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## 13<sup>th</sup> SEETO National Coordinators Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> SEE2020 Strategy transport key users meeting

### ➤ Transport data as a ground base information

Following up the main objectives of SEETO regarding the utilization rate of transport infrastructure, removing the physical and non- physical bottlenecks as well as to harmonize the regional transport policy with the EU transport regulatory framework which are fully in line with the SEE2020 strategy objectives in the Transport dimension, SEETO is continuing to build up the monitoring system of the transport performance indicators and of the progress made in the various transport policy aspects.

One of the main products of SEETO, the Multi Annual Plan (MAP), as well as other deliverables are based on the ground information – data collected from the National Coordinators (NC) and SEETO Key Users. The NC main tasks are year-to-year adapted to the needs for changes, innovations and improvements of the work of SEETO clearly shown with the latest outcomes and deliverables.

Given that, while in the past SEETO was mostly focused on the main deliverable- MAP-, for the upcoming period SEETO is looking forward to produce high quality analytical reports and to gather as much as information possible on a regular level for the purposes of, but not limited to the following:

- **MAP 2016**
- **REBIS Project**
- **Flagship axes Initiative**
- **SEE 2020 Strategy Comprehensive Outlook (transport dimension)**
- **Policy report**
  - **Regional transport policy outlook**
  - **Railway report**
  - **Mid-term regional road safety strategy review report**
- **Regional visits report 2015**
- **Investment report**

Some of the Reports above are agreed by the Steering Committee and their structure is done on the basis of the recent EC technical assistance, while others are regular SEETO reports or initiatives conducted under SEETO in cooperation with other institutions, including RCC. In any case, the main intention of all of them is to show a comprehensive regional transport overview of the transport analysis, issues and aspects.

Naturally, to be able to produce any of them, the main source of information and the first referent address of SEETO are the national transport authorities, through the **SEETO National coordinators** and **key users**.

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➤ **Objectives of the meeting**

The main objective of the meeting is to discuss with the SEETO Regional Participants on expert level about the ***process of beginning of implementation of the changes that were introduced in the prospective development of data collection mechanism***, following the recommendations given in the EC Technical Assistance 2014 Task A Deliverables and concluded at the Key Users Meeting, organized in Skopje in September 2014, in cooperation with RCC. This 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting follows-up on the previous meeting in Skopje, and on the overall concept agreed thereupon, including the future steps (see the background materials). In addition, it will provide possibility for the Key Users to engage and use SEETO cooperation and SEE 2020 results and activities in their daily work.

**More specific objectives:**

- To elaborate the new above-stated SEETO products along with the needs, for new data entries and queries with a final goal, to be used better by SEETO in producing various **economic, financial** and **social analysis** on the transport system in the region, as well as to serve better to the users for their planning purposes
- To discuss and through *sort of training and team building of the NC and key users*, to jointly reach recommendations on the improvement of the channels of communication, data collection and information system; also, through the training, to put their national role in SEETO into regional, European and more global perspective;
- To engage all NC and key users in the whole mechanism of the data issues and ensuring that they understand their crucial role in the process and act as “creators” who use it in their daily work, rather than just be simple “collectors” of data, taking it as a burden or overload; to review the ToR for National coordinators and propose revisions if needed
- To enable a platform for exchange of views and best practices among Regional Participants regarding transport issues and for **monitoring their progress** (on the basis of the process cycle **Collect- Manage-Produce-Share**) in transport area, including the implementation of the transport dimension of SEE2020 strategy:

➤ **Logistic notes**

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The meeting will be held in 1.5 day on **23-24.03.2015** in hotel Bianca, Kolašin, Montenegro and will be led by experienced international trainer/facilitator, and by the SEETO Secretariat staff. The role of the trainer will be to bring some of the European and global transport institutions and processes closer to the National coordinators and key users and to assist them in comprehending their function in SEETO.

The meeting will be fully supported by RCC. Two representatives per RP, SEETO staff members and one trainer will have their transport and accommodation costs covered, through direct communication with RCC.

The list of National coordinators and key users to whom the invitation should be sent is going to be prepared by the SEETO Secretariat. Agenda and other information will be sent by SEETO Secretariat in due time.