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The Transport Community is an international organisation in the field of mobility and transport, consisting the entire EU and the six Western Balkans regional partners. We are integrating Western Balkans' transport markets into the EU, by assisting the six Western Balkans partners to adopt and implement the EU legislation in the field of transport and by supporting projects that are connecting Western Balkans regional partners among themselves and with the EU.

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ACTION PLANS
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The four Action Plans of the Transport Community are an instruction manual on all important steps and milestones, with accompanying timeframes, that will guide us on the path of delivering on concrete aims and ambitions: safer roads; reduced waiting time at border crossings; reliable and modern rail; and roads of the future with integrated green and digital elements.

The documents are aligned with the European Commission's Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, which envisions EU investments in transport and connectivity projects that will contribute to further integration in the region and better ties with the EU.

The **Road Action Plan** aims towards development of climate resilient, intelligent, and resource-efficient TEN-T road network in Western Balkans by incorporating green and smart elements in road investments. Our final aim is to stimulate innovative, low emission and fit for digital age road transport operations.

Transport Facilitation Action Plan will further strengthen regional cooperation. Creation of joint "one-stop-go" at internal and external border crossing points, coupled with better interaction of different transport modes along will enable smoother, more efficient, and less costly logistic chains.

The **Rail Action Plan** provides the basis for deeper integration with the EU rail market. A rail system which is safe, inclusive, reliable, environmentally and socially sustainable, and inter-connected within the region and with EU is the overarching aim of the Transport Community.

Road safety Action Plan promotes safety management, safer infrastructure, and protection of road users. Its actions strive to support the "zero deaths" objective, and to encourage regional best practice examples. Transport Community's aim is to ensure that transport systems, no matter how they are configured, are safe, sustainable, and equitable.

This booklet is a collection of Action Plans as endorsed by the Ministerial Council of the Transport Community on 26th October 2020, and as such they represent crucial documents of the region, by the region and for the region.

TRANSPORT FACILITATION ACTION PLAN

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TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS AND MOBILITY OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE REGION AND WITH THE EU SHOULD BE SEAMLESS AND SAFE. BORDERS SHOULD NOT BE A SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION AND DELAYS. OUR CITIZENS, VISITORS, AND BUSINESSES WAIT TOO LONG AT THE BORDER CROSSINGS.

CREATION OF JOINT "ONE-STOP-GO" AT OUR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL BCPS, COUPLED WITH BETTER INTERACTION OF THE DIFFERENT TRANSPORT MODES ALONG THE NETWORK WILL ENABLE SMOOTHER, MORE EFFICIENT, AND LESS COSTLY LOGISTIC CHAINS.

WE ALREADY PROVED THAT REGIONAL COOPERATION CAN BRING RESULTS AS IN THE CASE OF THE GREEN LANES- DEDICATED WILLINGNESS BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN TAKING THE ACTIONS STATED IN THIS PLAN WILL ALSO MAKE SURE THEY STAY FOREVER "GREEN".

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the document is to provide a list of short and medium-term activities aiming at addressing certain rail and road border / common crossing issues and promote a more efficient use of ports (Maritime and Inland waterways) and terminals.

The Transport Facilitation Measures Action Plan is referring to the following documents:

• Transport Community Treaty

• Terms of reference and mandate of Technical Committee on Transport Facilitation

• Joint Declaration on Borders and Common Crossing points, endorsed in 2018 in Ljubljana

• Study on BCP/ CCP facilitation on the indicative extension of TEN-T Road Network in the Western Balkans (EC-CONNECTA)

• Transport and Trade Facilitation Project (World Bank)

• Conclusions from Poznan Summit.

• Additional Protocol 5 to the CEFTA Agreement

2. TRANSPORT FACILITATION MEASURES ACTION PLAN - CONTENT

2.1. RAIL BCPS/CCPS

The proposed set of measures are in line with the Rail action plan produced within the Railway Technical Committee.

ACTION (regional partner concerned)	REGIONAL PARTNERS CONCERNED + DEADLINE FOR		SUPPORT ACTION - ASSISTANCE
	Signing	Implementation	
Signing/upgrading all bilateral BCAs and their implementation			TC Secretariat
Serbia – North Macedonia	Done	Q4 2023	
North Macedonia – Kosovo*	Q2 2021	Q4 2023	
North Macedonia – Greece	Q4 2021	Q4 2023	
Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia	Q1 2021	Q3 2021	
Serbia – Bulgaria	Q1 2021	Q3 2021	
Serbia – Montenegro	Done	Q1 2022	
Serbia – Croatia	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	
Serbia – Hungary	Q1 2023	Q4 2023	
Serbia – Romania	Q4 2021	Q4 2022	
Serbia – Bosnia and Herzegovina	Q4 2021	Q4 2022	
Preparation of technical arrangements for Serbian railway companies (IM, RU) toward regulation of rail traffic on rail route 7 and 10	Agreement signed on 4.09.2020 in Washington by Serbia, related to rail transport links		
Preparation of technical arrangements for Kosovo`s railway companies (IM, RU) toward regulation of rail traffic on rail Route 7 and 10	Agreement signed on 4.09.2020 in Washington by Kosovo, related to rail transport links		

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.

2.2. ROAD BCPS/CCPS

The proposed measures are based on the results from the Study on BCP/CCP facilitation on the indicative extension of TEN-T Road Network in the Western Balkans, carried out by CONNECTA and completed in 2018. The implementation of all proposed measures is to be closely coordinated with the CEFTA Secretariat.

DEFINITION OF MEASURES	IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINES	
	Core Network road BCPs/CCPs	Comprehensive Network road BCPs/CCPs
Improvement/upgrade of the existing ICT infrastructure to foster transport digitalisation, the interoperability of communication and data sharing systems)	Q4 2021	Q2 2022
New constructions and/or modernisation of priority BCPs/CCPs existing infrastructure aiming to remove physical and technical barriers or to increase the actual capacity	Q4 2023	Q4 2023
Signing bilateral agreements for one stop shop and effectively putting into operation joint border/common crossing controls	Q4 2022	/
Implementation of electronic queuing management system (eQMS), with a possibility to integrate with SEED+	Q2 2022	/
Purchase and installation of equipment for the improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness at BCPs/CCPs	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Capacity building: hiring of additional/specialised personnel and provision of training courses to increase the quality of the working staff performance	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

2.3. HORIZONTAL MEASURES FOR TRANSPORT INTERMODAL/MULTIMODAL FACILITATION

The measures identified in the list below, present in general the priorities and the framework needed to be put in place for intermodal transport facilitation. Nevertheless, for most of the measures, more concrete actions shall be developed upon concluding some ongoing projects (ADRIPASS) or other initiatives (within Adriatic-Ionian and Danube strategies)

Measures
Legislative, regulatory and administrative measures Implementing deadline for this set of measures: Q1 2022
Regulation (primary and secondary legislation) is necessary to prescribe: (if not already)
Conditions of competence for accreditation (licenses, concessions, permits) in carrying out the activity of all transport services in intermodal transport
Alignment with the Council Regulation 1262/84/EEC concerning the conclusion of the International Convention on the Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods
Mandatory use of the consignment notes
Mandatory use of the e-consignment notes and other e-customs documents
Define the activity of intermodal transport as an economic activity of special interest, which will enable implementation of incentive measures
Introducing a uniform system of responsibility-UNCITRAL
Technical standards
Implementing deadline for this set of measures: Q4 2022
Harmonising the standards and rules on transport vehicle dimensions, reloading equipment and transport units, as well as terminals and terminal equipment (in line with the Combined Transport Directive (Council Directive 92/106/EEC))
Gradual development of the fleet (means of transport for Ro-Ro, Ro-La, PIGGY BACK technologies) according to transport demand
Introducing use of modern IT support (hardware and software)
Introducing use of single transport documents and intermodal telematics systems
Human resources, social dialogue and strengthening institutional capacities
Implementing deadline for this set of measures: Q2 2022
Adaptation of parts of the education plans and programmes of secondary schools and universities to the needs of intermodal transport systems
Defining vocations and professions in the sector of intermodal transport and prescribe mutual recognition of vocations, professions and diplomas
Promoting business and technical cooperation with scientific and professional institutions, as well as enabling continuous partnership with associations of carriers and freight forwarders
Capacity building (trainings and on-job guidance) for all involved relevant institutions' personnel regarding regulation in force and organisational issues of transport systems

2.4. MARITIME PORTS AND IWW BCPS

The measures below, present general priorities and the framework needed to be put in place for maritime ports facilitation and IWW BCPs facilitation. Nevertheless, for most of the measures, more concrete actions shall be developed upon concluding certain ongoing projects (ADRIPASS) or other initiatives (within Adriatic-Ionian and Danube strategies)

• Improvement of the interoperability of IT systems and solutions at node level including the development and improvement of Port Community System - Q4 2021
• Purchase and installation of equipment for the improvement of the process efficiency and effectiveness - Q4 2021
• Infrastructure improvement or expansion of the road and rail last-mile connections within and outside the node areas- Q4 2022
• Strengthening human resources and institutional capacities - Q2 2022

Annex 1: Detailed breakdown of measures proposed in point 2.2.

No.	Name of BCP/CCP pairs; TC Parties	Implementation of traffic technology measures (corresponding to measure 1.)	Physical improvements and equipment (corresponding to measures 2. and 5.)	Bilateral agreements for joint OSS (measure 3.)	IT system for eQMS (measure 4.)
1.	Qafe Thane – Kjafasan ALB - MKD	Automatic weighting system Extension of approach road capacity Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (Secondary vehicle inspection facility; combined customs and border guard booths) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Extra lanes (NCTS/TIR lanes) Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, extra weighbridge etc.)	x	
2.	Kapshtice – Krystallopigi ALB - EL	Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility; combined customs and border guard booths) Extra lanes (empty truck lane) Detection equipment (ANPR, extra weighbridge etc.)		
3.	Hani I Hotit – Bozaj ALB - MNE	Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (Secondary vehicle inspection facility; bus passenger facility; parking for the customs and border guard cars outside of the BCP area; primary truck lane booth to the height of the truck window; combined customs and border guard booths) Extra lanes (empty truck lane, access lane to the secondary vehicle inspection) Detection equipment (ANPR, extra weighbridge etc.)	x	
4.	Kakavije – Ktismata ALB - EL	Automatic weighting system Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on internet	Extra lanes (empty truck lane, access lane to the secondary vehicle inspection) Detection equipment (ANPR, extra weighbridge etc.)	x	
5.	Morine – Vermice ALB - KOS	Lane management Automatic weighting system Real time data collection	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility; combined customs and border guard booths) Extra lanes (NCTS/TIR lane)	x	

Left table:

#	BCP	Measures	Facilities		
		Pre-arrival information on motorway sections Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	Detection equipment (radiological scanner, ANPR, extra weighbridge etc.)	X	
6.	Doljani – Metkovic BIH - HR	Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on motorway sections Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility) Detection equipment (mobile passport and ID scanners linked to respective databases)	X	X
7.	Bijaca – Nova Sela BIH - HR	Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on motorway sections Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (Secondary vehicle inspection facility; bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Detection equipment (ANPR, radiological and X-ray scanner, extra weighbridge, handheld passport and ID scanners etc.)	X	
8.	Bosanski Samac - Slavonski Samac BIH - HR	Automatic weighting system Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on motorway sections Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (Secondary inspection area; bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths) Extra lanes (designated commuter lanes during am and pm; extra traffic lane and bus lane) Detection equipment (RFID tags fir regular registered commuters; ANPR, radiological and X-ray scanner, extra weighbridge, hand held passport and ID scanners, hand held passport and ID scanners etc.)	X	X
9.	Neum (I) – NorthWest – Klek	Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection	New buildings (approach road lighting) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking)	X	X

Right table:

#	BCP	Measures	Facilities		
	BIH - HR				
10.	Neum (II) – SouthEast – Zatoni Doli BIH - HR	Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection	New buildings (approach road lighting) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking)	X	X
11.	Gradiska - Nova Gradiska BIH - HR	Lane management on BCP Automatic weighting system Extension of approach road capacity Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on motorway sections Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (Secondary inspection area; bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Extra lanes (empty truck lane) Detection equipment (ANPR, radiological and X-ray scanner, extra weighbridge, handheld passport and ID scanners, etc)	X	X
12.	Hum - Scepan Polje BIH - MNE	Extension of approach road capacity Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Detection equipment (ANPR, weighbridge, hand held passport and ID scanners, etc)		
13.	Vardiste – Kotroman BIH - SRB	Extension of approach road capacity Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Extra lanes (extra traffic lane) Detection equipment (ANPR, radiological and X-ray scanner, extra weighbridge, hand held passport and ID scanners, etc)		
14.	Karakaj - Mali Zvornik BIH - SRB	Extension of approach road capacity Provision of additional parking capacity Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Detection equipment (ANPR, radiological and X-ray scanner, CBNR detection, etc)		

No.	Border crossing	Measures	Infrastructure / Equipment		
15.	Medzitlja – Niki MKD – EL	Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger facility; combined customs and border guard booths); Detection equipment (CBNR scanner etc)		x
16.	Deve Bair – Gyuesevo MKD – BG	Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on internet	Extra lanes (dedicated traffic lane); Detection equipment (ANPR, radiological and X-ray scanner, extra weighbridge, road signs etc.)		x
17.	Tabanovci – Presevo MKD – SRB	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger facility with baggage scanners and CBNE detection; secondary car inspection; combined customs and border guard booths); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lane); Detection equipment (X-ray scanner, hand held passport and ID scanners, etc)	x	x
18.	Bogorodica – Evzoni MKD – EL	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (combined customs and border guard booths); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Detection equipment (X-ray scanner, hand held passport and ID scanners, CBRN detection, weighbridge, etc)	x	x
19.	Blace - Hani i Elezit MKD – KOS	Extension of approach road capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (combined customs and border guard booths); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes, slip lane to the secondary inspection facility); Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, weighbridge, etc)		x
20.	Novo Selo – Zlatarevo MKD – BG	Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on internet	New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for AEO); Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, weighbridge, etc)		
21.	Debeli Brijeg – Karasovici MNE - HR	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for AEO); Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, weighbridge, etc)	x	x
22.	Dobrakovo – Gostun MNE - SRB	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (combined customs and border guard booths); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for AEO); Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, weighbridge, CCTV,etc)	x	x
23.	Dracenovac – Spiljani MNE - SRB	Extension of approach road capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (combined customs and border guard booths; secondary inspection facility on both sides); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for AEO); Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, weighbridge, etc)		
24.	Kula – Kulina MNE - KOS	Extension of approach road capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (secondary inspection facility on both sides); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for AEO)		

No.	BCP	Measures		Detection / new facilities
25.	Sukobin – Murriqan MNE - ALB	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	X	Detection equipment (ANPR, X-ray scanner, weighbridge, etc) — X
26.	Batrovci – Bajakovo SRB - HR	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	X	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO); Detection equipment (hand held passport and ID scanners for both sides) — X
27.	Horgos – Roszke SRB - HU	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	X	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection, secondary inspection facility on both sides, combined customs and border guard booths); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO); Detection equipment (hand held passport and ID scanners for both sides) — X
28.	Gradina – Kalotina SRB - BG	Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet; Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	X	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (empty truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO); Detection equipment (weighbridges in car lanes) — X
29.	Vatin – Stamora Moravita SRB - RO	Lane management on BCP; Automatic weighting system; Extension of approach road capacity; Provision of additional parking capacity; Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on motorway sections; Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities; Pre-arrival information on highway radio system; Pre-arrival information on internet	X	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection, truck booths in primary lanes to get built to the height of the truck window); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (dedicated bus lanes, extra truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO); Detection equipment (hand held passport and ID scanners for both sides, weighbridges in car lanes)
30.	Vrska Cuka – Vrska Cuka SRB - BG	Real time data collection; Pre-arrival information on internet		New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection, truck booths in primary lanes to get built to the height of the truck window); New layout (herringbone vehicle parking); Extra lanes (dedicated bus lanes, extra truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO); Detection equipment (hand held passport and ID scanners for both sides, weighbridges in car lanes)

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31.	Tabalije (CCP)-Brnjak(CCP)/ Tabavije (CCP)-Bërnjak (CCP) SRB - KOS *(In line with the IBM agreement)*	Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection, truck booths in primary lanes to get built to the height of the truck window) New layout (herringbone vehicle parking) Extra lanes (dedicated bus lanes, extra truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO) Detection equipment (hand held passport/ID scanners for both sides, weighbridges in car lanes)	
32.	Merdare(CCP) -Merdare (CCP)/ Merdare(CCP) Merdarë (CCP) SRB - KOS *(In line with the IBM agreement)*	Lane management on CCP Automatic weighting system Real time data collection Pre-arrival information on motorway sections Pre-arrival information on road-side facilities Pre-arrival information on highway radio system Pre-arrival information on internet	New buildings (bus passenger processing facility with CBRN detection, truck booths in primary lanes to get built to the height of the truck window) Extra lanes (dedicated bus lanes, extra truck lanes which could be used for NCTS/TIR and AEO) Detection equipment (hand held passport /ID scanners for both sides, weighbridges in car lanes)	x