

Conclusions from the 2nd Technical Committee on Railway

1. All Regional Participants (RPs) acknowledged that 1st set of actions for developing a regional rail strategy has been adopted by the Regional Steering Committee. This document was then presented and endorsed at the Western Balkan summit which took place in Poznan on 4 July 2019;
2. All Regional Participants (RPs) will submit the missing information regarding the state of play of the 1st set of actions for the development of Regional Railway Strategy, by 20 October 2019.
3. All RPs agreed, in principle, on the content of the new set of actions. The TCT Secretariat will circulate this additional set of actions by 01/10/2019. Comments on the proposal have to be provided – in written – no later than 11/10/2019;
4. All RPs endorsed, in principle, the format of the Monitoring progress report relating to the implementation of Rail Action Plan as well as methodology for the evaluation. The TCT Secretariat will send a final proposal by 01/10/2019. RPs will send comments by 11/10/2019;
5. RPs took obligation to work on translation of the rail legislation in aim to make preconditions for the evaluation by the TCT and submit to the TCT Permanent Secretariat all relevant tables of concordance. A first review of these tables will be taking place at the next Technical Meeting. RPs facing difficulties in delivering are invited to address their questions to the TCT secretariat.
6. RPs acknowledged the importance of improving safety at railroad level crossings and the TCT secretariat will explore the possibility of setting T.A programme on it. RPs agreed on the idea to set dedicated working sessions between road and rail safety experts, as well as the possibility to support awareness campaigns on this specific topic.
7. RPs welcomed the proposal to establish network of Institutional bodies (Regulatory Bodies, NSA) and Infrastructure Managers (IM) under the auspices of TCT;
8. RPs welcomed the proposal to organise joint meetings of Regulatory Bodies, NSA, Infrastructure Managers (IM) and Railway Undertakings under the auspices of TCT;
9. The TCT secretariat informed the RPs on the signature of administrative agreement between the TCT Permanent Secretariat and ERA;
10. RPs welcomed the proposal of the Permanent Secretariat to explore the possibility to setting up secondments from MS to assist RP on specific rail topics related to the implementation to the Regional Rail Strategy.
11. ERA proposed its support to the Rail Technical Committee with a roadmap on how to establish a Register of Vehicles;
12. RPs welcomed the contribution of CER to the activities included in the scope of work of RTC;
13. RPs welcomed the presentations of IFIs, ERA and experts;
14. Railway Laws in the two entities of BiH and on State level must be aligned with Transport Community Treaty.
15. North Macedonia must take the appropriate actions to remove the current provisions of the law on rail market opening which are in breach with the Transport Community Treaty.
16. Joint Rail car for measuring rail infrastructure parameters in the region with the purpose to provide reliable data for the planning/estimation maintenance cost of infrastructure needs to be explored further;

17. RPs agreed to organise in the future meetings of Railway Technical Committees in two consecutive days;
18. It is suggested that the next Technical Committee on Railways will be held in Belgrade on 21 and 22 November (feedback about the date for the next TC on Railway should be sent to the TCT Secretariat by the Tuesday 24th September, COB).

Done in Belgrade on 18/09/2019