

Regarding the progress in the railway reform in the past few months from the last meeting we have been busy, not on reforms but on construction fields in the railway network.

The only project which has been connected with the reforms it could be the Business Segmentation & Fleet Management Advisory Services for Railway Transport Company. The objective of this assignment is to: (a) develop a business segment separation strategy for MRT which will require division of the assets, liabilities and capital of the current Company to be allocated to newly established companies; the proposal should also address a reallocation of the current employees; (b) prepare the fleet management plan for the RU and assist in business separation and subsequent management practices of the rolling stock. The evaluation report is sent to the EBRD for NO, and the task will end after 18 months of signing a contract. So, the project is ongoing.

Goods transported in first quarter of 2015 compared with the same period of previous year indicate decrease of 8%. About the passenger transport for the same period is reduced by 8%, too. There is 3 international pair of trains which do services from Skopje to: Pristine –Kosovo*; Belgrade-Serbia, and a route from Thessaloniki-Skopje-Beograd every day.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.