

## **3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Road Technical Committee**

### **Teleconferencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

#### **Agreed Conclusions**

1. The members of the Road Technical Committee (RTC) welcomed the new Director of TC Permanent Secretariat, Mr. Matej Zakonjšek. Mr. Zakonjšek highlighted the importance of today's meeting for the approval of the Road Action Plan.
2. The RTC members acknowledged the important message of DG MOVE's, Road Unit Representative, on the Western Balkan Regional Participants' efforts on working on e-tolling interoperability among themselves, that alignment with the EU requirements should take place both in terms of legislation and technological choices. It is very important for the future e-tolling interoperability with the EU that technological choices that are to be made by Regional Participants are aligned and compatible with the ones used in the EU.
3. TC Permanent Secretariat will re-circulate for comments to RTC members, the Terms of Reference for establishing the ITS sub-working group within the umbrella of the Road Technical Committee.
4. The RTC members welcomed the presentation of the World Bank's Representative on the Trade and Transport Facilitation (TTF1) components, with a special focus on the preparation of ITS Strategy for North Macedonia. ITS Strategy for North Macedonia will be developed based on the Strategic Framework for implementation of ITS on the TEN-T Core/Comprehensive Networks in Western Balkan 6 and will ensure the alignment with the EU Directive legal framework and related standards for deployment of ITS (architecture, applications, and services). Furthermore, members welcomed the presentation on Corridor Performance Monitoring and Measurement System to be developed by the World Bank.
5. Road ITS Strategy adopted in Albania was presented as the main document for the future development of ITS deployment, as complementary to the Transport Strategy and it is aligned with EU requirements on ITS deployment.
6. RTC members adopted in principle the Road Action Plan with revised deadlines. Nevertheless, to fine-tune the deadlines with the ongoing ITS project, the final date for comments was set on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.
7. The RTC took note of the absence of Kosovo\*'s representatives at 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and is looking forward to their participation in the next meetings.
8. The next RTC Meeting is proposed to take place in the third week of November (date to be confirmed).

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence