

Teleconference meeting of Technical Committee on Railway

- 1) Presentation of the draft of Cooperation Agreement between S2R JU and TC Secretariat
- 2) Current state of play in the EU and WB region, lifting the measures for the passenger transport
- 3) Role of passenger rail transport in post Covid-19 period
- 4) Activities on implementation of the Rail Action Plan

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2. Current state of play in the EU and WB region, lifting the measures for the passenger transport

- Overview of the current situation – reports by the EC, TC and RPs
- Traffic volume, trends – report by TC Secretariat
- Plans for re-establishing of the passenger traffic – RPs and TC Secretariat
- Review of the situation at the BCP/CCPs – reports by TC and RPs
- Ports operation in Bar and Durrës – RPs and TC

Freight transport in the WB region in tons and NTKM in period January-May 2019 and 2020

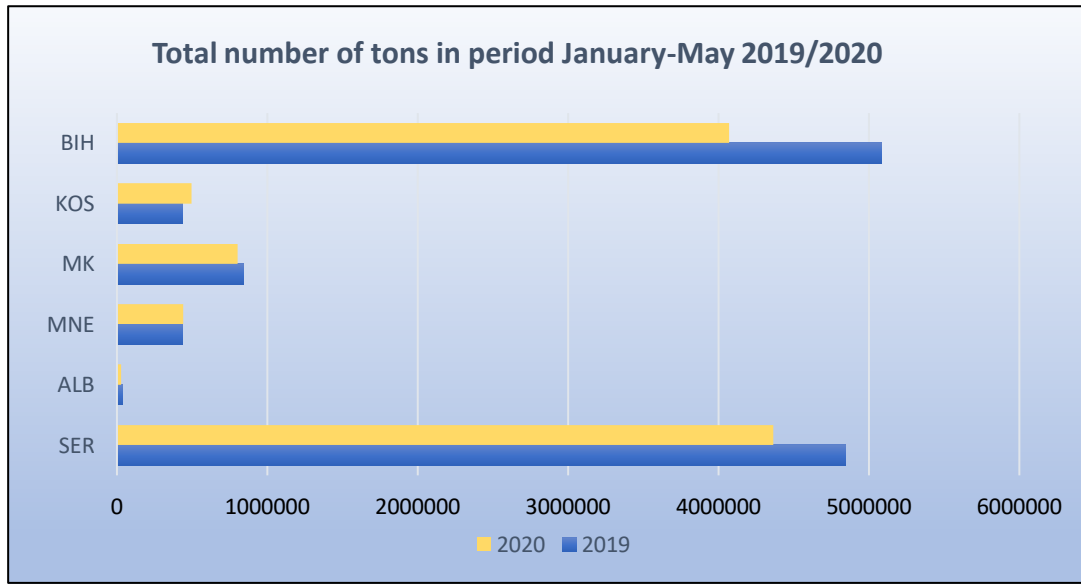


Figure 1. Freight transport in the WB region in tons in 2019 and 2020

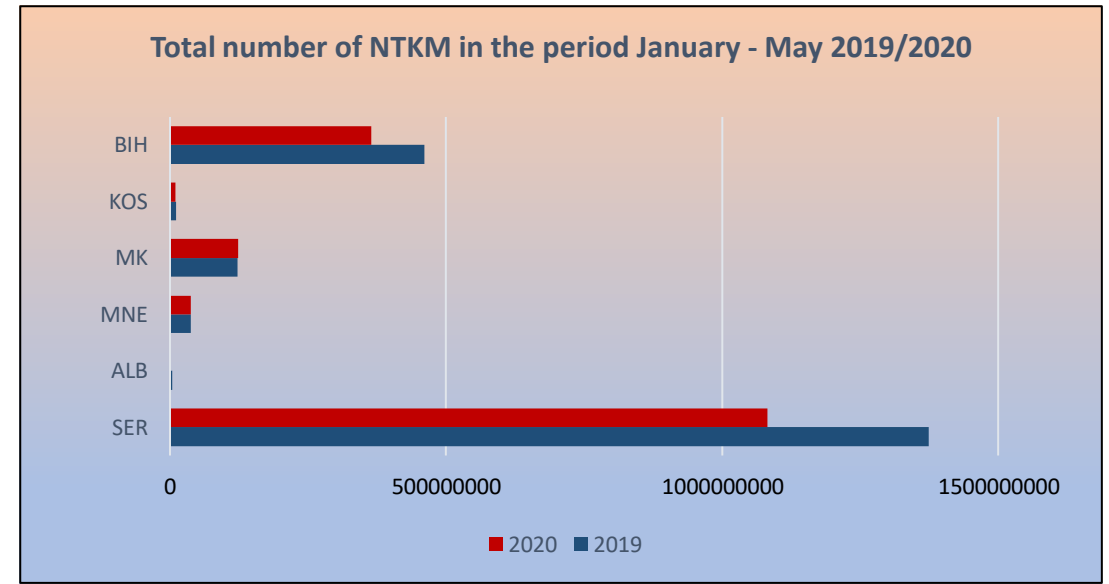


Figure 2. Freight transport in the WB region in Net ton-kilometres (NTKM) in 2019 and 2020

Plans for re-establishing of the passenger traffic

Regional participant	International passenger	Domestic passenger	Freight	Internal WB Borders	External WB-EU borders
Albania	No	n/a		Open for freight	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	From 01. June - Just on entity level, no in full capacity		Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
Kosovo*	No	From 18 May – no in full capacity and with a lot of “soft” safety measures		Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
Montenegro	No	From 18 May – no in full capacity	Just 40% compare to the May 2019	Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
North Macedonia	No	State of emergency is extended to the 15 June. There are limited number of trains		Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
Serbia	No	From 4 May passenger transport is restarted, with some safety measures	Around 10% less than last year	Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	

Review of the situation at the BCP/CCPs



Figure 1. border crossings, 24 hours open, for the rail freight operation

3. Role of passenger rail transport in post Covid-19 period

- Current rail passenger connections between capitals in the Western Balkan, number of trains, passenger traffic volume in the pre Covid-19 period - RPs
- Potential substitution of air traffic with rail within the Western Balkan region?
- Rail as alternative to other mode of transport during and after Covid-19 period
- Assessment of the capacity (rolling stock, infrastructure)

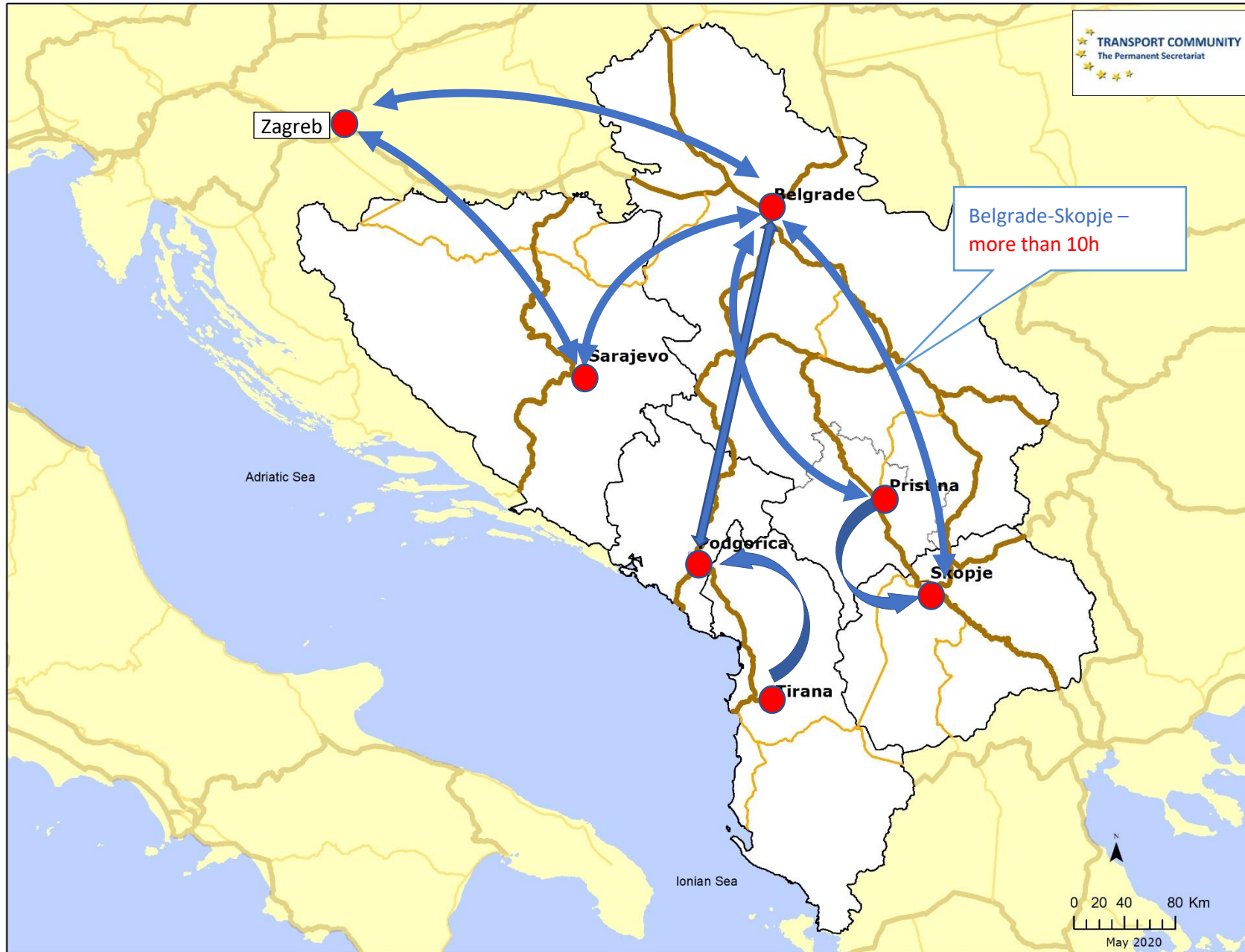
Passenger transport in post Covid-19 period

- Transport workers and companies need clear and coordinated rules
- PSO contracts – will it be cover?
- Infrastructure charges
- Mitigation measures
- Cleaning protocols, Sanitation gel, Temperature Screening, Passengers with Reduced Mobility, Masks, Passenger reservation system changes, distance where it possible

Challenges:

- Which measures should be taken in next phase?
- How to ensure social distancing?
- Are there different measures according to different services (Commuter, regional, long distance trains)
- New technologies – tickets, reservation, information
- Feeling of security in trains and in stations
- Protocol in case of suspected infected person
- Staff confidence

Train connections between capitals in the Western Balkan region



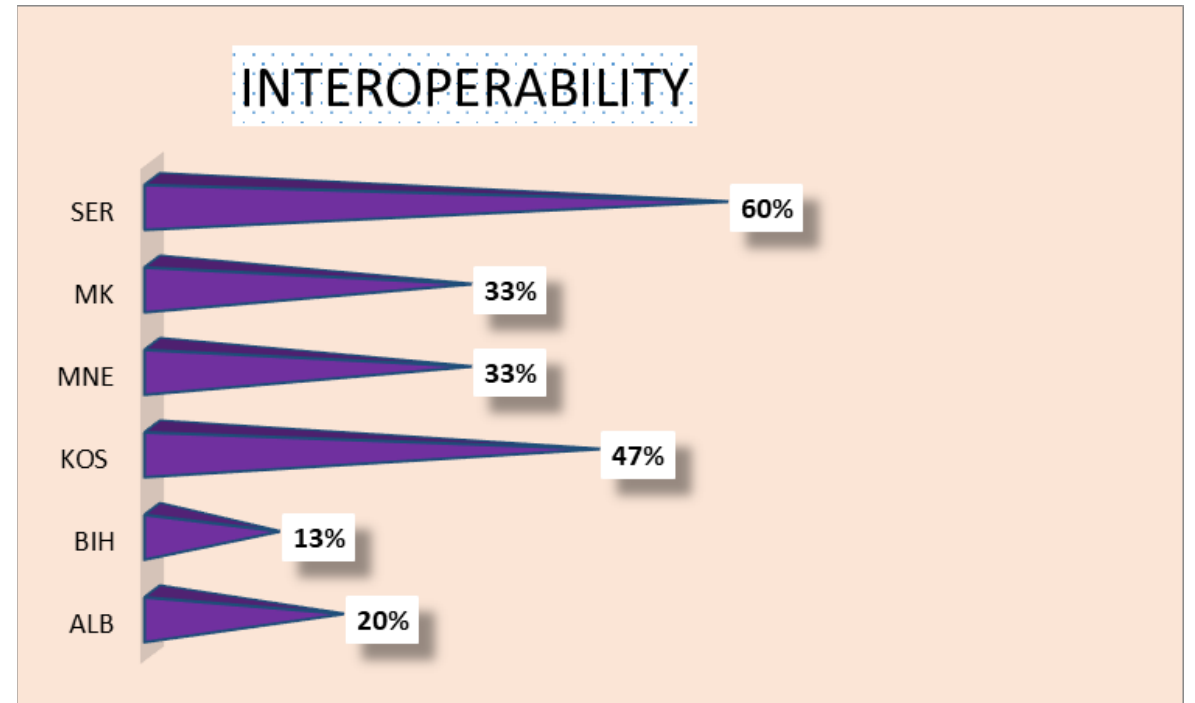
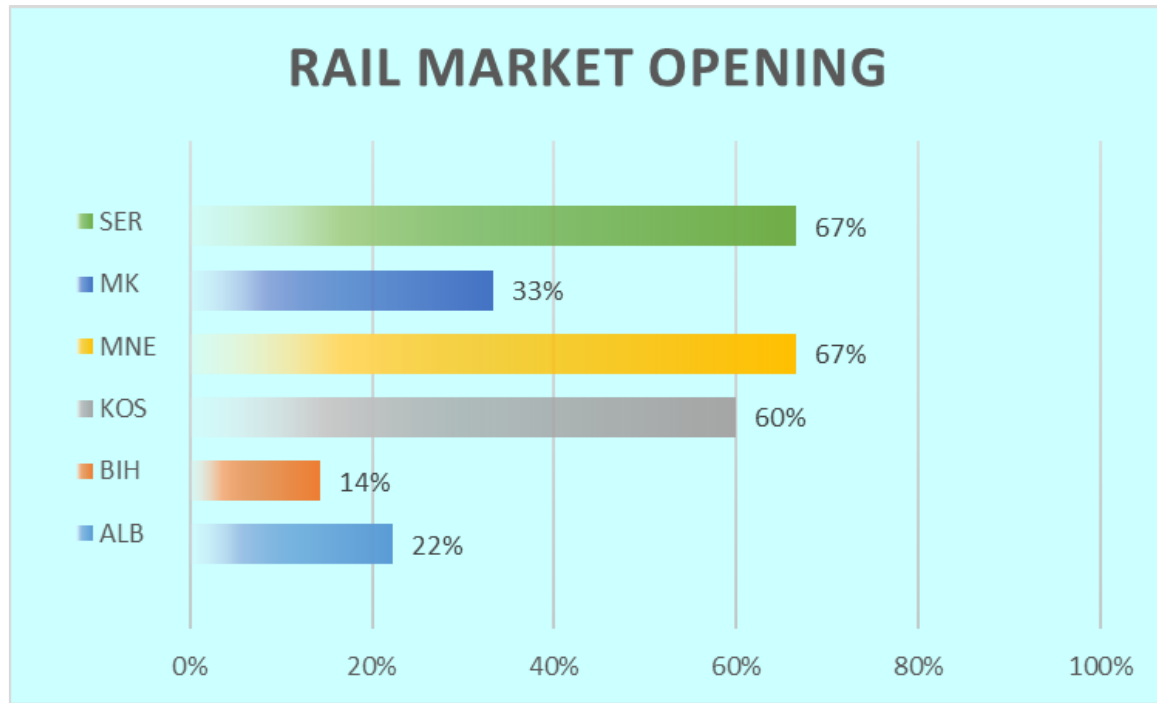
Train connections between capitals in the Western Balkan region

Route	Distance (km)		Travel time (hrs)	
	Rail	Road	train	bus
Belgrade – Skopje	400	435	11	6 – 7,5
Belgrade – Zagreb	423	395	6,5 - 8	5 - 6
Belgrade – Bar	476	485	11	9,5 – 11,5
Skopje – Pristina	93	96	3	2 – 2,5
Tirana – Podgorica		180	n/a	4
Sarajevo - Zagreb	450	390	10 (2007)	6,5 – 8
Belgrade - Sarajevo	400	310/380	8 – 9,5 (2011)	6,5 – 7,5
Belgrade - Priština	388	350	n/a	5,5 – 6,5
Belgrade - Kosovo Polje - Peć	388	350	10 (1999)	5,5 – 6,5

4. Activities on implementation of the Rail Action Plan

- Monitoring Progress Report on implementation of the Rail Action Plan (February – May 2020)
- Rail legislation in the region, translation of national legislation - overview
- Tables of Concordances – case study (Serbia)
- Next monitoring report – September 2020

Overall progress



Overview of the rail legislation within a WB region

Regional participant	Laws and bylaws related to the Rail	Docs and Tables of Concordances
Albania	"Rail Code" – 2018 "Network Statement"	Delivered Delivered for 2019, no for 2020
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Rail Law – 2005 on state level RS – Rail Law 2017 FBiH – Rail Law – 2001 with changes from 2016 A certain number of Bylaws	Delivered but Bosnian version Delivered, but partly fulfilled No, Bosnian version Delivered in Bosnian, ToC in Bosnian/Croatian
Kosovo*	"Law on Kosovo Railway"- 2011 Adm. instruction No. 04-2012 Adm. instruction No. 03-2012 Adm. instruction No. 02-2013 Adm. instruction No. 03-2013 Adm. instruction No. 11-2018	Doc delivered, no table of concordances Delivered in Albanian Delivered in Albanian Delivered in Albanian Delivered in Albanian Delivered in three languages (Eng, Alb, Srb)
Montenegro	Law on Railway-2013 Law on Combined Transport of Goods-2014 Law on The Railway Safety and Interoperability – 2013	Doc Delivered, no ToC Doc delivered, no ToC Doc delivered, no ToC
North Macedonia	Law on Railway System – 2012 Law on safety A certain number of bylaws	Doc delivered; ToC delivered (from 2010) Docs delivered in Macedonian, No ToC
Serbia	Law on Rail – 2018 Law on interoperability of railway system-2018 Law on safety in railway traffic-2018 Law on railway transport contracts – 2017	Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC

Open issues

- Laws – changes
- Translation of the national legislation
- Tables of Concordances
- Technical Assistances