

Monitoring waiting time at Western Balkans internal borders (April - May - June 2020): Quarterly assessment of the post-COVID 19 trends

Since the adoption of the Green Corridors/Lanes Joint proposal prepared by TCT Permanent Secretariat and CEFTA Secretariat to facilitate the transport and trade of essential goods within the Western Balkans, TCT Permanent Secretariat have been monitoring the waiting times at the borders in close cooperation with the respective authorities.

Overall situation at Western Balkans internal BCP/CCPs during month of June continued to be stable. June was expected to show some changes to previous months trend due to gradual opening of the borders to passenger cars. Such trend of longer waiting times across the borders due to passenger cars traffic was marginally experienced, Merdare/Merdare (SRB-KOS*) and Hani Elezit/Bllace (KOS-MK) experienced longer waiting times by 15min, but at the other side Klobuk/Ilino Brdo (BiH-MNE), Sremska Raca/Raca (SRB-BiH) and Morine/Vermice (ALB-KOS) experienced shorter waiting times by the same magnitude compared to April waiting times.

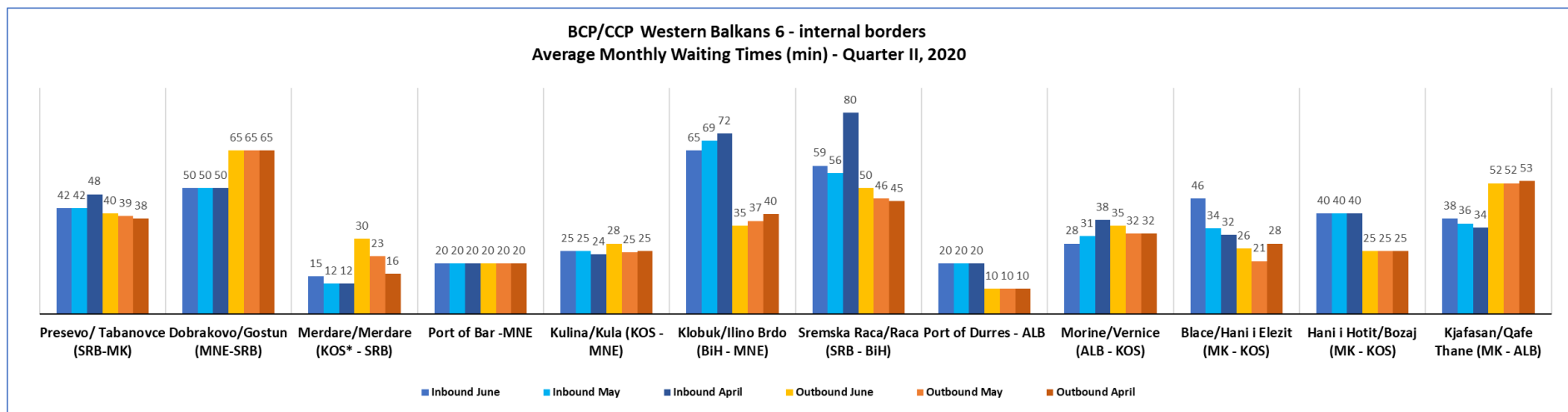
During this quarter up to 50 - 70% of all BCP/CCPs monitored experienced waiting times within the range 20 - 40 minutes and the share of extreme ends of the waiting times range less than 20min and more than 60min remained pretty much stable from 8% - 17%. Fluctuations are visible within the middle range specifically between 20 - 40min.

Furthermore, it is worth pointing out that despite the freight traffic gradually increasing it is still at 50 - 60% of last year traffic flows. Such trend is expected to follow until the end of 2020 not only in the Western Balkans but in a much wider context. According to ITF recent simulation¹, freight transport, measured in tonne-kilometres, is projected to be 36% below the level foreseen without Covid-19 for this year.

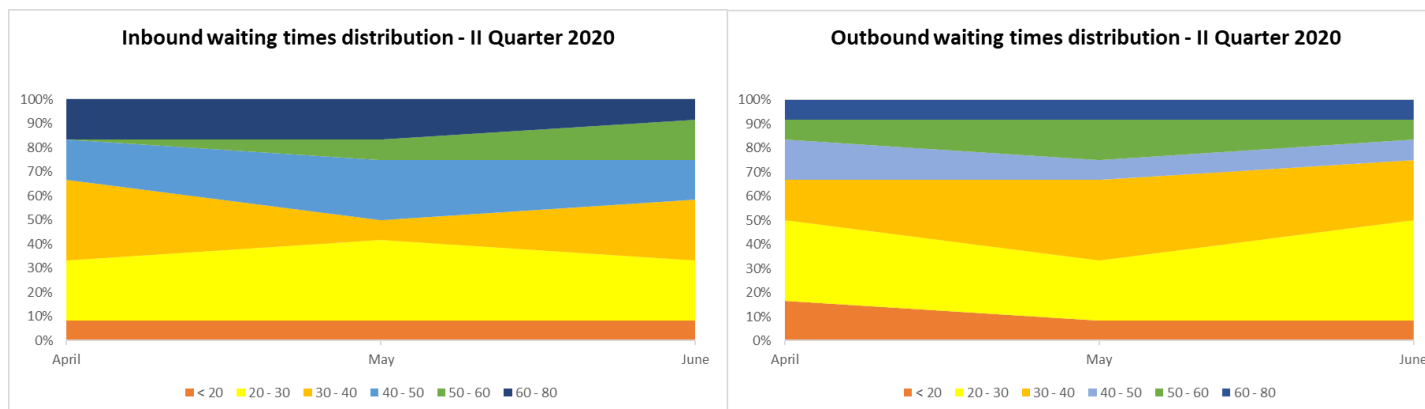
¹ COVID-19 Transport Brief – How badly will the Corona Virus hit the global freight? May 2020

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

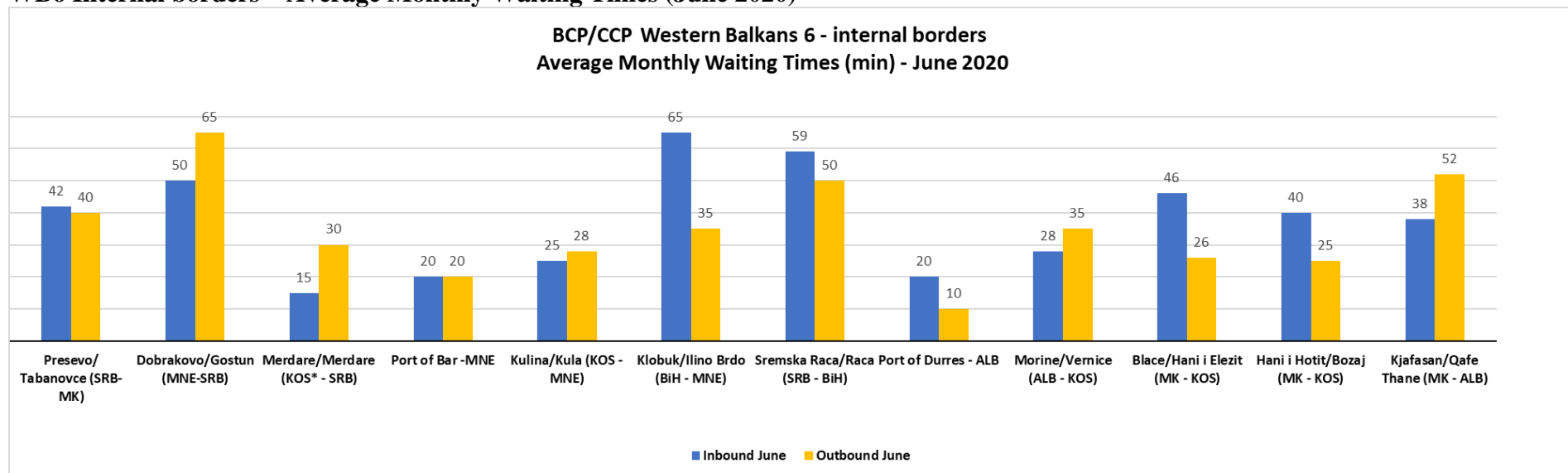
WB6 Internal borders – Average Monthly Waiting Times (II Quarter 2020)



WB6 Internal borders – Inbound/Outbound waiting times distribution range (II Quarter 2020)



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