

WB6 Trade and Transport Facilitation Project – Phase 1 Update

Since the AM 2020, Phase 1 implementation has proceeded at the expected pace, in consideration of COVID-19. Disbursement (3.1% of total loan amount) is in line with the Disbursement Schedule, with 19 procurement processes launched or completed by the PIUs.

The team holds regular biweekly meetings with the PIUs and relevant government officials. This has helped keep on top of multiple activities taking place in each of the countries and replaced virtual supervision missions...



Tasks
<p>Component 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Single Window Blueprint: assessments & consultations (SRB,MKD,ALB); - Border Crossing Points (BCPs): EoI completed for feasibility studies (MKD,ALB); - New Computerized Transit System (NCTS): ongoing feasibility study (ALB);
<p>Component 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intelligent Transport System along Corridor X (ITS): ITS advisor recruited (SRB), bidding docs prepared (SRB,MKD); - Railway Level Crossings (RLCs): tech specs prepared for 58 RLCs (SRB); - National ITS Strategies: TORs prepared & consultations (SRB,MKD); - National Transport Strategy Serbia: RFP stage for strategy design (SRB); - VTMIS in Albania: feasibility study & consultations (ALB);
<p>Component 3: consultations with MoE (MKD) on implementation of CEFTA AP5 & AP6 trade in goods and services;</p>
<p>Component 4: PIUs staffed, Steering Committees & NSW WGs functioning;</p>



Tasks
<p>Component 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal endorsement of NSW Blueprint by Governments (SRB,MKD,ALB); - Completion of feasibility studies for BCPs (MKD,ALB); - Completion of feasibility study for NCTS (ALB);
<p>Component 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch implementation of ITS Corridor X (SRB,MKD); - Procurement of 58 RLCs (SRC); - Launch of National ITS Strategies in SRB and MKD; - Launch of National Transport Strategy in Serbia; - Procurement of equipment for VMTIS implementation (ALB);
<p>Component 3: Launch feasibility assessment of implementation of measures under Section 3 "Free Movement of Services" of the Common Regional Market Action Plan 2021-2024;</p>
<p>Component 4: Recruitment of ESCE specialist of ALB PIU;</p>