
SEETO Working Group on Transport Facilitation (TFWG) 4th meeting

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Conclusions

General conclusions

- The TFWG took note of the progress made in the implementation of the connectivity reform measures presented within the SEETO Progress report on the connectivity reform measures management plan.
- Communication between all stakeholders on national level is improving, due to raised awareness on process and tasks to be carried out, which positively impacts the progress in connectivity reform measures. International inter-agency cooperation still needs to be strengthened.
- Participants raised concerns of lengthy procedure from approval of grant from WBIF to start of services, especially for project documentation.
- The Regional Participants welcomed the three ToRs for Technical assistance in the areas of Road safety, ITS and Road & Rail Maintenance prepared by SEETO and they shall appoint one responsible person per each project, as main contact points for the Connecta consultants and SEETO.
- National authorities should be actively included within the Connecta projects and take full ownership of the results. In parallel to consultant work, Regional Participants should strengthen their efforts to incorporate the outcomes within their national framework (transposition of legislation, strategic documents etc.)
- The SEETO Regional Participants are encouraged to communicate their proposals and ideas for national projects to be implemented under Connecta upon setting the regional framework for ITS, Maintenance and Road safety.
- Participants welcomed the discussion on road one stop shops (more specifically, one location-joint controls) and supported the idea to further develop this concept under Connecta (template agreements, protocols and guidelines).

- Participants welcomed the findings of SEETO Transport Resilience Scoping Report and committed to deliver by the end of May comments on the scope of work to be incorporated into Connecta services. If deemed necessary after the Regional Participants consultations with the respective Ministries of Environment, on the next TFWG meeting the representatives from the respective Ministries of environment will be invited to participate.
- SEETO Secretariat will prepare in the upcoming period the ToRs for one-stop shop system at the road BCPs, as well as for Transport Network resilience, in consultation with EC, national authorities and Connecta.
- EC is strongly encouraged to facilitate the communication and process of coordination with EU Member States regarding the Rail BCP agreements

Conclusions and agreement on the next steps from bilateral sessions

Border crossing point Gevgelija - Idomeni

- By mid-May SEETO SC member from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to send an e-mail with the draft agreement to SEETO and Cc to EC.
- SEETO will take on the facilitation role and forward the letter and agreement to the relevant Greek Ministry by the end of May.
- Greek side will provide an answer latest by end of July.

Border crossing point Tuzi-Bajze

- Ministries of Transport to take the coordinating role for joint exercise and to liaise with all the stakeholders.
- Joint exercise/training to be done by third week of May.
- Drafted modus operandi based on the joint exercise should be completed one week after exercise has been done.
- Final exercise/training according to the agreed modus operandi to be done by end of May (beginning of June at the latest).

Border crossing point Hani i Elezit-Blace

- the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to send draft protocols by the relevant authorities (phyto - sanitary, veterinary, customs, border police) mid-May.
- Both sides to share contact points by mid-May between all relevant authorities (phyto - sanitary, veterinary, customs, border police)
- Joint meeting to be organized by end of May.
- Signing of missing protocols by the end of June

IBM CCP

- Member of SEETO Steering Committee from Kosovo* to contact SEETO Steering Committee from Serbia in order to involve IBM responsible parties for all CCPs.

Border crossing points on Corridor Vc

- Draft general agreement has been delivered to Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- After the approval of the draft agreement text will be sent to Croatia for review and comments.
- Following this step, Croatia will provide names of the negotiating team and comment on possible modifications and amendments to the draft agreement.
- Meeting of the two negotiating teams will follow.
- Draft of the new agreement for border railway transport will be taken under consideration, due to the Croatian accession to EU and the new market entrants to Croatian market.
- After the negotiating teams have conducted bilateral meetings they will strive initial the agreement as soon as possible (this will depend on the dynamic of previous activities).

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

Annex 1: List of participants of the 4th SEETO TFWG Meeting

Present:

Regional Participants:

- **Argita Totozani**, General Director of integration, Ministry of transport and infrastructure of Albania
- **Zana Joca**, European integration expert – Department for European integration, Ministry of transport and infrastructure of Albania
- **Armela Maxhelaku**, Expert of foreign projects, Foreign projects department, Ministry of transport and infrastructure of Albania
- **Amela Kora**, Specialist in Directory of European integration and projects, Ministry of Economic development, tourism, trade and entrepreneurship
- **Krenar Muco**, General Department of State Police, Ministry of interior of Albania
- **Altin Bozgo**, Director of Juridical directorate, General Directorate of customs of Albania
- **Miroslav Djerić**, Expert associate for international cooperation, Ministry of communications and transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mladen Goluža**, Head of transport infrastructure department, Ministry of communications and transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Samir Planinčić**, Senior associate for the international road transport, Ministry of communications and transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Sanel Fetić**, Inspector in department for border control, Ministry of interior of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Nikola Prskalo**, Customs officer, Customs administration, Indirect taxation authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Darko Miceski**, Head of Unit for IPA planning and preparation of project documentation, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Svetlanka Popovska**, Assistant head of railways department, Ministrz of transport and communications of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Toni Angelovski**, Chief inspector for border control and border surveillance, Department for border issues and migration, Bureau for public security, Ministry of interior of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Josip Lazarevski**, Adviser for electrical installation maintenance and traffic analyses, Department for road maintenance, signalization and protection and toll collection, Public enterprise for roads, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Marko Vujacić**, Coordinator for negotiating chapters 14 (Transport policy) and 21 (Trans-European Networks) within the MoTMA, Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro
- **Ana Vulić**, Senior advisor, Sector for customs operations and legal procedures, Customs administration, Ministry of finance of Montenegro
- **Milica Šćepović**, Head of department for regional trade, Ministry of economy of Montenegro
- **Lidija Lakić**, Adviser in Department for regional cooperation, regional initiatives and European integration, Ministry of economy of Montenegro
- **Nebojša Mrvaljević**, Higher police inspector, Border police, Ministry of interior of Montenegro
- **Desimir Desnica**, Advisor, Ministry of construction, transport and infrastructure of Serbia

- **Snežana Zorić**, Advisor, Department for multilateral and regional economic and trade cooperation, Ministry of trade, tourism and telecommunications of Serbia
- **Nebojša Jevtić**, Head of training centre and Senior advisor on road transport of goods and logistics, Chamber of commerce and industry of Serbia
- **Gjynejt Mustafa**, Multi-modal demand expert, Department for road management, Ministry of infrastructure of Kosovo
- **Saranda Jusufi**, Head of information department, Ministry of infrastructure of Kosovo
- **Shqipe Jashari**, Head of Division on trade agreements, Ministry of trade and industry of Kosovo
- **Rahman Sylejmani**, Director of the Directorate for migration and foreigners, Kosovo Border police
- **Bekim Mehmetaj**, Head of IBM sector, Department of support for revenue and operations, Kosovo Customs administration

Other institutions:

- **Albert Koljgeci**, Assistant policy officer and Transport sector expert, Directorate-General for, European Commission
- **Ratka Stijepovic**, Consultant for investments climate, IFC, World Bank Group
- **Tomislav Jurak**, Directorate for roads and railway traffic, Ministry of the sea, transport and infrastructure of Croatia
- **Alexandra Vlachou**, Advisor to the Deputy Minister, Office of the Deputy Minister, Hellenic Ministry of infrastructure and transport

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- **Chris Germanacos**, Team Leader

SEETO Secretariat:

- **Nedim Begovic**, Transport planning manager
- **Nerejda Hoxha**, Transport planning manager
- **Sanja Dodig**, Transport economist officer
- **Marijana Dijan**, Administrative assistant

Apologies for absence from:

- **Mate Gergely**, International transport affairs, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- **Zorica Smileva**, Head of unit for multilateral trade cooperation, Ministry of economy of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Mirjana Trifunovic**, Assistant minister for railways, Ministry of construction, transport and infrastructure of Serbia
- **Yanni Papapanagiotou**, Transport sector key expert, COWI-IPF Consortium
- **Umut Ergezer**, Technical adviser, CEFTA Secretariat
- **Mate Gjorgjievski**, Transport law and policy expert, SEETO