

**13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway  
In-person Meeting – Tirana, Tirana International Hotel  
21 September 2022 13:00 - 18:00**

**Draft Conclusions**

1. The Agenda of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway was adopted unanimously.

Administrative procedures:

2. Changes of the Rules on Reimbursement of expenses incurred by participants of meetings organised by the TCT are ongoing. Expected information for new rules regarding the reimbursement of two participants per institution is February 2023 and expected date for new rules for reimbursement of accommodation costs is November 2022.
3. As the current chair from Serbia, Mr Stanojevic, left the Ministry, the TCPS asked Serbia to nominate a new member of the TC on Railway who will be the Chair by the end of this year.
4. In the coming meetings with Ministers from the WB region, Director of TCPS will underline the importance of maintenance as well as further activities on transposition of the rail acquis stemming from Annex I.2 of the Treaty.

Activities between 2 TCs on Railways:

5. A Draft of the second TCT Progress Report on implementation of the Rail Action plan is presented by the TCPS. It should be adopted by the Regional Steering Committee at the next RSC. All RPs were urged to provide the TCT Secretariat with inputs regarding the progress on implementation on the Rail Action Plan (page 116 of the Report) as well as input for the Chapter *“Monitoring the transposition of Annex I.2 of Transport Community Treaty”* (page 78 of the Report) **by 27 September 2022**.
6. The TCPS presented a draft of the TEN-T Annual Development Report. It will be delivered to the Regional partners for their opinion, comments and feedback to be sent by 27 September 2022.
7. The TCPS presented the final draft of the Level Crossings Safety Improvement Report. The Report is adopted by all regional partners. The Report will be delivered to ERA and DG Move for potential comments and remarks.
8. Albania informed the meeting participants on the state of play on the completion of the institutional framework as well as of the restructuring process on separation of HSH. However, both processes should be completed by the end of the year.
9. North Macedonia informed the present participants on the necessary changes in rail legislation regarding the rail market opening. The new Railway Law has been drafted and, in coming weeks, an answer will be received from the Government regarding the proposed positive changes.
10. Montenegro informed the participants about new railway undertakings and procedures related to the issuance of documents such as safety certificates etc. Insufficient human resources are the main problem in Montenegro.
11. All regional partners welcomed the presentation given by DG MOVE. The presentation was devoted to current activities focusing on solidarity lanes established to help and facilitate transport from and to Ukraine.
12. ERA presented the activities, focusing on the coming workshops and trainings within the IPA program for the Western Balkans and Turkey. Also, regarding the possibility and procedure for the inclusion of



all regional partners to the European Electronic Register of Vehicle, ERA will send a response to the TCPS which initiated this idea.

13. A TAIEX regional workshop is approved by DG NEAR. The main topic will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Rail package. It will be organized in Tirana on 15 or 16 November 2022. DG Move proposed participation of experts from their Technical Unit.
14. All regional partners acknowledged the report on Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy produced by the TCPS.
15. All regional partners welcomed the efforts made by the TCPS in organizing the awareness campaign on increasing safety on level crossings.
16. The TCPS informed RPs about the coming events (Rail Innovative workshop - 8 November in Niš, a potential TC on Railway in December in Brussels as well as the next TC in Pristina – February 2023 back-to-back with the Rail Excellence Summit).

Done in Tirana on 21 September

