

16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway

**Hybrid Meeting – Doboj**  
**21 June 2023 12:30 - 17:30**

### **Draft Conclusions**

1. The Agenda of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway was adopted unanimously.

Administrative matters:

2. As the current Chair of TC on Railways, Mr Bankovic left the Ministry, TC on Railways elected a new Chair for the rest of 2023. It is Ms Tanja Dasic from Montenegro. At the same time, all RPs expressed appreciation for previous work and contribution given by Mr Bankovic in the last three years who acted as the previous chair of the TC on Railway and representative of Montenegro from 2020.
3. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Georgia.

Expert discussion - activities between the two TCs:

4. TCT Secretariat has informed all participants about activities linked to the strengthening of human resources capacity. Training related to ERTMS is done in Luxemburg from 18-20 April. Training for Electronic Vehicle Register was done in Belgrade on 25 April and in Doboj on 8 June. In Belgrade on 28 April, there was a round table between young experts from Western Balkan and Georgia and representatives of the private sector.
5. TCT Secretariat presented an updated Calendar of the TCT events for the rest of 2023. It is fully synchronized with the ERA calendar.
6. ERA informed all participants about the updated plan in relation to the certain number of training predicted for 2023 and 2024, if the new budget will be approved All their activities will directly support the implementation of activities from the Rail Action Plan.
7. ERA has informed all participants that legal issues with about inclusion of all Western Balkan parties to the Electronic Vehicle Register are solved. Now, all RPs with the support of ERA experts should prepare data about vehicles in the proper format for transfer to the EEVR.
8. On behalf of DG Move, a representative of ERA presented actual things including legislative changes.
9. All Regional and Observing participants acknowledged the information regarding the revision of the Rail Action Plan. In October this year, the third Report on the Implementation of the current Rail Action Plan will be published. All RPs should send input by **30 June** (the deadline was 19 June)
10. Preparatory work for the new Rail Action Plan is ongoing. As the first draft of the new Rail Action Plan should be drafted in October, all RPs and OPs should send proposals for the new measures by **31 July**.
11. All participants expressed satisfaction with the presentation given by Mr Klaus Uhl from MC Mobility regarding the assessment of the rail market at the Western Balkan.
12. Regional partners presented their legislative activities as well as their respective project-related developments.
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina have a plan to continue work on the new Railway Law

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

- Serbian Government has adopted new Law on Interoperability of the Railway System and Law on Amendments on Law on Railway and these two laws are in the procedure of adoption from the side of the National Assembly. Public discussion for the new Law on Safety of the Railway has been completed and this law is now in the preparation phase for adoption from the side of the Government.
- Montenegro prepared Railway Safety Law and in the coming time it will be ready for public discussion.
- Kosovo has finalised a concept paper for the new Railway Safety Law
- North Macedonian Government has adopted the Law amending the Law on the railway system and sent it to the Parliament for further adoption. After adoption and publication, the railway market will be opened for new entrants and new RUs.
- Georgia has made amendments (31 May, 2023) to the Railway Code of Georgia for the purposes of approximating its railway legislation with EU Rail Acquis, specifically to the Directives: 2004/49/EC; 2007/59/EC; 2008/68/EC.
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Kind request for all RPs, please add/correct here all activities related to the projects and laws

- Republic of Serbia: Regarding the railway infrastructure projects, currently the reconstruction and modernization of the Novi Sad – Subotica and Niš – Brestovac sections are ongoing. Reconstruction and modernization of Stalać – Đunis (LOT 1 – Construction works on Tunnel No. 4) and Niš – Dimitrovgrad (Component 1 – Civil works and electrification of Sićevo – Dimitrovgrad) section are expected to start by the end of 2023. Publishing of tender procedure for Stalać – Đunis (LOT 2 – Construction works on other tunnels and open track) and Niš – Dimitrovgrad (Component 2 – Civil works and electrification on the bypass around the city of Niš and Component 3 – Signaling and telecommunication works) is expected by the end of 2023. Preparation of technical documentation (Preliminary Design with studies) for reconstruction and modernization of the Stara Pazova – Šid section is expected by the end of 2023.
13. The TCT Secretariat informed the participants of the coming work on improving safety at the level crossings. Consultant, based on the agreed TOR will prepare general technical specifications for level crossings equipment as well as for the other civil works linked to the specific level crossings.
  14. The TCT Secretariat informed all participants of the progress in re-establishing regional passenger connections. The cost analyses were done for the pilot train between Ljubljana – Zagreb Belgrade. As the result of common work with passenger companies from Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia, for the re-establishing of this connection, TCT Secretariat will try to provide a part of the cost for one pair of trains.
  15. Next TC on Railway meeting will be in October

Done in Doboj, on 21 June 2023.

