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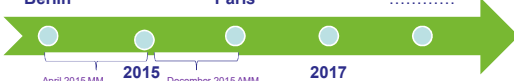


SEETO Connectivity Reform Measures

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Western Balkan 6 process and Connectivity agenda

Strong political support



2014 Berlin
 2015 April 2015 MM TEN-T days RIGA Vienna
 2016 December 2015 AMM Soft measure 2016 Paris
 2017 Rome

Western Balkans Core Transport Network Regional Soft measures

Medium-term Regional Actions (2020 Goals)	Short-term Regional Actions (2016 Goals)
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 West/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"> 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 Excess Data (SEED) Plus to support the CEFTA Framework Agreement on exchange of data and simplification of inspections 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

Western Balkans Core Transport Network Regional Soft measures

Medium-term National Actions (2020 Goals)	Short-term National Actions (2016 Goals)
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 Provide one parking lane on each side of the Common Crossing Point of Merdare/Merdarë




SEETO Secretariat Role

Task: Monitoring and reporting on implementation of soft measures

- Prepared and adopted document on **Implementation Plan, Monitoring mechanism** with scoring system included

Measure 2020	Measure 2016	Sub-actions 2016	Implementing bodies	Expected results	Verifiable indicators

Progress of soft measures implementation

- Railway market open for domestic carries 
- Railway cross border agreements signed 
- Road safety inspections, ITS deployment, Road/rail maintenance further support needed 

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Towards Rome 2017

- Updated Reform Connectivity Measure Implementation Plan
- TGWGs meeting taken place in November 2016 and to continue
- EC support on track :
 - ✓ TA on Rail Freight Corridors and Road safety already in place
 - ✓ Connecta Consultant to be available by end of 2016

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Connectivity Reform Measures Management Plan

- Rolling exercise- includes sub-actions, indicators, results and milestones for 2017
- It refines to the previous Soft Measures Management Plan bringing more clarity
- It merges and consolidates the transport part of the World Bank's Joint trade and transport action plan

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Implementation of the rail reform strategy

- Target 2020- *Implementation of the rail reform strategy*
- Targets for 2015/2016 and continued in 2016/2017: *Rail market opening on the pilot basis on the Orient/ East Med Corridor*

Legislative changes to allow market opening to domestic carriers	Regular consultation platforms with forwarders and shippers established	Mutual recognition of train driver license
Review of national technical rules and safety rules for elimination or later reporting to ERA	Network statement for the main infrastructure manager published	Networks statements for rail freight terminals, including in sea ports and river ports published

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Implementation of the rail reform strategy

- Target 2020- *Implementation of the rail reform strategy*
- Targets for 2015/2016 and continued in 2016/2017: *Definition of a framework for implementation of EU Freight Corridors, extended to the Western Balkans*

Consultation on the national level, between the IM and MoT on the willingness for inclusion in Rail Freight Corridors	Consultation between the regional participants and the EU neighbouring countries on the Rail Freight Corridor passing through Western Balkans	Joint letter of intent to the EC	TA Consultant contracted
Rail Freight implementation plan	Inventory of rail facilities along the rail freight corridor	Market study in accordance with Regulation EU No 913/2010	Finalization of TA services and decision on next activities based on the results and recommendations

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ERTMS deployment on the Core Network

- Target 2020- *Intelligent Transport System (ITS) deployment on the Core Network*
- Targets for 2016/2017 –*Definition of strategic framework for implementation of ITS on the Core Rail Network:*

Transposition of the relevant EU legislation (interoperability directive) into the national legislation	Adoption of the EU technical specifications and requirements (TSI CCS -control, command and signalling including ERTMS)	Adoption of ITS strategy together with an Action/implementation plan
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RCMMP – Rail Maintenance

- Target 2020- *Establishment of functioning maintenance system ensuring no section in poor/very poor condition by 2020*
- Targets for 2016/2017:

Change budgetary planning practice to introduce a contract to agree the structure of payments at the beginning of the contract for the whole duration of multi annual contract	Review of the current asset management system, based on an asset register to assess the financing needed for repair and replacement	Rail Maintenance Plan for Core/Comprehensive Network for period from 2016, ensuring no section in poor/very poor condition by 2020
Coordination between the regional IM (neighbouring IMs between themselves), consultation with interested parties before preparation of maintenance plans and the schedule for works		



Effective Border Crossing Agreements

- **Target 2020- Effective Border Crossing Agreements**
- **Targets for 2015/2016, continued in 2016/2017:**
 - Implementation of the rail border crossing agreement between Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 - Conclusion of negotiations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia for rail border-crossing points (BCPs) on Corridor Vc
 - Implementation of the border crossing agreement between Montenegro and Albania as a part of Adriatic – Ionian Initiative project
- **Implementation of IBM at CCPs between Kosovo* and Serbia (providing parking lane at CCP Merdare)**
- **Targets for 2016/2017:**
 - Revisiting the rail border crossing agreement between Serbia and Bulgaria
 - Protocols for the rail border crossing agreement between Kosovo and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 - Conclusion of negotiations between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for rail border-crossing points (BCPs) on Corridor X



Challenges ahead

- ❖ Regional Participants to continue efforts towards accomplishment of reform measures
- ❖ Possible coordination on some issue through the RWWG group
- ❖ EC support and facilitation role needed for measures involving Member States
- ❖ Financial and technical support to Regional Participants for implementation of soft measures needed, from EC and other sources (IFIs, etc.)
- ❖ SEETO will remain the main platform to monitor the progress of the reform measures and to assist the RPs



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