



10th Road Technical Committee meeting

7 December 2022, 09.00 – 16.30

Agreed Conclusions

1. Members of the Road Technical Committee (RTC) welcomed the opening remarks by Mr. Matej Zakonjšek, TCT Secretariat Director.
2. Mr Zakonjšek introduced the main topics of the meeting such as exchange of information with DG MOVE on implementation of EU legislation part of the Road Action Plan, presentation of the best practices from Members States on implementation of EU legislation. It was highlighted that on 15 November the Regional Ministerial Council endorsed the Action Plan and EU acquis Report and the Annual TEN-T Development Report. It was reiterated that progress in the transposition of EU road legislation in the region is limited and more efforts are needed by the Regional partners to develop the TEN-T road network, and specific attention should be given to the road maintenance. Furthermore, Mr Zakonjšek presented an overview of the main events of 2022, Road Summit, Summer School, Traffic Control Center training etc in the framework of the Year of Roads of the Future: Safe, smart and sustainable Roads.
3. Chair of the Technical Committee, Mr. Naim Kelmendi, welcomed the participants and congratulated all the members on a successful 2022 and wished a fruitful meeting.
4. Agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments. Montenegrin colleagues due to other obligations were not able to attend the meeting.
5. RTC members welcomed the presentation by Giacomo Migliore from DG MOVE on E-tolling interoperability Directive 2019/520/EU (EETS Directive). Objectives and main elements of the EETS Directive were presented, its cross-border enforcement as well as EUCARIS data exchange system. RTC members were interested in the operational aspects of EUCARIS and in the upcoming meetings TCT Secretariat will facilitate a more detailed presentation on the scope/progress of EUCARIS.
6. RTC members welcomed the presentation by Aleksandra Klenke from DG MOVE on Alternative Fuels Regulation, and e-charging deployment in EU. Key strategies of the European Green Deal package and the current context were explained in detail. RTC members were interested in the potential to be part of CEF in partnership with EU MS for the deployment of e-charging stations. RTC members were encouraged to check European Alternative Fuels Observatory.
7. RTC members welcomed the presentation on climate resilience covering two aspects:

- Provisions laid in the revised TEN-T Regulation by Nevena Gavalyugova, DG MOVE focusing on TEN-T revision timeline, its aims, objectives and priorities emphasizing the climate resilience component.
 - Presentation by Seth Landau, CONNECTA Sustainability Expert, on Technical Assistance for the Deployment of Smart and Sustainable Mobility in the Western Balkans. It was presented shortly the EU framework and some cases of ongoing or completed best practices.
8. Austrian experience in implementation of ITS Directive presented by Martin Boehm from AustriaTech. AustriaTech is carrying the tasks of the National Access Point as per the Directive 2010/40/EU on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport that creates a framework for supporting a coordinated and coherent deployment and use of ITS in the European Union. It was shared with the RTC members the latest development of NAPCORE (National Access Point Coordination Organisation for Europe), the organisation formed to coordinate and harmonise more than 30 mobility data platforms across Europe. NAPCORE is co-financed by a Programme Support Action under CEF as a coordination mechanism to improve interoperability of the National Access Points as backbone of European mobility data exchange. RTC members were invited to further cooperate with AustriaTech in areas related to the deployment of ITS.
 9. Montenegrin experience in EU acquis transposition was presented by Anna Krukowska, BSI Team Leader. Regional partners were encouraged to explore the same approach to cover their needs for assistance in EU acquis transposition.
 10. RTC members welcomed the intervention of Nedim Begovic, TCT Secretariat, on deployment of e-freight in the Western Balkans. It was presented and discussed eFTI project timeline, economic and environmental impact assessment, roadmap of the project in the timeframe 2023-2030 with its budget and the next steps in implementation of the project.
 11. RTC members welcomed presentation by Mircea Tenovici, TCT Secretariat, on the functions and outputs of TODIS. It was presented the detailed timeline of phases 1 and 2 the project, as well as main milestones for TODIS implementation, development stages, functional scheme, expected outcome, draft visuals and mock-ups. It is announced that TODIS will become functional as of January 2023.
 12. Main outcomes of Passenger Rights Report: *Making transport accessible and inclusive in the Western Balkans* were presented by Martina Hakl, TCT Secretariat. In addition, an overview of the Draft Action plan for social issues and passenger rights which will be shared in the forthcoming weeks. The Action Plan is envisaged to be endorsed in the Social Forum, March 2023.
 13. All the presentations will be shared with RTC members and uploaded on TCT website.

14. Road Coordinator, Nerejda Hoxha, laid out the plan of activities for 2023, as follows:
 - 3 technical committee meetings are planned. It is planned to organise a joint meeting between Road and Road Safety Technical Committees;
 - Study visit on e-tolling interoperability, as a follow up of completion of the study financed by TCT Secretariat;
 - ITS regional conference to showcase and discuss the way forward for the deployment of ITS in the region;
 - First annual meeting of Directors of Road Authorities, based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Road Summit, Tirana.
15. North Macedonia took over the chairmanship of Road Technical Committee for 2023.