
SEETO Working Group on Transport Facilitation (TFWG)

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Conclusions

1. The first SEETO TFWG enabled all participants to understand the challenges of the policy reform "soft measures", agreed at the Western Balkan 6 summit of 2015;
2. The TFWG is fully aware of the agreed deadline (Vienna Summit conclusions) and the expected results for the implementation of the soft measures until the next Western Balkan 6 summit in Paris in July 2016;
3. Each country will make the maximum efforts to implement the measures. The SEETO Secretariat will be the focal point for process management, information gathering and contacts between the various stakeholders;
4. SEETO will follow the Soft measures implementation process by creating a monitoring mechanism to keep track of progress achieved country by country through the reporting exercise. The final responsibility for the monitoring exercise, however, remains with the European Commission;
5. Main actors in the implementation of the soft measures are the national authorities. National authorities nominated in the TFWG will ensure necessary coordination and information flow in the national framework.
6. The European Commission will provide support and assistance where possible and needed to enable a successful implementation of the soft measures. However the countries are responsible for the implementation of the soft measures.
7. CEFTA is a key stakeholder and enabler of trade facilitation. The role of CEFTA structures in the TFWG is crucial and SEETO will rely on CEFTA's inputs to be provided for reporting on the progress for the measures and trade related aspects which are under exclusive competence of CEFTA.
8. TFWG members will send their inputs on the intermediate steps presented in the Soft Measures Management Plan (possible updates, clarification etc) and current status in the national framework;
9. SEETO Secretariat will revise the Soft Measures Management Plan according to the inputs received and circulate it with all relevant stakeholders. The revised project management plan will identify intermediate steps and milestones to be reached for full implementation of each soft measure. This will allow for assessment of progress;
10. Awareness about the need to implement the soft measures needs to be raised among the implementing bodies of the Western Balkan 6;