

“Green” priority corridors in the Western Balkans

TCT monitoring report

The Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community is active since 16th March to help granting the “connectivity” between all partners in this difficult period. Beyond the reporting of the measures taken by the partners to prevent the spreading of COVID-19, The Permanent Secretariat, together with the CEFTA secretariat, proposed to set up “green lanes” and “green corridors” in the region¹ to secure the supply of essential goods through coordinated and accelerated border crossing / sanitary procedures.

Regional participants have been asked to provide TCT and CEFTA secretariats with further information so the secretariats could value to what extent what has been proposed through the joint “green initiative” has been implemented and to identify the potential difficulties in implementing these measures. In this context, next week a CEFTA Coordination body meeting will take place to assess the way of setting up procedures on prioritization of the essential goods.

The main remarks made by the parties are as follows:

- Green corridors are functional across the region, there are no major interruptions on traffic flows, all BCPs on the green corridors are operating 24/7 (some services on call), non-stop working gas stations are identified along the corridors;
- Green lanes reported to be functional in Albania and Montenegro.
- The custom and inspection procedures are applied regularly and there are no new import/export documentation required;
- There is no derogation in place regarding driving hours, breaks and rest periods.
- Almost all regional partners confirmed the situation has improved;
- Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia pointed out the accessibility problems deriving from the convoy regime set up by some MS;
- Serbia and Albania emphasized the issue of the 14 days quarantine of truck drivers imposed by Turkey;
- SEED and other electronic solutions are welcomed by the Regional Participants;

¹ The maps used for the proposal are in line with the Transport Community Treaty ratified by all parties.