

23rd meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway

Prague, Czech Republic 26-27 February 2025

Conclusions

Administrative matters:

- 1. The agenda for the 23rd meeting of the Technical Committee on Railways was unanimously approved.
- 2. The TCT Secretariat welcomed the new representatives of the Technical Committee on Railways:
 - Mr. Anel Topalovic from Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Mr. Debatik Ramanaj from Kosovo*
 - o Ms. Ljubica Trajkovska from North Macedonia

Experts' Matters:

- 3. All participants were informed about the first meeting of national contact points for the DAC project. Following the discussion, all RPs will evaluate their current wagon fleet—including series, average age, and special cars—to estimate the number of railcars eligible for an upgrade with the Digital Automatic Coupler (DAC).
- 4. The TCT Secretariat presented the New Generation Rail Action Plan (NGRAP). The first report based on this new plan will be released in November 2025, with a draft version to be shared and discussed in June and September 2025.
- 5. All participants from the Western Balkans will communicate their needs for support in the implementation of NGRAP.
- 6. All participants from the Western Balkans will submit a written report detailing the progress made in harmonizing EU Rail Acquis during the previous period by the end of May 2025.
- 7. All participants expressed their satisfaction with the study visits held on February 26th to the Traffic Control Centre of Czech IM, supported by AZD Company, and to the Skoda maintenance workshop.
- 8. Observing participants provided updates on the current status of the transposition and implementation of the EU acquis for rail transport.



- 9. All regional partners shared updates on the progress of rail infrastructure projects.
- 10. All participants acknowledged Mr. Marios Miltiadou's presentation on the Multimodal Terminal Network.
- 11. ERA and the TCT Secretariat informed all participants about upcoming events and workshops.
- 12. The next Technical Committee on Railways meeting will take place in June 2025.

Done in Prague, on February 27, 2025.

(*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.