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Regional Visits 2014 Summary Report

41st Steering Committee Meeting
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Background

March 2014 – May 2014

- Five Regional Visits meetings
 - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo
 - Regional Visits meeting in Serbia scheduled for 21st of July 2014
- Meetings financially supported and organized under the EC TA 2014
- Technical field visit to Pristina International Airport




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Common observations

- SEETO and the Multi-annual Plan (MAP) are already seen and confirmed by all Regional Participants to be a main instrument in the regional transport planning
- Accentuated necessity for further involvement of SEETO regional cooperation in the following activities:
 - Organization of thematic workshops/small conferences on a regional level to improve an exchange of information
 - Road Safety and Road/Rail Maintenance are the highest priorities in the forthcoming period in all Regional Participants
 - Need to strengthen the project planning and project preparation (Infrastructure Working Group)

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Common observations

- Identified difficulties in the MAP 2014 'Sava River' priority project implementation
- Slow progress in the implementation of the border-crossing agreements and establishment of joint border station
 - SEETO as regional transport forum should play a catalyst role
- Reported safety and security issues on the railways
 - Potential project in the future
- Air transport is rapidly growing sector in the region



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Specific issues


- **Revision of the present configuration of the SEETO Comprehensive Network**
 - Stated request from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo authorities
- **Connecting Europe Facility**
 - Regional Participants are determined to use the opportunity offered in a maximum possible extent
- **WBIF financing** - two remarks were stated
 - Non availability of WBIF grants for airports in the region
 - Necessity for more in depth discussion on the potential candidates (Infrastructure Working Group)
- Transport is not among eligible sectors for IPA II 2014-2020 in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Conclusions

- Regional Visits meetings are highly appreciated and welcomed
- The level of understanding of the role of SEETO and the purpose of the MAP has advanced
- Targeted field visits should be organized along with the Regional Visits meetings in each Regional Participant
- The visibility of SEETO in the region is drastically improved over the years
- SEETO Working Groups are seen as highly important

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Thank you for your attention !

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Multi Annual Plan 2015 Discussion Paper

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Background

MAP 2015 Guiding theme - 10 years of SEETO

The main difference of the MAP 2015

- revised structure which reflects its aim to serve to a wider target audience
- easy-to-comprehend
- narrowed scope
- condensed analysis - deepened its impact
- overpass the transitional period until the expected outcomes of the ongoing projects are due



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MAP 2015 Structure

1. Introduction

- Short description of activities within the SEETO cooperation in 2014 and its impact on the transport development in South East Europe
 - Flagship Axes Initiative,
 - The Regional Transport Study (REBIS update)
 - The European Commission (EC) Technical Assistance
 - South East Europe 2020 Strategy

2. Needs assessment

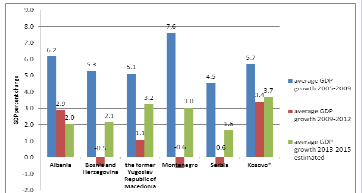
- Physical and non physical bottlenecks and barriers and their influence on regional traffic and on the TEN-T network
 - All transport modes
 - Regional Transport Study/Flagship Axes Initiative
- Correlation between identified gaps and required investments
 - Regional Transport Study

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MAP 2015 Structure

3. Infrastructure investment overview

- Investment review of executed projects in the SEETO Comprehensive Network in the last 10 years
- Economic analysis of transport infrastructure investments
- Prioritization of proposed priority projects for the next 5 years



Country/Region	Average GDP growth 2004-2010	Average GDP growth 2011-2012	Average GDP growth 2013-2015
Albania	6.2	2.9	5.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.5	2.1	2.1
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5.1	2.2	2.1
Montenegro	7.5	2.6	2.6
Serbia	4.2	1.0	0.6
Romania	2.7	1.2	2.7

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MAP 2015 Structure

4. Transport policy orientation

- Future directions of the SEETO Comprehensive Network Transport policy development
- Overview of the transport policy principles to be met in a long term based on the already endorsed strategic papers, strategies and initiatives,
- It paves the way for a comprehensive Regional Transport Strategy
- SEETO's priorities in this regard are compliant to the main priorities outlined in the largest regional strategy, the *South East Europe 2020 Strategy "Jobs and Prosperity in a European Perspective"*
 - Transport dimension is placed as a cornerstone for achieving sustainable growth of the Western Balkans' economies



Future steps

- Road and Rail capacity Assessment (following the REBIS update study)
- Correlation between identified capacity gaps, required investments for its improvement and finance secured/ongoing priority projects
- Investment review of executed projects in the SEETO Comprehensive Network in the last 10 years
- Prioritization and presentation of priority projects



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