8th Technical Committee on Railway

Teleconference meeting 21.01.2021
Agenda

1. Progress Reporting on Rail Action Plan
2. Introduction of the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy
3. COVID 19 Impact and resilience measures
4. WB Night Trains Connection Possibility
5. “INTER-CONNECT” project
6. Preparation for the Rail Forum and Summer School 2021
7. Infrastructure priorities
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

**INTEROPERABILITY**

- 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%
# Overview of the rail legislation within a WB region

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<tr>
<th>Regional participant</th>
<th>Laws and bylaws related to the Rail</th>
<th>Docs and Tables of Concordances</th>
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| 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
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Docs delivered |
# Example – Rail market opening

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*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

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<th>Regional participant</th>
<th>International passenger</th>
<th>Domestic passenger</th>
<th>Freight</th>
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<td>Open for freight</td>
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<td>Bosnia and Herzegovina</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>From 01. june - Just on entity level, no in full capacity.</td>
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<td>Opened for freight and closed for the passenger</td>
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<td>Kosovo*</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>From 18 May – no in full capacity and with a lot of “soft” safety measures</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>Opened for freight and closed for the passenger</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>From 18 May – no in full capacity. Revenue is around 50% compared to 2019</td>
<td>80% compare to the 2019</td>
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<td>Passenger transport is slightly recovering, around 50% from 2019</td>
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<td>Serbia</td>
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<td>From 4 May passenger transport is restarted, with some safety measures Transport volume is around 10% less then in 2019</td>
<td>Around 10% less than last year</td>
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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

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<td>Belgrade - Kosovo Polje - Peć</td>
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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 School 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