

Proposed priority measures for improving operations and infrastructure at Border and Common Crossing points (BCPs)

Quick Wins (I)

BCP Hani i Elezit/Blace
BCP Bijaca/Prud
BCP Dobrakovo/Gostun

Reduction of the waiting time in a range between 10 to 30 min.

Technical Assistance for Design-Build and establishing One Stop Shop (OSS) and joint controls

EUR 0.15/0.17 M

Estimated Investments needs (construction)

EUR 1.1 M

Quick Wins (II)

Cluster BCPs on Orient East Med Corridor

Reduction of the waiting time up to 30 min (currently from 2 to 4 hours)

Technical Assistance for Design-Install or Design-Build-Maintain for eQMS()*

EUR 0.5 M

Estimated Investment needs (construction)

EUR 4.5 to 5 M

Other Priorities

2 BCPs on the Mediterranean Corridor
Cluster BCPs on Corridor Vc
Total Investment needs

EUR 12 M

(*) electronic Queueing Management System

The Transport Community Treaty provides a new legal basis for improved border and common crossing points' operations. It stipulates that “*the Contracting Parties shall facilitate administrative procedures (formalities) for crossing from one customs territory to another*”. In order to comply with this objective, the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community has set up a Technical Committee for Transport Facilitation, composed of representatives from EU Member States and the South East European Parties, business representatives, International Finance Institutions.

Thanks to the current technical assistance for Western Balkans (CONNECTA), a series of key border and common crossing points located on the TEN-T Network have been identified for priority support. Funding has been earmarked for the design phase – to be launched immediately and the implementation to be followed by the investments in infrastructure and dedicated equipment, which could eventually benefit from the support of the Western Balkan Investment Framework.

Expected benefits:

- Time savings - shorter waiting and procedural times for heavy good vehicles;
- More streamlined operations on site and increased performance by border agencies;
- Improved checking methods leading to reduced truck queue lengths;
- More secure cargo and improved trade and logistic performances;
- Enhanced road safety and less air pollution.

Some of the priorities reflect the benefits of having **joint border facilities** instead of continuing the current modus operandi involving separate facilities. There are clear operational advantages, as well as significant reductions in the operating and maintenance expenditure.

A detailed Action Plan for Transport Facilitation is expected to be proposed before the end of 2019, with actions aiming at removing non-physical barriers along the main trade corridors linking Western Balkans to EU Member States.

