



12th meeting of Technical Committee on Railway
Hybrid Session – Podgorica, CUE Hotel
22nd June 2022 10:00 - 17:00

Draft Conclusions

1. Agenda of the 12th Meeting of Technical Committee on Railway was adopted unanimously.
Other administrative matters:
2. Administrative procedures: TCT Secretariat initiated change of Rules on Reimbursement of the costs for participants of meetings organised by TCT. In accordance with the new rules, reimbursement costs could be covered for 2 participants per institution instead of 1. It is expected to be adopted and enter into force in February 2023.
3. Activities between 2 TC on Railways:
Second TCT Progress Report should be adopted in October 2022 - the first draft shall be prepared in the beginning of September to be sent to Regional Partners for comments. All RPs were urged to provide TCT Secretariat with inputs as listed in **Annex I of Rail Action Plan by 1 August 2022**.
4. National Legislative pipeline for 2022 – current state of play was presented by each Regional Partner. Regional Partners were asked to inform TCT Secretariat in **written form** regarding the state of play in implementing EU legislation by **01 August**.
5. TCT Secretariat presented draft table on transposition of acquis from **Annex I.2** of containing latest updates and revision of **Annex I.2**. The table will be shared with Regional Partners with conclusions of the meeting in order to provide inputs.
6. All RPs welcomed presentation on railway legislation applicable to transport of dangerous goods and overview of roles of responsible actors and interfaces given by Mr Emmanuel Ruffin from European Union Agency for Railways (ERA). Joint back-to-back Transport Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods and Railway shall be organised in 2023.
7. All Regional Partners endorsed initiative for establishment of Regional Railway center of excellence, as expressed on the first 2 meetings of the Network of Infrastructure Managers in WB6. The lack of capacity and human resources and proper trainings are recognised as the main issues in railway infrastructure area. Therefore, the objective of Regional Railway Excellence Center is to identify and execute knowledge transfer in order to improve the quality of the rail systems, the educational and research systems and their synchronized cooperation with ultimate goal developing the rail transport systems within the WB6 in line with the transport market of EU. TCT Secretariat sent questionnaire to IMs to determine current state of play and future needs in education of the railway professionals. EU Delegation to Montenegro underlined the importance of tackling difficulty to recruit and the retention policy of the Staff in railway sector.
8. All Regional Partners welcomed presentation on investigation of accidents and incidents in Austria and the role of NIBs RUs and IMs as competent authorities, given by Ms Bettina Bogner, Head of Federal Safety Investigation Authority.
9. Serbia raised issue regarding investigation of railway accidents, in particular when there is no consent on the cause of incident between the internal commission (formed for each accident) and the NIB.
10. Federal Safety Investigation Authority of Austria encouraged Regional Partners to express their needs for capacity building and trainings in investigating incidents and accidents and to visit the Austrian NIB. TCT Secretariat on behalf of all RPs will ask Austrian authorities to organise 3-day training and improve level of institutional framework.
11. Regional Partners were invited to update the table on state of implementation of Annex I.3 of TCT on relevant social acquis and passenger rights of the European Union, prepared by TCT Secretariat.

12. In order to prepare the second TEN-T Annual Report, TCT Secretariat invited Regional Partners to update the current state of play regarding the ongoing and finance-secured projects in the region. The contributions should be sent to TCT Secretariat in written **by 01 August**. (In same document as it was requested in **point 3** of this conclusions)
13. TCT Secretariat presented update of project on Safety Improvement on the level crossings and LC campaign. The project on Safety Improvement started in May 2021 and the first outcome (draft report) is expected in June 2022. The Report will be presented to RSC for adoption in November. Mapping of the most critical LCs is in line with SSMS and European Economic and Investment Plan. Second phase will be applying for design and construction by RPs. LC public awareness campaign was prepared by TCT Secretariat for the whole WB6 region. The campaign started in Skopje, Sarajevo, after which it will continue in Podgorica and Pristina in June, while in Serbia and Albania it will be presented in autumn. The campaign consists of 3 videos financed by TCT Secretariat which will be presented in local languages in the region.
14. Regional Partners welcomed the presentation: Study case from Trainkos JSC given by Mr Sefedin Sefaj, Manager of JSC Trainkos. Main activities, mission and vision, product range and services, quality specifications and certificates of the company, its international activities, as well as unique selling points of products and services were presented.
15. TCT Secretariat sent questions regarding Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy for WB to Regional Partners in order to prepare first 1-year monitoring report for the Strategy.
16. Events in 2022 organised by ERA:

ERA expert Mr Christoph Kaupat announced extension of implementation period of ongoing IPA project to 2023. Upcoming ERA trainings and webinars which will take place in the course of 2022 were presented. ERA also announced peer review of Hungarian NIB which will take place on 26 October 2022. NIB invites one observer from an IPA country to participate in the peer review. Participation will be sponsored by IPA Budget. All participants agreed that Bosnia and Herzegovina should apply. ERA encouraged TCT Secretariat to follow up with DG MOVE about the price of implementing EVR and transferring NVR to EVR in the region.
17. Events in 2022 organised by TCT:
 - TCT Secretariat announced Regional rail conference which will take place in Nis on 13-14 October;
 - Mini Rail Summit which will gather academic institutions in second part of October/November in Pristina.
 - TAIEX training hosted in Albania on behalf of the region "Transposition of the 4th rail package"- each RP will be invited to nominate attendees once the training dates are determined by experts.
18. Transport operation in the region: TCT Secretariat's draft report about traffic flow in the first 4 months of 2022 shows no change compared to previous 2 years. Passenger transport recovered to almost 90% in some Regional Partners, and it is slowly reaching the level before COVID.
19. Next TC on Railway meeting will take place in last week of September/first week of October 2022, exact date and time will be confirm in coming weeks.