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SEETO activities regarding soft measures

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Objectives of SEETO Cooperation

- The main objectives of the SEETO cooperation:
 - Develop the SEETO Comprehensive Network;
 - *Improve and harmonise regional transport policies and technical standards for the SEETO Comprehensive Network development;*
 - Maintain an effective coordination and communication network; and
 - Integrate the SEETO Comprehensive Network in the framework of the wider Trans European Network.



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Western Balkan 6

- The Western Balkans Conference held on 28 August 2014 in Berlin provided a political framework for the more intensive development of transport infrastructure
- Substantial progress during 2015
 - agreement by the Western Balkan six Prime Ministers in Brussels in April on the regional core transport network,
 - further agreement (in Riga in June) on the core network corridors (namely Mediterranean, Orient/East-Med and Rhine/Danube corridors were extended to WB)
 - list of infrastructure projects and soft measures to be implemented by 2020 as well as the appointment of corridor coordinators (Vienna Summit in August).

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Vienna Summit soft measures

Implementation of soft measures has a high priority

Regional actions

| Medium-term Regional Actions (2020 Goals) | Short-term Regional Actions (2016 Goals) |
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| 1. Opening of the transport market | |
| 1.1 Implementation of rail reform strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail market opening on the pilot basis on the Orient/East Med Corridor • Definition of a framework for implementation of EU Freight Corridors, extended to the Western Balkans |
| 2. Establishment of competitive, reliable and safe transport system | |
| 2.1 Improvement of road safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Targeting the reduction of fatalities by 20% compared to reference year 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Road Safety Inspection (RSI) guidelines and curriculum and delivering of trainings |
| 2.2 Trade and Transport Facilitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and implementation of System of Exchange Expiry Data (SEED) Plan to support the CEFTA Framework Agreement on exchange of data and simplification of inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Signature of a legally binding document – protocol on an exchange of transport data in cooperation with CEFTA |
| 2.3 Intelligent Transport System (ITS) deployment on the Core Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of strategic framework for implementation of ITS on the Core Network |
| 2.4 Establishment of functioning maintenance system ensuring no section in poor/very poor condition by 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Maintenance plan for 2016-2020 for the entire Core Network |



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National actions

| Medium-term National Actions (2020 Goals) | Short-term National Actions (2016 Goals) |
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| 3. Increasing the effectiveness of Border Crossing Procedures | |
| 3.1 Effective Border Crossing Agreements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the border crossing agreement between Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia • Conclusion of negotiations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia for all border-crossing points (BCPs) • Implementation of the border crossing agreement between Montenegro and Albania as a part of Adriatic – Ionian highway project |
| 3.2 Implementation of Integrated Border Management (IBM) strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of IBM at Common Crossing Points (CCPs) between Serbia and Kosovo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Provide one parking lane on each side of the Common Crossing Point of Merdare/Merdari |

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Implementation of soft measures

- One of the first step is to establish TFWG
- Task: Monitoring and reporting on implementation of soft measures and the Flagship axes action plan
- Membership: Ministry of transport and trade, EC (DG MOVE and DG NEAR), customs (including CEFTA), transport industry etc
- First meeting: November 2015



Vienna Summit soft measures

- Implementation of soft measures
 - EC Technical Assistance – EU Freight Corridors
 - Additional funding for implementation of soft measures will be available



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