

## RAILWAY REFORM IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

In the past ten years, the railway sector in BiH has made significant progress:

- The legal and institutional framework in compliance with the EU acquis,
- Independent regulatory institutions for the rail sector are in operation,
- Railways in BiH is restructured and reorganized in order to focus on customers and competitiveness

The Law on Railways of 2005 started the reform of the railway sector in BiH and its organization on the principles of free market competition, which is the prerequisite for integration of this market segment in the EU Single Market after the accession of BiH to the full membership of this association.

Railway Regulatory Board BiH (RRB BiH), established in accordance to the Law on Railways, is responsible for the following: MARKET REGULATION AND SUPERVISION, NATIONAL SAFETY AUTHORITY, REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND SAFETY INVESTIGATION

In addition to the Law on Railways of 2005 concerning the regulation of railway transport in Bosnia and Herzegovina, there are 43 new by-laws adopted (instructions, Regulations and Guidelines) by BiH Railway Regulatory Board that are harmonized with COTIF, TSI, European norms and EU directives.

RRB BiH issued 215 Licenses for Use of railway vehicles, devices, parts and equipment for railway vehicles and devices, parts and equipment for railway infrastructure (in accordance with Directive 2008/57/EC, 2001/16/EC)

The opening of the railway market is still at an early stage. The Railway Regulatory Board of Bosnia and Herzegovina is currently preparing a by-law on the supervision and regulation of the market through Guidelines / Instructions on the regulation of the railway services, analysis and monitoring of competitiveness in the market of railway services, and the supervision over the quality of services provided by railway operators.

The adjustment of the organizational structure of the RRB BiH to the EU requirements is in progress. Entity railway companies are vertically integrated railway companies and an entire separation of the infrastructure management from railway operators in terms of cost and business plan has been completed. There have been no additional reform activities in railway companies.

Both entity IMs have drawn up Network Statement (NS) according to the format of RailNetEurope (RNE) and they can be found in hard copy but not officially published on the website

Both RUs have obtained the Licence to operate rail services. Both RUs have implemented management system for ECM and they have been certified by the RRB BiH as an ECM.