

**Agreed Conclusions of the 6th Technical Committee on Railways
Teleconference, 16 June**

1. The Regional Participants (RPs) welcomed the presentation given by S2R JU. All RPs acknowledged the idea on enhancing cooperation with S2R and draft of “Cooperation Agreement” between S2R JU and the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community.
2. All RPs agreed that current situation in rail transport regarding the recovery of passenger transport should be carefully observed. In terms of that, TC Secretariat will continue with monitoring of all rail issues during and after COVID-19 period, based on input of the RPs.
3. All RPs protected their passenger rail undertakings by covering loss during the COVID-19 break.
4. All RPs will take into account information given by DG MOVE about promotion rail as safe, reliable and “green” transport mode in EU. This approach would be relevant for the Western Balkan as well.
5. DG MOVE informed all participants about relevant measures taken at EU level in response to the Covid-19 crisis and for the recovery phase (green lanes, exemptions and derogations, restoration of transport services, financial relief measures, definition of common public health measures for international trains).
6. All RPs welcomed idea about re-establishing passenger traffic between capitals in the region. For these purpose RPs and TC Secretariat will continue with assessment of the current situation as well as with identification of the obstacles. Also, in aim of the enhancement of the connectivity and mobility in the region, DG Move underlined importance of this long-term goal.
7. RPs acknowledged information that 24 EU Member States signed on 3 June 2020 a statement to promote and boost international passenger transport. A platform of MS, also open to relevant third countries, would coordinate efforts to boost international rail services, especially between capitals. This initiative is open for the Western Balkan and could be instrumental for the regional rail strategy.
8. ERA shared info about two upcoming events. First is organized by OTIF (OTIF Working Group Technology) and all RPS (except Kosovo, which is not yet a member) are invited to attend. Second is that ERA invites all IPA beneficiaries to nominate candidate for an observer (in the end: only ONE person from the region can attend) to take part in monitoring field visit of the national safety authority in Poland (October 2020).
9. **The TCT Permanent Secretariat urges the RPs to submit the Tables of Concordances, after the official translation of the legislation has taken place. This will allow TCT Secretariat to assess the real progress on the transposition of the EU rail legislation. The deadline for submission of the translation of the current rail legislation is end of October 2020.**
10. RPs welcomed the presentation given by representative of Serbia who presented their experience with drafting of the Tables of Concordances.



11. **Regarding the ongoing border crossing agreements, RPs and TC Secretariat need more contribution from EU member states.** Croatia replied to Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, but there are no replies from Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and Hungary yet.
12. The next teleconference meeting will take place in August/September, the exact date will be set at a later stage.

Done in Belgrade on 16/06/2020