

## **THE STATE OF RAILWAY SECTOR IN KOSOVO\***

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From the last SEETO meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 in Podgorica, 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, 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.
2. INFRAKOS and EBRD are preparing short list of companies which have applied for project design of the first phase. It is expected that project design will start in 2015, and after that will start rehabilitation of the line (first phase)
3. INFRAKOS has made consultation process with all interested parties concerning Network Statement for 2015. Ministry of Infrastructure is working in clarification of the fees for Track Access Charges in order to make final decision for approval of the NS 2015.
4. An effort of TRAINKOS to become a member of relevant railway associations is one of the activities for this period to especially with COTIF and CIT, and TRAINKOS received the invitation from CIT for the next meeting which will be held on October 2014.
5. TRAINKOS is in final stage of approval of regulations for licensing and certification for the Train Drivers together with Railway Regulatory Authority - RRA and Ministry of Infrastructures – MI, parallel TRAINKOS is in process of completion of secondary legislation for this process.

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