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Dear Madam/Sir,

One of the crucial tasks in monitoring the implementation of the Green corridors/green lanes initiative in the Western Balkans performed by the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community, but also in ensuring free flows of goods and passengers beyond the COVID-19 emergency is to provide accurate and reliable data on the waiting times at the border crossing points (BCPs). In the same time, this has proven to be the most difficult task since the beginning of the exercise, mostly due to the absence of a methodology for collecting and compiling the border crossing data by the national authorities based on real time information.

At EU level, in order to support the EU Green lane border crossings implementation monitoring, as well as to assist the national authorities to manage more efficiently the transit of critical goods, the EU Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GNSS Agency) has developed a **"GALILEO Green lane" Mobile App**. It is a technological solution which will provide the Member States with a tool to report to the EU on the EU Green Lanes implementation, but moreover, it will provide both the border authorities and the truck drivers a real time visualization of the overall border situation and the waiting time, in the home and neighbouring country, as well as the list of priority goods.

The GALILEO app has in fact two customized interfaces: **i)** the *border authorities* contribute to describe the flow of the traffic and demonstrate the duration of the border crossing, and **ii)** *truck drivers*- when they enter a geo-fenced area within a specified distance to the border, they receive a notification regarding the status of the border and priority goods. More details on the mobile app can be found in the attached presentations.


The GALILEO App development has been progressing very well- the beta version of the application is available, both for the border authorities and for the drivers, and has been tested at BCPs in Hungary and Czech Republic during April 2020. It will followed by other EU Member States, too, which expressed interest to join the pilot based on the positive feedbacks.

In the meantime, on the initiative taken by the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community and in communication with DG MOVE and GNSS Agency, it was confirmed that the Western Balkans parties are welcomed to join the initiative concerning the BCPs shared between a SEE party and EU neighbouring Member State, located on the extended TEN-T Network (the map of eligible BCPs across EU, including the ones between EU-WB6 is hereby attached).

Should there be an interest from your side, or if more detailed information is needed, the Permanent Secretariat will be happy to provide through the GNSS Agency which will become your direct interlocutor once the pilots are defined. Concerning the truck drivers, the testing campaigns are supported by the International Road transport Union (IRU) and by dedicated webinars where the app is presented and instructions on logging the data are provided.

We kindly suggest you to consider the possibilities and the benefits of the GALILEO mobile app for the overall border crossing monitoring, and upon consultation with your national border authorities to inform us at your earliest convenience, for your interest and availability to take part.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

*Yours sincerely* 

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