

**9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Technical Committee on Railway  
Virtual Session via Microsoft Teams  
06<sup>th</sup> May 2021 10:00-12:00**

**Draft Conclusions**

1. Administrative points:  
Agenda of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Technical Committee on Railway was adopted unanimously. TC on Railway confirmed its Rules of procedure that were previously adopted in written form.
2. All Regional Participants (RPs) acknowledged Mid Progress Report on implementation of Rail Action Plan (October 2020- May 2021) presented by TC Permanent Secretariat:
  - Rail market opening – small but visible progress: drafting new law or bylaw acts are in progress in all RPs.
  - Safety and interoperability: Small progress in all RPs in drafting new law on safety and interoperability.
  - Passenger rights – no progress, with exception of Serbia. The Government of the RS has adopted a Draft Law amending Law on Contracts in Railways Traffic on 15th April 2021, and this Law has been sent into the procedure for the adoption by the National Assembly.
  - Modernization of railway infrastructure – fresh data on ongoing and finance secured projects are provided.
  - National legislation in English not received yet – additional efforts are needed.
  - Additional bilateral meeting with each RP will follow.
3. TC Permanent Secretariat urged RPs to make additional efforts to translate national legislation (laws and bylaws) to English and deliver it to TC Secretariat.
4. All RPs welcomed presentation by DG MOVE on revision of rail freight corridor regulation.
5. All RPs welcomed delivered extracts from the first TCT TEN-T Annual Report pertaining to the rail. The Report shall be officially endorsed by the TCT Regional Steering Committee on 20 May.
6. JASPERS presented activities and current state of play on the ongoing project Safety improvement on LCs that started in March. Currently, TC Secretariat and JASPERS which will facilitate the project are compiling existing data. In June, plan for first meetings in person with infrastructure managers will be shared. The next phase will be developing methodology for prioritization of the most critical LCs. All RPs and supported the initiative.
7. TC Permanent Secretariat presented the Draft Agenda and scope of activities of the forthcoming Western Balkan Rail Summit 2021.  
TC Permanent Secretariat briefly presented two main draft deliverables from Rail Summit 2021: draft Dedication on Railway and draft MoU between IMs in the region. The draft documents were previously shared with each RP. All RPs welcomed signing of Declaration on Railway and MoU between IMs in the Western Balkans.  
All comments and final standpoints regarding 2 documents should be sent by RPs in written form to TC Permanent Secretariat by Monday 10 May EOD.
8. TC Permanent Secretariat presented the Draft Agenda and scope of activities of the TCT Capacity building Summer school dedicated to rail. The event will be co-organized with KAS taking place both live in Belgrade and online from 29 June - 2 July 2021.
9. Shift2Rail expressed readiness to participate as speakers in TCT Capacity building Summer school. Contact person from S2R is Monique van Wortel.



10. TC Secretariat will continue monitoring of the COVID 19 Impact and resilience measures in the entire region. All RPs will provide data regarding the passenger and freight transport for the period December 2020 – April 2021.

