

**Agreed Conclusions of the 7th Technical Committee on Railways
Teleconference, 03 September**

1. The Regional Participants (RPs) welcomed the presentation given by Director of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community, Mr Zakonjsek.
2. All RPs acknowledged the presentation given on the situation of passenger traffic and services in the EU, by Mr Lochman, Director of CER
3. 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.
4. All RPs acknowledged assessment made by TCT regarding competitiveness of the rail passenger transport in the Western Balkan Region. All RPs, EC and TCT agreed about short term and mid/long term goals in re-establishing passenger traffic between capitals in the region. For these purpose TC Secretariat will organize a thematic conference with Railway Undertakings in the region. TC Secretariat will structure the workflow by organizing series of events/meetings to include all the stakeholders, but not all of them at the same time. It will be in correlation with topics of meeting.
5. All RPs will deliver their presentations regarding the rail infrastructure priorities by September 11th.
6. All RPs agreed that small changes in Rail Action Plan (RAP) regarding certain deadlines are necessary¹. TCT in cooperation with DG Move will prepare draft changes and circulate to all RPs by the September 7th. All RPs will be asked in written form for the approval no later by September 14th.
7. Endorsement of the RAP will happen in two steps, first by the Regional Steering Committee (8.10.2020) and final endorsement by Ministerial Council (26.10.2020).
8. All RPs welcomed presentation given by Mr Fajardo (ERA) regarding European Vehicle Register and the registration of vehicles coming from third countries. Some RPs enquired about the possibility to connect to, or make use of, ERA's register under the umbrella of the TCT.
9. ERA shared info about two upcoming events. First is organized by ERA and S2R about innovation in rail and second is the monitoring of the National safety authority of Poland.
10. MoU between "S2R JU" and TC Secretariat will be signed on the 26 October, during the TC Ministerial Council.
11. 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

¹ A limited number of indicative deadlines set out in the Rail Action Plan back in 2019 have become obsolete or unrealistic due to the covid-19 crisis, and need therefore to be adjusted

the transposition of the EU rail legislation. The deadline for submission of the translation of the current rail legislation is end of October 2020.

12. Members of the Technical Committee on Railway decided that the observer who will represent the region at the ERA monitoring in Warsaw (Poland) or online (in case the situation does not allow meetings) will be representative from Kosovo*. It has been decided that the observers will alter according to the alphabetical order (KOS->MKD->SRB).
13. Some RPs requested guidance on the transposition of the 4th Railway Package Technical Pillar, in regards to provisions involving tasks and responsibilities attributed by the EU at central level to ERA; the Committee agreed on the opportunity to organise a dedicated meeting/videoconference.
14. Some RPs also raised the fact that the EU acquis to be transposed and implemented under the TCT, as listed in Annex I.2, is outdated in some areas (e.g. TSIs) and would need to be revised; the Regional Steering Committee is competent to adopt a decision for that purpose.
15. All RPs will submit input for the next Monitoring Progress Report on implementation of the rail Action Plan by November 1st.
16. The next periodic teleconference/meeting of the Committee will take place in November/December; the exact date will be set at a later stage.

Done in Belgrade on 03/09/2020

*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.