ROAD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

3rd Meeting, 16th September 2020

TRANSPORT COMMUNITY
The Permanent Secretariat

3rd Road Technical Committee

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday 16th September 2020 – 10.30-12.15 a.m.

10.30-10.40	**Opening of the meeting** – Mr. **Matej Zakonjšek**, Director of TC Permanent Secretariat
10.40-11.00	**Stocktaking since 2nd Road Technical Committee Meeting**
	Tour de table - Short update on the activities carried out by each RP during this period, road maintenance plans etc.
11.00-11.10	**Intervention by Ms. Ioana Statu**, DG MOVE, on Directive 2019/520/EC on the interoperability of electronic toll systems and facilitating the cross-border exchange of toll non-payment information in the Union
11.10-11.30	**World Bank – TTF1 ITS Strategies, Corridor Performance Tool** Presentation by **Jana Belcheva Andreevska**, ITS/GIS Specialist
11.30-11.50	**Road ITS Strategy – Albania** Presentation by **Erald Elezi**, ARA, Director of Strategic Planning and Operations
11.50-12.10	**Draft Road Action Plan – Approval at the technical level**
	The Permanent Secretariat will present the latest changes
	Tour de table – any additional comments/suggestions
12.10-12.15	***Closing remarks***

Agenda

Terms of reference for the ITS Sub-working group

Scope and expected achievements

The ITS sub-working group is set up under the umbrella of Road Technical Committee.

The ITS sub-working group shall assist the Road Technical Committee in all aspects related to Road ITS legal framework and deployment falling under the scope of the Transport Community Treaty (TCT).

For this purpose, the ITS sub-working group will elaborate a coherent set of concrete actions (Road Map) to be implemented by the South East European Parties in a coordinated and timely manner on deployment of ITS on road network in accordance with EU Directives and interoperability standards (e-tolling etc).

This Road Map will complement and reinforce Road Action Plan.

Method of work

ITS sub-working group shall consist of the representatives of the Contracting Parties of the Transport Community part of Road Technical Committee, dealing exclusively with ITS at the respective institutions/organisations.

Representative for DG MOVE covering ITS and e-tolling will be invited to attend the meetings of this sub-working group.

On a case by case basis, external experts and stakeholders will be invited to participate and/or contribute to its discussions and activities.

The ITS sub-working group is expected to meet at least as frequent as Road Technical Committee. Nevertheless, if need arises additional meetings of the sub-working group shall take place.

ITS Sub-working group

ROAD ACTION PLAN

Main aim

Development of greener, climate resilient, intelligent, and resource-efficient TEN-T Core and Comprehensive road network to Western Balkans by incorporating green and smart elements in road investments to stimulate innovative, low emission and fit for digital age road transport operations

Endorsement Timeline

ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE
APPROVAL AT TECHNICAL LEVEL	16TH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 (3RD ROAD TC)
APPROVAL OF REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE	8TH OF OCTOBER 2020
ENDORSEMENT BY MINISTERIAL COUNCIL	26TH OF OCTOBER 2020

Deadline Extensions

- The impact of the sanitary health crises on the work of ministries and road administrations in the region;

- World Bank TTF1 ongoing project in ALB, MKD, and SER specifically concerning the preparation of ITS Strategies;

- REA 2 Action Plan 2021-2024 led by RCC, specifically on the issue of e-tolling interoperability;

- EU Green Deal Agenda

- Comments received from Regional Participants

Establishing functioning and efficient road maintenance system

Actions	SEE parties concerned + deadline for		Support action - assistance
	Preparation	**Implementation**	
1. **Adopt multiannual maintenance plan**	All RPs Q3 2020	All RPs Q1 2021	TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
2. **Establishing Road Asset Management System (RAMS)**	ALB, BIH, SRB Q2 2021 KOS*, MNE Q4 2021	ALB, BIH, SRB Q3 2021 KOS, MNE Q1 2022 MKD Completed	TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
3. **Signing of Service Level Agreement between Ministry of Transport and Road Authorities/Public Enterprises**	ALB, BIH, SRB Q1 2021 KOS, MKD, MNE Q4 2021	ALB, BIH, SRB Q2 2021 KOS, MKD, MNE Q1 2022	TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
4. **Adopt an efficient strategy on the funding sustainability for road maintenance**	All RPs Q4 2021	All RPs Q2 2022	TC Permanent Secretariat in cooperation with IFIs

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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Actions	SEE parties concerned + deadline for		Support action assistance
	Transposition	Implementation	
1. Adopt ITS Strategy and Action Plans which should be coordinated with neighbours and be aligned with regional ITS Vision and strategic objectives	ALB, MKD, SER Q3 2021 BiH, KOS, MNE Q4 2021	ALB, MKD, SER Q4 2021 BiH, KOS, MNE Q1 2022	IFIs support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
2. Transposition of the Directive 2010/40/EU	All RPs Q1 2021	All RPs Q3 2021	EU DEL to assist in the process TC to provide inputs
3. Transposition of the Directive 2004/52/EC - Interoperability of electronic road toll systems (amended)	All RPs Q4 2021	All RPs Q1 2022	EU DEL to assist in the process TC to provide inputs
4. Adopt and implement EU ITS standards for roads to ensure European standards and specifications for all new projects and for the upgrading of existing ones	All RPs Q4 2021	All RPs Q1 2022	IFIs support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
5. Adopt and implement EU ITS Framework Architecture for roads to ensure compatibility of system and equipment	ALB, MKD, SER Q3 2021 BiH, KOS, MNE Q4 2021	ALB, MKD, SER Q4 2021 BiH, KOS, MNE Q1 2022	IFIs support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
6. Adopt a regional interoperability framework aimed to establish a mechanism for the exchange of ITS data at regional level through TCT Information System	All RPs Q4 2021	All RPs Q4 2022	TCT Secretariat RCC support, REA2 IFIs support

ITS Deployment in Core/Comprehensive Road Network

Enhancement of road climate resilience and use of alternative fuels

Actions	SEE parties concerned + deadline for		Support action assistance
	Preparation	**Implementation**	
1. Adopt guidelines and methodologies for climate change and natural hazard road network vulnerability assessment	All RPs Q3 2021	All RPs Q1 2022	IFIs support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
2. Development of Resilience Action Plan for Road Core/Comprehensive Network	All RPs Q4 2021	All RPs Q4 2022	IFIs support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
3. Undertake risk-based vulnerability interventions for the most vulnerable sections of the indicative extension of Core/Comprehensive TEN-T Networks in Western Balkans	All RPs Q1 2022	All RPs Q1 2024	IFIs support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
4. Enhance use of alternative fuels to Western Balkans (e-charging stations etc)	All RPs Q2 2021	All RPs Q2 2023	IFIs/Private secto support TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination

Enhancement of regional cooperation and experience exchange

Actions	SEE parties concerned + deadline for		Support action + assistance
	Preparation	**Implementation**	
1. Establishing a regional network of road authorities/public enterprises for regular consultation and coordination at the regional level before adoption maintenance plans, deployment of ITS etc	All RPs Q1 2021	All RPs Q2 2021	TCT Permanent Secretariat to ensure regional coordination
2. Identify the areas of capacity building needs/experience exchange/organise stakeholders' workshops to accommodate the broad range of technical experiences	All RPs Q4 2020	All RPs 2021-onward	TC Permanent Secretariat to support and share examples and best practices