

**5th Road Technical Committee meeting
11th May 2021, Virtual, 11.30 – 13.30**

Agreed Conclusions

1. Members of the Road Technical Committee (RTC) welcomed the opening remarks by Mr. Matej Zakonjšek, who emphasised that additional efforts are needed for the implementation of the Road Action Plan, the common work on the preparation of Western Balkans' response to the European Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy and on the finalisation of the TEN-T Implementation Annual Report.
2. RTC's members provided a detailed overview on the progress of implementation of the Road Action Plan, focusing on the current state of play in each Regional Party in relation to road maintenance, ITS deployment, climate resilience and use of alternative fuels.
3. Ms. Nerejda Hoxha, TCPS Road Coordinator, presented the activities undertaken by Transport Community Secretariat concerning:
 - Tolling interoperability. The regional dialogue on interoperability of toll services was initiated on the meeting held jointly with Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) on 28th of April 2021. The general approach to the next steps was agreed between all stakeholders. Jointly prepared ToRs by TCPS and RCC will be shared with all the Regional Parties, to get their additional views/comments/suggestions before publishing it.
 - Draft Memorandum of Understanding between Road Authorities/Public Enterprises was prepared and distributed for comments. Transport Community Secretariat will expect the feedback by RTC's members by the end of May 2021, at the latest early June 2021.
4. Ms. Nerejda Hoxha reiterated that the RTC's members will need to submit the following documents that would enable to finalise the midterm Progress Report:
 - Multiannual Maintenance Plans to be sent directly to the Secretariat or the official link of publication to be provided;
 - In cases of the transposition of ITS Directive 2010/40/EU and Directive on Interoperability of electronic road toll system 2004/52/EC the respective Table of Concordance to be submitted to the Secretariat.
5. Midterm Progress Report will be provided at the latest by mid-June to the RTC's members for comments and interventions. The annual Progress Report will need to be finalised by September 2021 in order to be presented to Regional Steering Committee and Ministerial Council in autumn 2021.

6. RTC's members welcomed the presentation of Mr. Nedim Begović and Ms. Nerejda Hoxha on the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy for the Western Balkans. This strategy is mirroring the European Union's Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy and adjusting the goals, milestones, and actions of the EU to the realities in the Western Balkans region.
7. In order to make road transport cleaner, smarter, greener and resilient, the strategy is proposing to:
 - Have more zero-emission vehicles and provide the much-needed alternative fuels infrastructure on Western Balkans roads;
 - Have integrated, multimodal, climate-neutral solutions in the cities;
 - Have better information to users and decision makers on the environmental impact of transport;
 - Have TEN-T standards applied to Western Balkans road network and services to ensure safe and fast travel, as well as resilient road network to climate change effects, such as the most common recurrent floods.
 - Build a single interoperable transport market without physical and non-physical barriers for doing business and travel.
 - Last but not least, adjust the workforce to the changing digital environment with the high level of protection of the worker's rights.
8. RTC's members welcomed the presentation of Mr. Mircea Tenovici, Road Project Officer on the findings of the annual report on TEN-T implementation, as stipulated in the Transport Community Treaty. The TEN-T Report encompasses data on current and future estimated network compliance and on-going projects. Once it is endorsed by the Regional Steering Committee on the 20th of May 2021 it will be submitted to the Regional Ministerial Council.
9. Bosnia and Herzegovina's representative requested a more detailed explanation of the scope and content of Service Level Agreement (SLA). Transport Community Secretariat will explore possibilities to invite an international expert to offer a presentation in the next meeting of Road Technical Committee.
10. Ms. Hoxha introduced preliminary ideas of trainings and encouraged the RTC's members to propose any other training needs related to Road Action Plan topics.
11. The next meeting will take place on the 8th of October 2021, potentially in Sarajevo.