information flow and verifying the analysis on a broader international level
5. SEETIS III is recognised as a very important tool and therefore, it is recommended to the SEETO Steering Committee to authorize the upgrade of the system that will be able to incorporate the mentioned innovations
6. The EC Technical Assistance for the SWP 2012-2014, Project Track a). Improvement of the Data Collection Mechanism and Analysis is deemed extremely useful and beneficial to the Regional Participants and SEETO. It is recommended and highly appreciated that further assistance is provided in continuation of the existing one to ensure appropriate capacity on national level for gathering and processing the relevant information is on place

- SEE2020 Strategy monitoring

1. The government self-assessment under the SEE2020 Strategy monitoring grid developed by OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe in cooperation with SEETO is going to be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> of September; SEE2020 transport key users will remain available for further clarifications if needed, as well as throughout the entire process up until the finalisation of the assessment and the creation of the final OECD brochure
2. OECD in cooperation with SEETO, ITF and RCC and on the basis of the received inputs from the SEE 2020 key users will aim to enhance the monitoring grid, including the quantitative and qualitative policy indicators on transport, as well as their interrelation and relation with headline and outcome indicators
3. SEETO will consider the possibilities to incorporate the SEE2020 transport indicator grid in the SEETIS system as part of the policy monitoring it performs within the scope of its mandate and activities
4. By confirming that SEETIS is greatly beneficial for tracking and monitoring the progress and for more accurate planning of the future measures for implementation of SEE 2020 Strategy (dimension Transport), the RCC shall look at the possibilities to support the upgrade of the system within the next Regional Programme/ Regional Action Plan for Dimension Transport