



2nd Technical Committee on Railway

Draft Action Plan for developing a regional rail strategy in the Western Balkans.



Introduction

- 1st Technical Committee on Railway was in Brussels on 23/05/2019
- 1st set of actions on developing regional rail strategy adopted by the RSC in Belgrade on 19/06/2019
- TC Secretariat prepared Rail fiche what was presented on High level meeting in Poznan on July 5th.
- Poznan Summit conclusions - further work on implementation of EU rail legislation and adoption of Rail Action plan till the end of 2019
- Identifying problems in implementation, potential support
- New actions – step toward to the Rail Action Plan

1. Rail Market Opening Action (regional partner concerned)	Regional partners concerned + deadline for		Support action - assistance
	Full transposition	Implementation	
<small>The Permanent Secretariat</small> Amend national law to remove potential breaches of TCT provisions in regard to opening up the market at national level (phase 1)	North Macedonia Bosnia&Herzegovina Q2 2020		EU DEL to assist in the process TCT to provide inputs
Establish functioning institutions (regulatory body, licensing body, national safety authority, national investigation body, designated body) – including legal, administrative, and budgetary actions	All RPs Q2 2020		TCT Secretariat to map on-going and potential TA
Publish Network Statement for railway infrastructure	Albania Bosnia&Herzegovina Q4 2019		TCT Secretariat to support and share examples and best practices
Publish Network Statement for service facilities (sea and river ports, terminals)	All RPs Q3 2020		
Take legislative and/or regulatory measures to achieve mutual recognition at regional level of: operating licenses, train driver licenses, safety certificates, vehicle authorisation	All RPs Q4 2020		TCT Secretariat to map state-of-play WG on Border crossing to help in the implementation
Modernise rules on public procurement in the rail sector, including through transposition and implementation of Regulation 1370/2007 concerning public transport services by rail	All RPs		
Transpose EU Regulation 913/2010 (Rail freight Corridors)	All RPs		
Establishing of Contractual relation between IM and state for the maintenance and operation on public infrastructure	BIH, Kosovo, NMKD, ALB		

2. Passenger rights Action (regional partner concerned)	Regional partners concerned + deadline for		Support action - assistance
	Full transposition	Implementation	
Transpose and implement Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007			

3. Governance Action (regional partner concerned)	Regional partners concerned + deadline for		Support action - assistance
	Full transposition	Implementation	
Create a network of EU DEL rail correspondents in the region to assist in the implementation and monitoring of the TCT Rail Action Plan.	All RPS Q4 2019		DG NEAR/ TCT Secretariat to set up and maintain the EU DEL network
Organise stakeholder workshop on the streamlining of technical assistance and financing of the reform of the rail sector and rail infrastructure projects in the Western Balkans (ERA, S2R, WB, EIB, EBRD, EU DELs, DG MOVE, DG NEAR, CONNECTA, EU MS...)	All RPS Q4 2019		TCT Secretariat to organise the event, in liaison with DG NEAR and DG MOVE

4. Improving rail border-crossing operations Action (regional partner concerned)	Regional partners concerned + deadline for		Support action - assistance
	Signing	Implementation	
Signing/upgrading all bilateral BCAs and their implementation			
Serbia – North Macedonia	SRB, NMKD		TCT Secretariat, Member states
North Macedonia - Kosovo	NMKD, Kosovo		
North Macedonia – Greece	NMKD		
Bosnia and Herzegovina - Croatia	BIH		
Serbia - Bulgaria	SRB		
Serbia - Montenegro	SRB, MNE		

5. Interoperability	Regional partners concerned + deadline		Support action - assistance
	Full transposition	Implementation	
Action (regional partner concerned)			
Transpose and implement the Interoperability Directive 2008/57/EC (valid until June 2020) and its new version Directive (EU) 2016/797 (4th railway package)	All RPs Q3 2020		TCT Secretariat to establish precise state-of-play Q4 2019
Transpose and implement all EU Technical Specifications for Interoperability	All RPs Q2 2020		TCT Secretariat to establish precise state-of-play Q4 2019
Prepare a detailed plan for the review and cleaning up of national rail technical and safety rules in line with the EU rail acquis and the prerogatives of ERA	All RPs Q2 2020		ERA IPA TA for the period 2019-2020
Establish an electronic register of vehicles, taking into account the OTIF National Vehicle Registers specifications 'NVR 2015' and the European Centralised Virtual Vehicle Register (ECVVR)	All RPs Q2 2020		OTIF ERA
Establish an electronic register and management system of railway infrastructure, taking into account the existence of the European Registers of Infrastructure (RINF)	All RPs Q4 2020		DG MOVE ERA
Adoption of five-year Maintenance Plan	All RPs Q3 2020		DG MOVE ERA TCT Secretariat CONNECTA

6. Modernisation of rail network infrastructure Action (regional partner concerned)	Regional partners concerned + deadline for		Support action - assistance
	Full transposition	Implementation	
Establishing a regional network of infrastructure managers for regular consultation and coordination at regional level before adoption maintenance plans for railway infrastructure and for the schedule of work, and other relevant activities.	All RPs		Consider support / assistance of the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers 'EIM' and CER
Identification of priority projects of regional interests for the upgrading / reconstruction / construction of specific railway sections;	All RPs		TCT Secretariat
Level-crossings Safety Improvement (mapping the most critical LCRs within WB region)	All RPs		ERA, DG Move, TCT Secretariat

