

**Report on the work of RRB BiH**  
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Railway Regulatory Board BiH (hereinafter referred to as: RRB BiH) is an administrative organization of the Ministry of the Communications and Transport BiH located in Dobož and established in accordance with the recommendations of the EU Directive 2001/14 and 2004/49.

In accordance with EU Directive 2012/34 a new organizational chart is established and given in the Annex to this Report.

**I Activities of the RRB BiH in the previous period, consisted of the following:**

1. Issuance of Licences to operate rail services, Authorizations for placing in service, Licenses for railway infrastructure management, ECM certificates-(Based on the submitted applications);
2. Monitoring, promoting, implementation and development of safety regulatory framework including the system of national safety regulations. The implementation of the project „Provision of technical assistance to railway authorities in BiH in harmonizing regulations for maintenance of railway infrastructure and rolling stock with the EU Directives” is in the final stage, 22 Regulations have been published so far. This project creates a prerequisite for opening of the rail transport market in BiH.
3. Drafting the operating instructions within the competence of the RRB BiH, such as: Instruction on certification and monitoring of Entity in charge of maintenance, Rulebook on National Vehicle Register; These documents have been published and they are in line with requirements of EU Directives.
4. Implementation of the National Vehicle Register;
5. Establishing a legal framework for the process of market opening in the railway sector.

***Our Action plan for the coming period involves the following tasks:***

1. Handling of applications, complaints and appeals regarding the issuance of Licence to operate rail services, Licence for railway infrastructure management, Authorization for placing in service and ECM Certificates;
2. Granting the Authorisations for placing in service of structural subsystems and checking that they are functioning and maintained in accordance with the relevant essential requirements (Based on the submitted applications);
3. Supervision and checking through regular inspections that a rolling stock is used properly and under conditions for which a license is valid.
4. Monitoring, promoting, implementation and development of safety regulatory framework including the system of national safety regulations.
5. Special attention will be paid to the development of regulation and monitoring of the rail market. To this end, the following activities are planned:
  - a) Drafting the required secondary legislation for opening the transport market:
    - safety regulations are in process of adoption and publication;
    - currently underway is preparation of the Instruction on regulation and monitoring of the rail market and Instruction for analysis and monitoring of competition in the rail market.

For the purpose of preparing the above mentioned documents and development of this segment in general, we have applied for the projects financed by TAIEX. Two missions are planned:

- Expert Mission on the topic “Regulation of the rail market”- Expert from Croatia
- Study Visit to the Schienen-Control in Austria

Lessons learnt will be implemented in secondary legislation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (the deadline for the adoption of these acts is 2015). The opening of the rail transport market in BiH is carried out in accordance with the dynamics of the EU integration process. To open the BiH transport market we need financial resources, which we have asked from the EC Delegation in Sarajevo, but we have not received a response yet.

## **II Situation in the railway sector**

1. Entity railway companies are vertically integrated; RU and IM have separated business plans and costs;
2. Both entity IMs have drawn up Network Statement (NS) according to the format of RailNetEurope (RNE) and they can be found in hard copy. However, they are not published, because the capital overhaul of railway line is as much as 50%; IMs are waiting an overhaul of lines that were damaged in the May floods, in order to create condition for publishing the Network Statement on the web site;
3. Regarding the traffic volume, seen through qualitative and quantitative indicators, there is increasing trend in the section Zvornik-Tuzla-Doboj-Banja Luka-Novi Grad-Dobrljin, which is parallel to Corridor X. About 80% of the total freight transport in BiH is registered on this section. Given that this section is not included in SEETO network and has great significance for the economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we use the presence of national coordinators as well as experts from SEETO to point out that it is of great importance for BiH to expand the SEETO network with specified section.
4. Both RUs has obtained the Licence to operate rail services.
5. Both RUs have implemented management system for ECM and they have been certified by the RRB BiH as an ECM.

## Annex: New organizational chart of the RRB BiH

### NEW ORGANISATION CHART OF THE RRB BiH IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW ON RAILWAYS BiH AND EU DIRECTIVE 2012/34/EU

