

## 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Network of Road Executives

15 May 2025, Sofia, Bulgaria

### AGREED CONCLUSIONS

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Network of Road Executives took place on 15 May 2025 in Sofia, Bulgaria, back-to-back with CEDR activities, the International Road Safety Conference 'On the road to vision zero', and Cross-border and corridor cooperation related to road construction, renovation, and management.
2. The members acknowledged the absence of representatives from PE Autoputevi RS, PE Putevi RS, PE Autoceste FBiH, the Kosovo Road Agency, the Macedonian PE of State Roads, PE Roads of Serbia, as well as from the Republic of Georgia and Ukraine.
3. The meeting was opened by Matej Zakonjsek, Director of the TCT Secretariat (online), who welcomed the participants, highlighted the importance of regional-EU collaboration on road safety, infrastructure, and reforms, while noting key developments such as the extension of the TEN-T network and the rollout of the EU's New Growth Plan for the Western Balkans.
4. The Draft Agenda was adopted, and all network members agreed to follow the proposed schedule.
5. As per Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Presidency and Vice Presidency were elected in alphabetical order. Montenegro will hold the Presidency for one calendar year. Kosovo will hold the vice presidency following the appointment of the director of the Road Agency.
6. Ms Nerejda Hoxha, Road Coordinator and Goran Temovski, Transport Acquis and Legal Desk Officer from the TCT Secretariat, presented the primary TCT documents for 2024, including:
  - The **TEN-T Annual Report**, highlighting performance indicators and implementation gaps;
  - The **5-Year Rolling Plan**, providing a forward-looking overview of regional infrastructure priorities;
  - The **Action Plan Progress Reports on Road and on Road Safety**, noting significant milestones but also persistent challenges in road safety management and data harmonisation;
  - The **Next Generation Action Plans for Road and for Road Safety** were well received as a dynamic tool for setting more targeted, measurable, and sustainable actions.

7. Climate resilience was identified as a cross-cutting priority, considering increasing vulnerability to extreme weather events, and the most recent event in October 2024 in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ms Nerejda Hoxha initiated a roundtable discussion, which emphasised:
  - The need for risk-informed planning and investment;
  - Integration of resilience measures in ongoing rehabilitation and maintenance projects;
  - Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding to incorporate the basis for the support between the members of the network;
  - Capacity building for road authorities on climate-proof infrastructure is planned to be organised in Germany at the end of September/October.
8. A roundtable discussion provided updates on the ongoing technical assistance initiatives across the region:
  - Albania reported progress on Road Asset Management System (RAMS), a new road safety strategy, and bridge rehabilitation planning;
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina highlighted policy-level support from EBRD;
  - Montenegro shared updates on ongoing projects and RAMS/climate resilience work supported by EUD and EBRD;
  - Moldova shared updates on the inclusion of climate resilience in the documents prepared by IFIs and the ongoing project on Weight in Motion (WIM) and weather stations.
9. Ms. Hoxha presented an overview of capacity-building and technical assistance opportunities financed by the TCT.
10. The network members acknowledged Mr Paolo's presentation of the INTERREG-funded WIM solution implemented at the Italy–Switzerland border crossing. The presentation demonstrated the benefits of cross-border cooperation and innovative monitoring technologies in improving freight flow and reducing road degradation.
11. The participants requested the TCT Secretariat to organise a technical workshop on Weigh-in-Motion solutions and enforcement technologies, potentially in Hungary, Slovenia or other EU MS.
12. The next meeting will be held in Germany, in September/October 2025.