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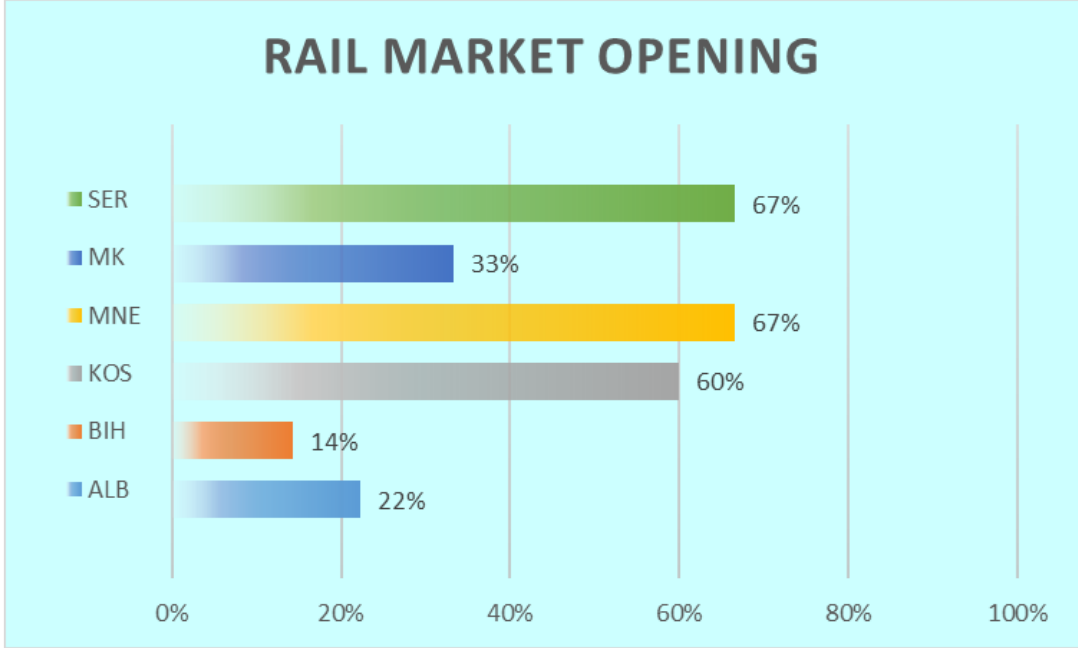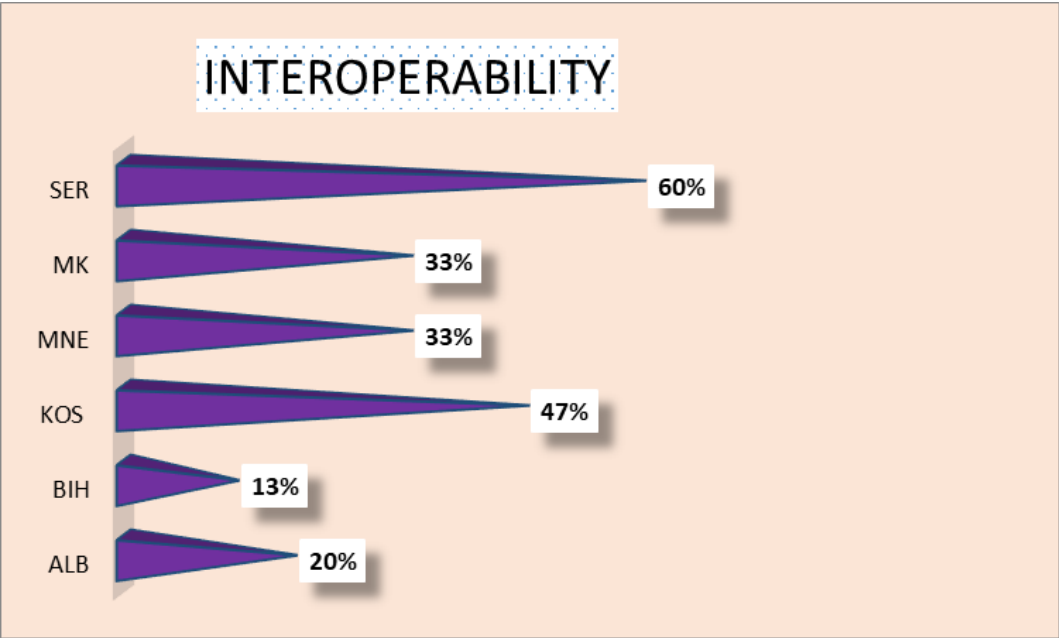
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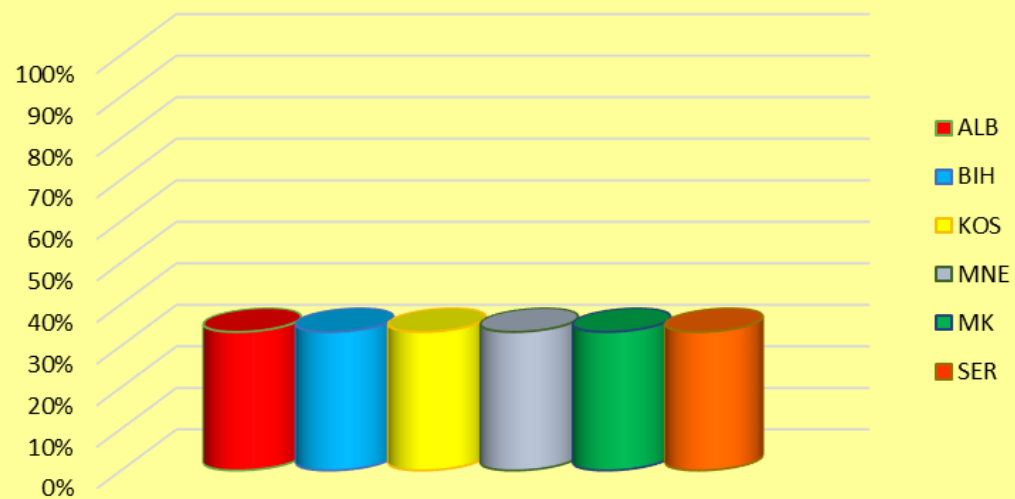
1. Progress Reporting on Rail Action Plan

- Monitoring Progress Report on implementation of the Rail Action Plan (January 2021)

- Reporting about "Roadshow" action plans and six rail workshops

- Annex I.2 – status and update

- BCAs – status and update

- Next monitoring report – May/June 2020 (before Ministerial Conference)

Overall progress

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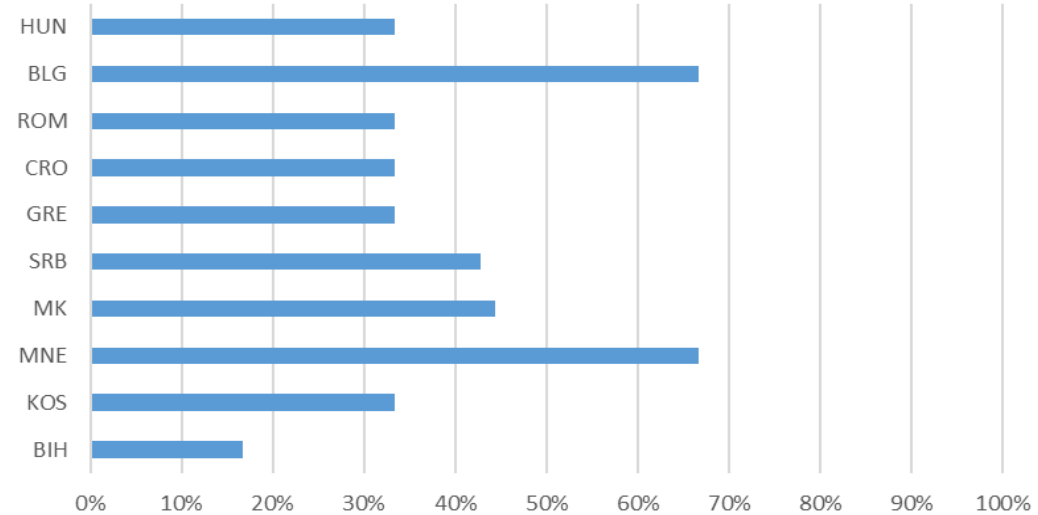
SER	60%
MK	33%
MNE	33%
KOS	47%
BIH	13%
ALB	20%

RAIL MARKET OPENING

SER	67%
MK	33%
MNE	67%
KOS	60%
BIH	14%
ALB	22%

TRANSPORT COMMUNITY

Passenger rights

Legend: ALB, BIH, KOS, MNE, MK, SER

Border/Common Crossing Agreements

HUN, BLG, ROM, CRO, GRE, SRB, MK, MNE, KOS, BIH

MODERNIZATION OF RAIL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

- SER 50%
- MK 33%
- MNE 33%
- KOS 42%
- BIH 33%
- ALB 33%
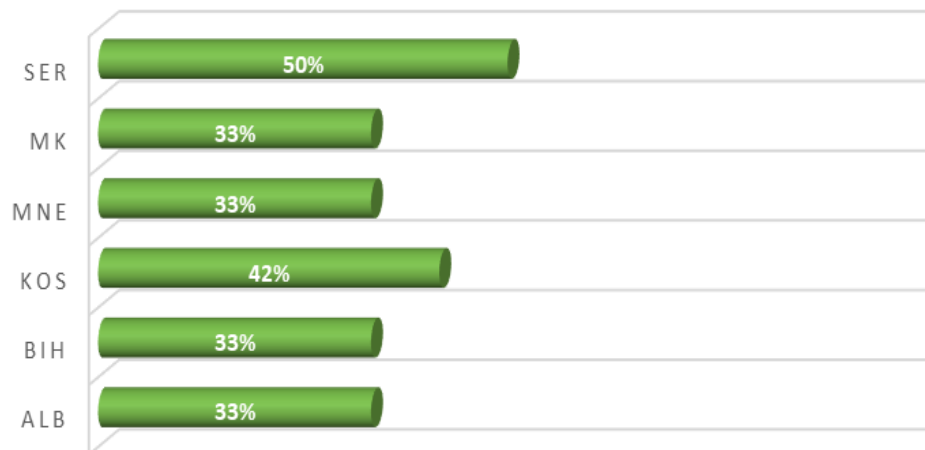
Overview of the rail legislation within a WB region

TRANSPORT COMMUNITY

Regional participant	Laws and bylaws related to the Rail	Docs and Tables of Concordances
Albania	"Rail Code" – 2018 "Network Statement"	Delivered, ToC Delivered for 2019, no for 2020
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Rail Law – 2005 on state level RS – Rail Law 2017 FBIH – Rail Law – 2001 with changes from 2016 A certain number of Bylaws	Delivered but Bosnian version Delivered, but partly fulfilled No, Bosnian version Delivered in Bosnian, ToC in Bosnian/Croatian
Kosovo*	"Law on Kosovo Railway"- 2011 Adm. Instructions: No. 04-2012, No. 03-2012, No. 02-2013, No. 03-2013 Adm. instruction No. 11-2018	Doc delivered, no table of concordances Delivered in Albanian Delivered in three languages (Eng, Alb, Srb)
Montenegro	Law on Railway-2013 Law on Combined Transport of Goods-2014 Law on The Railway Safety and Interoperability 2013	Doc Delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC
North Macedonia	Law on Railway System – 2012 Law on safety A certain number of bylaws	Doc delivered; ToC delivered (from 2010) Docs delivered in Macedonian, No ToC
Serbia	Law on Rail – 2018 Law on interoperability of railway system-2018 Law on safety in railway traffic-2018 Law on railway transport contracts – 2017 A certain number od Bylaws	Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC Doc delivered, ToC Docs delivered

Example – Rail market opening

TRANSPORT COMMUNITY

SEEPs	Albania	Bosnia and Herzegovina	North Macedonia	Kosovo*	Montenegro	Serbia
Deadline		2021	2020			
Action 1	n/a	NO PROGRESS	MODERATE	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deadline			2020			
Action 2	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
Deadline	2019					
Action 3	GOOD	NO PROGRESS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deadline			2020			
Action 4	NO PROGRESS	NO PROGRESS	MODERATE	ACCOMPLISHED	GOOD	MODERATE
Deadline			2020			
Action 5	NO PROGRESS	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	GOOD	MODERATE
Deadline			2021			
Action 6	MODERATE	NO PROGRESS	MODERATE	GOOD	GOOD	ACCOMPLISHED
Deadline	2020	2021	2020	2020		
Action 7	NO PROGRESS	MODERATE	MODERATE	NO PROGRESS	n/a	n/a
REPORTING PERIOD PROGRESS	SLOW	SLOW	MODERATE	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD

* 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.

2. Introduction of the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy

- Published on 9 December

- Three pillars

- 10 Flagships

3. COVID 19 Impact and resilience measures

- Freight Traffic volume, trends – report by TC Secretariat

- Plans for re-establishing international passenger traffic – RPs and TC Secretariat

- Review of the situation at the BCP/CCPs – reports by TC and RPs

- Ports operation in Bar and Durres – RPs and TC

Freight transport in the WB region in tons and NTKM in period January-November 2019 and 2020
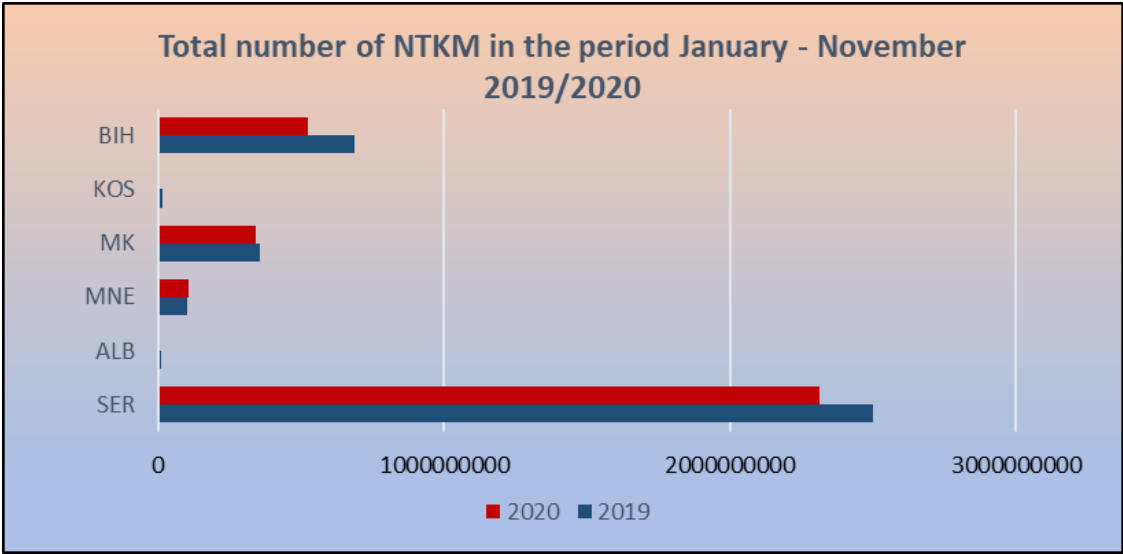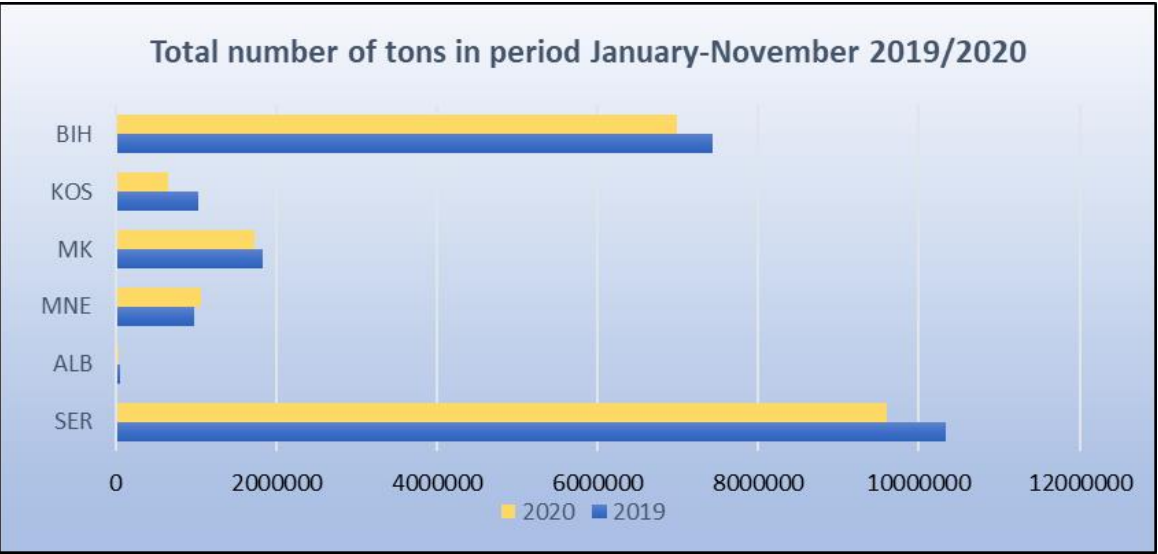

Figure 1. Freight transport in the WB region in tons in 2019 and 2020

Figure 2. Freight transport in the WB region in Net ton-kilometres (NTKM) in 2019 and 2020

Plans for re-establishing of the passenger traffic

Regional participant	International passenger	Domestic passenger	Freight	Internal WB Borders	External WB-EU borders
Albania	No	n/a		Open for freight	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	From 01. june - Just on entity level, no in full capacity.		Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
Kosovo*	No	From 18 May – no in full capacity and with a lot of "soft" safety measures	50%	Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
Montenegro	Yes	From 18 May – no in full capacity. Revenue is around 50% compared to 2019	80 % compare to the 2019	Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
North Macedonia	No	Passenger transport is slightly recovering, around 50% from 2019		Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	
Serbia	Yes	From 4 May passenger transport is restarted, with some safety measures Transport volume is around 10% les then in 2019	Around 10% less than last year	Opened for freight and closed for the passenger	

4. WB Night Trains Connection Possibility

- Role of passenger rail transport in post Covid-19 period

- Current rail passenger connections between capitals in the Western Balkan, number of trains, passenger traffic volume in the pre Covid-19 period - RPs

- Potential substitution of air traffic with rail within the Western Balkan region?

- Rail as alternative to other mode of transport during and after Covid-19 period

- Assessment of the capacity (rolling stock, infrastructure)

Train connections between capitals in the Western Balkan region

Route	Distance (km)		Travel time (hrs)	
	Rail	Road	train	bus
Belgrade – Skopje	400	435	11	6 – 7,5
Belgrade – Zagreb	423	395	6,5 - 8	5 - 6
Belgrade – Bar	476	485	11	9,5 – 11,5
Skopje – Pristina	93	96	3	2 – 2,5
Tirana – Podgorica	166	180	n/a	4
Sarajevo - Zagreb	450	390	10 (2007)	6,5 – 8
Belgrade - Sarajevo	400	310/380	8 – 9,5 (2011)	6,5 – 7,5
Belgrade - Priština	388	350	n/a	5,5 – 6,5
Belgrade - Kosovo Polje - Peć	388	350	10 (1999)	5,5 – 6,5

5. "INTER-CONNECT" project

- Mr Paolo Dileno – Central European Initiative

6. Preparation for the Rail Forum and Summer School 2021

- Presentation of the Draft Agenda and scope of activities of the **Western Balkan Rail Summit 2021**

- Presentation of the Draft Agenda and scope of activities of the **TCT Summer Scholl 2021** dedicated to Rail

7. Infrastructure priorities

- Improvement of safety on level crossings – information about progress

- Establishing of RIAMS and Monitoring condition on the rail infrastructure

- Infrastructure priorities as preparatory work for EU-WB summit – reports by RPs

29 January 2021