



8th Road Technical Committee meeting

6 June 2022, 15.00 – 18.30

Agreed Conclusions

1. Members of the Road Technical Committee (RTC) welcomed the opening remarks by Mr. Matej Zakonjšek, TCT Secretariat Director. Mr Zakonjšek emphasised the importance of the Western Balkans Road Summit on 7 June organised by Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), under the auspices of the Albanian Government, that will gather in Tirana all the Ministers in charge of transport of Southeast European Parties of the Transport Community Treaty, high representatives of European Financial Institutions, Directors of road public enterprises and many other road professionals. Furthermore, it was highlighted the new Safe and Sustainable Programme that will be focused on small scale projects. It was noted that the work of this Technical Committee is very important, as this year in the framework of the second Monitoring Report on the Road Action Plan, particular focus will be paid to the current acquis transposition status in the road sector.
2. Chair of the Technical Committee, Mr. Naim Kelemendi, welcomed the participants and wished a productive meeting.
3. It is noted that RTC's member of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2) and North Macedonia were not able to attend this meeting.
4. RTC members reported on the progress of the implementation of Road Action Plan. It is important to note that the overall progress is slow. The progress made in the period between two Technical Committees (March – May) for each Regional Partner is reported as follow:
 - *Albania*. Transport Strategy is finalised and is currently being translated into English. It includes all the measures of the Action Plan as well as SSMS for Western Balkans. Deployment of ITS on 200km, including Traffic Monitoring Center will be included in IPA III. Energy Efficiency Agency has a detailed plan for deployment of e-charging on road network. National Acquis Transposition plan has been prepared and will be shared with TCT Secretariat
 - *Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Information will be provided in writing by the representative of the Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
 - *Kosovo**. Approval of the Administrative Instruction in Kosovo for the transposition of ITS Directive is still pending. Meeting took place between Albanian Road Authority and

- Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure to exchange experience on setting up Road Asset Management System.
- *Montenegro*. The EBRD's Consultancy Service Agreement regarding the establishment of the Road Asset Management System (RAMS) for the trunk and regional roads that was concluded at the end of 2021, and is not amended to cover also the highway, after the completion of the first section Smokovac-Matesevo of the Bar-Boljare highway. For the Smokovac-Matesevo section of the Bar-Boljare highway project, ITS equipment in the value of cca 25 mil. EUR is installed.
 - *Serbia*. Consultant to prepare ITS Strategy within World Bank TTF1 has been selected and the strategy is expected to be completed by Q3 2023. National Acquis Transposition plan for the period 2022 – 2025 will be prepared and will be shared with TCT Secretariat. Two Traffic Monitoring Centers will be established, one in Belgrade financed by PERS and one in Nis as part of EBRD loan. Since 2014 floods all design and construction standards have been amended to encompass to higher river flows. Serbia is progressing with the installation of 10 fast e-charging stations, solar panel powered.
5. RTC members received by Transport Community Permanent Secretariat the questionnaire related to the current state of transposition of Annex I.3, Road Transport. To date, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia submitted the filled questionnaire. TCT Secretariat reminded the rest of Regional Partners to send the information without any further delay. Following submission of all the information, TCT Secretariat will be carrying out the first screening and identify areas where additional support will be needed in the form of TAIEX or dedicated training sessions.
 6. RTC members welcomed the information on the Road Social Forum that took place in Sarajevo on 10 May 2022. The Social Forum recognised that not enough progress has been done regarding the implementation of EU road social acquis. In that respect, it was agreed that the TCT Secretariat jointly with the members of the different Technical Committees and the Social Forum will propose an Action Plan to the annual Ministerial Council to improve the transposition of social acquis and passenger rights acquis as per the provisions of Transport Treaty Annex I. TCT Secretariat Desk Officer Ms Martina Hakl will consult and discuss it further in the coming meetings of Road Technical Committee.
 7. RTC members welcomed the information on the Summer School that will take place in Sarajevo, from 21 June till 24 June with the focus on safe, smart and sustainable roads.
 8. RTC members welcomed the presentation of Team Leader, Mr Emmanuel Grandserre (4icom), on the current progress of e-tolling interoperability contract. Findings of the SWOT analysis and challenges to ensure interoperability in the Western Balkans were presented and discussed. RTC members emphasised the need to visit and see in practice how e-tolling



interoperability works in one of the best experience countries as per the recommendation of the Consultant's deliverable.

9. RTC members welcomed the presentation of EU CONNECTA's team on the current state of play of Component 2 of Technical Assistance for the Deployment of Smart and Sustainable Mobility in the Western Balkans. RTC members emphasised the need to be allocated more time to provide the requested information to the Consultant and advised that missions should take place to meet with all the stakeholders in each Regional Partner.
10. RTC members welcomed the presentation of the current progress of the e-freight project financed by TCT Secretariat budget for 2021.
11. TCT Secretariat will send the request to update on the state of play of the implementation of Road Action Plan and Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy for the Western Balkans last week of June. Second Monitoring Report of Action Plans is expected to be endorsed by the Regional Steering Committee on 27 October 2022.
12. The next meeting will take place in person, on 5 October.