

#### THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTRY OF FINANCE-CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

# Road Border Crossing/Transboundary Points - state of play -

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#### Serbia – North Macedonia One-Stop-Shop

- ✓ The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia on establishing joint controls at the border crossing point for international road traffic Presevo (Republic of Serbia) Tabanovce (Republic of North Macedonia) signed July 12, 2019
- ✓ Law on the ratification of the Agreement ("Official Gazette of RS-International Agreement", no. 8/19) July 26, 2019
- ✓ Enter into force August 16, 2019
- **✓ Opened – August 26, 2019**





#### Serbia – North Macedonia One-Stop-Shop

- > Joint controls and checks at the BCP shall be established in the territory of both Parties:
- ✓ On the exit from Serbia and on the entrance to North Macedonia have been carried out at the Tabanovce BCP
- ✓ On the exit from North Macedonia and on the entrance to Serbia have been carried out at the Presevo BCP
- Joint controls have been performed24 hours a day/every day of the week



#### **Extension of the BCP Horgos**

- Interventions at the BCP Horgos aim at increasing existing capacities, which would lead to a reduction in traffic load, shorter waiting times at the BCP during the critical period (vacations, holidays), while ensuring a higher level of safety for all road users.
- Passenger terminal
- **✓ the construction of 4 new traffic lanes for passenger vehicles and buses (2 + 2) on the entrance to Serbia**
- ✓ change the existing bus traffic lane to the passenger traffic lane and 2 truck lanes to the bus lane on the exit from Serbia



#### **Extension of the BCP Horgos**

Cargo terminal

capacity expansion should be envisaged by adding 2 traffic lanes for trucks on the exit from Serbia and one traffic lane for oversized transport on the entrance to Serbia

- **Parking area: 85 on the exit and 70 on the entrance**
- **Envisaged state:**

**Entrance: 10 traffic lanes for cars and buses and 3 traffic lanes for trucks** 

Exit: 8 traffic lanes for cars and buses and 3 traffic lanes for trucks

**Total:** 18 traffic lanes for cars and buses and 6 traffic lanes for trucks

- ➤ MCTI announced public procurement for services for the preparation of project-technical documentation in July 2019
- The contract was awarded to the Insitute of Transportation "CIP" and concluded in September 2019
- Contract validity period: 12 months



### The Western Balkan Trade and Transport Facilitation Project

- Law on the ratification of the Loan Agreement between the Republic of Serbia and International Bank for reconstruction and development ("Official Gazette of RS-International Agreement", no. 6/19) May 23, 2019
- **EUR 35 million loan for WBTTF Project**
- The objective of the Project is to reduce trade costs and increase transport efficiency in the Western Balkans
- Beneficiaries: Customs Administration, "Infrastructure of Serbian Railways", PE "Roads of Serbia" and "Corridors of Serbia"



### The Western Balkan Trade and Transport Facilitation Project

- **Project Components:**
- **✓ Component 1: Facilitating movement of goods across the Western Balkans**

**Sub-Component 1.1. Design and Installation of a National Single Window Sub-Component 1.2: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) systems at Railway Border Crossing Points** 

**✓ Component 2: Enhancing transport efficiency and predictability** 

**Sub-Component 2.1. Intelligent Transport System (ITS) and corridor performance monitoring** 

**Sub-Component 2.2.** The improvement of specific Railway Level Crossings (RLC) on the network

**Sub-Component 2.3: Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety system (Railway RAMS)** 

- **✓ Component 3 -Improve market access in services and foster regional investments**
- **✓ Component 4. Support project implementation units (PIU) and provide additional technical support**



#### The Western Balkan Trade and Transport Facilitation Project

The project implementation will be anchored in the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MCTI) and procurement and fiduciary roles are hosted in the Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) within the Ministry of Finance. The MCTI will be accountable for execution of project activities and the project implementation would rely on its existing structures, with the additional support of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) that will be established under the project

MCTI published Request for expressions of interest for 3 **Project Implementation Unit members** 

The adjustment of the Project Operation Manual (POM) is currently underway



#### The volume of passenger traffic and waiting times at road BCPs

Volume of passenger traffic at certain BCPs on SEETO Road Network		2018		2019 (I-II quartals)	
		Inbound	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mali Zvornik	444.142	356.729	190.275	147.558
Bulgaria	Gradina	729.120	814.244	214.404	275.679
Hungary	Horgos	878.107	952.381	319.507	384.317
North Macedonia	Presevo	998.878	864.303	343.691	351.622
Romania	Vatin	121.303	117.869	49.524	47.680
Croatia	Batrovci	1.167.552	1.045.493	472.508	451.997



#### Volume of passenger traffic and waiting times at road BCPs

The most loaded BCPs in the Republic of Serbia:

- 1. Batrovci (10% annual growth)
- 2. Presevo (7% annual growth)
- **3. Horgos (3.7% decline)**

**Average waiting times at certain BCPs:** 

Croatia 20 min- 3 hours
Bosnia and Herzegovina 30 min
North Macedonia 2 hours
Montenegro 30 min

Similar figures are at the borders with Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary The data refer to the waiting times on our side of the BCP.



#### Volume of passenger traffic and waiting times at road BCPs

#### Information about queues at border crossings

https://kamere.amss.org.rs/ http://www.mup.gov.rs/wps/portal/sr/kamere





#### **Customs Administrations Agreement**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF AUTHORISED ECONOMIC OPERATOR – SECURITY AND SAFETY (AEOS) AUTHORISATION

- **26.** August 2019. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia of mutual recognition of Authorised of economic operator security and safety (AEOS) authorization
- **Will enter into force no later than 90 days**



#### **Customs Administrations Agreement**

#### BENEFITS of AGREEMENT

- More favorable treatment for AEOS regarding risk assessment and control;
- Fewer physical and document-based controls then other economic operators;
- ➤ In case where consignment declared by an AEOS have been selected for physical or document-based control, those controls shall be carried out as a matter of priority;
- On request controls may be carried out at a place other than the place where the goods have to be presented to customs.



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#### Thank you for your attention!

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