



13th Road Technical Committee meeting

29 September 2023, 14.30 – 17.30, Warsaw

Agreed Conclusions

1. Road Technical Committee took place back-to-back with study visit in Warsaw. The study visit provided an exceptional opportunity for the members of the Road Technical Committee to engage in open, constructive discussions on topics such as ITS deployment, alternative fuels, enforcement of electronic tolling.
2. The RTC members noted the absence of Mr Mensur Hodzic and Mr Goran Buhač, representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina while acknowledging the online participation of Mr. Davit Getsadze, the representative from Georgia.
3. Nerejda Hoxha, Road Coordinator, opened the meeting by pointing out that the Third year Progress Report is drafted based on the contribution submitted by RTC members. The draft Report is circulated for comments to RSC members. Regional Ministerial Council will take place on 12 December in Skopje, where will be endorsed the Action Plan progress report and the Annual TEN-T Report. Furthermore, she provided an outline of the activities of the Technical Committee during the first half of 2023.
4. Mr. Marjan Kopevski, the Chair of the Technical Committee, extended a warm welcome to all participants and wished them a productive meeting.
5. The meeting agenda was adopted without any comments or objections.
6. TCT Secretariat presented the progress on the implementation of the Road Action Plan. It is noted that the overall progress is slow to moderate, and more efforts are needed to meet the deadlines. RTC members agreed with the findings of the monitoring report and any additional information will be provided by RSC members. RTC members stressed the necessity of revising certain aspects of the Road Action Plan to encompass not only legislation but also the implementation of certain actions such as the deployment of ITS. The TCT Secretariat announced its intention to initiate a consultation exercise on the second generation of Action Plans by the end of 2023.
7. Transposition of Annex I.3 as reported by the Regional Partners remains slow, with 69% of the legal acts not transposed.
8. TCT Secretariat urged the RTC members to send to Table of Concordance for all the EU acquis that are partially and fully transposed.
9. Observing Participants. Following a round of consultations which took place in May, draft Road Action Plan for Georgia and the Republic of Moldova were prepared by the TCT Secretariat, and now are awaiting the European Commission's opinion. TCT Secretariat informed the representatives of the Observing Participants about the commencement of the data collection process to update/complete the information relating to the transposition of Annex I and the current status of TEN-T development.
10. TCT Secretariat presented the current state of EIP Road projects, highlighting the problematic issues requiring updates and/or specific actions, such as the lack of progress on the Peace Highway and on

the Bar – Boljare Motorway, and delays and funding shortages on Corridor Vc. Montenegro expressed its dissatisfaction with regard to the long duration of the WBIF procedures.

11. RTC Members welcomed the presentation of TCT Secretariat on TEN-T Annual Report for the Road Sector. TEN-T road network assessment shows uneven TEN-T compliance rate, the need to improve maintenance practices and project implementation record.
12. RTC Members welcomed the TCT Secretariat's presentation on monitoring of Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy project finalised by CONNECTA. Furthermore, the monitoring report on SSMS implementation will be finalised by December 2023, with data collection beginning shortly.
13. RTC members welcomed the presentation on TCT Secretariat's technical assistance: Improving Climate Resilience and Adaptation Measures in the Indicative Extension of TEN-T Road and Rail Networks in Western. The Consultant presented the results of vulnerability assessment in the region. Until the end of 2023, it is planned a workshop to discuss with the stakeholders the findings of the study.
14. TCT Secretariat will share the final reports of CONNECTA on preparation of ITS strategies and advise the Regional Partners to start the internal procedures for the approval of the ITS Strategies (all modes and modal ones).
15. TCT members welcomed the presentation of Trans-European Motorways (TEM) project, Mr Andrzej Maciejewski on the objectives and the work carried out in the course of the project. RTC members expressed interest to know more on topics of common interest like road maintenance practices and ITS deployment.
16. Upcoming activities until the end of 2023, include Road maintenance and Asset Management Training and ITS Regional Conference 'Towards a Connected Future: Delivering Intelligent Transport Systems in the Western Balkans' back to back with the Regional Ministerial Council in Skopje on 12-13 December.
17. The next meeting will take place in person focusing on discussions on the next generation of Road Action Plan, place and date to be confirmed.