Monitoring waiting time at WB6 - EU borders (January 2021)
Monthly data and trends

Since the adoption of the Green Corridors/Lanes Joint proposal prepared by TCT Permanent Secretariat and CEFTA Secretariat to facilitate the transport and trade of essential goods within the Western Balkans, TCT Permanent Secretariat have been monitoring the freight transport border waiting times in close cooperation with the relevant authorities and making use of all available information sources.

An overall picture of the WB6/EU borders waiting times during the month of January is being provided below.
WB6 Internal borders – Inbound/Outbound waiting times distribution range (April 2020 to January 2021)
Additional details on individual Border Crossing Points are being also provided below.

After the December peak, the waiting times in Horgos – Roszke have decreased, especially on the HUN – SRB direction (from 90 to 54.29 minutes). However, such statistic captures the effect of the winter break period when waiting times were unusually low. Overall, during the month if January waiting times have been on an increasing pace (which is again more visible on HUN – SRB direction). Last 2 weeks have brought high waiting times on both directions, a trend that is expected to continue in February.
The month of January has brought record high waiting times in Batrovci – Bajakovo on SRB – HR direction (147.14 min) but also record lows on the opposite side (70 min.). Overall, this made Batrovci-Bajakovo the most crowded BCB in the region. The peak on SRB – HR direction is all the more impressive as the average monthly figure is also capturing the winter break effect in early January when waiting times have been unusually low for more than one week. The overall January trend remains, therefore, on an increasing pace on both directions.
After the record highs witnessed in late 2020 for two months in a row, Gradina/Kalotina has finally turned much better with average waiting times below 1 h on both directions (47.14 min on SRB – BG and 50.71 on BG – SRB). There have been major daily and weekly variations, especially on SRB – BG direction that are being captured by the graphs below. Overall, peak days in Gradina/Kalotin remain difficult to anticipate, as not necessarily fitting with any pre-determined weekly trends.
Situation in all other BCPs under monitoring has remained mostly stable or slightly improved, as highlighted by the graphics below.