



26th meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway

Tirana, Albania

10 February 2026

Conclusions

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Administrative matters:

1. The agenda for the 26th meeting of the Technical Committee on Railways was unanimously approved.
 2. Albania was elected Chair of the Technical Committee on Railways for 2026.
 3. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Technical Committee on Railways of the Transport Community, Mr Carlo Corposanto (DG MOVE) was appointed Deputy Chair.
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Experts' Matters

4. All Regional Participants (RPs) presented their plans for the adoption of the EU Rail Acquis and the implementation of the New Generation Rail Action Plan. They also outlined their technical assistance needs and provided updates on the status of TEN-T projects.
- **Albania** emphasised that 2026 is a key year for reforms. The separation of the railway companies into an Infrastructure Manager (IM) and a Railway Undertaking (RU) is expected to be completed this year. Projects are progressing as planned. Closing benchmarks are being implemented in line with the established deadlines. A technical assistance consultant will soon be engaged to support legislative preparation through an EU Delegation grant.
 - **Bosnia and Herzegovina** highlighted the need for a new Railway System Law. Plans are underway to establish an interinstitutional working group tasked with preparing the draft law. The authorities expressed the need for technical support. The Transport Community Treaty



(TCT) Secretariat offered assistance in reviewing the draft or, upon request, providing a locally contracted expert to support the drafting process. ŽFBH submitted a proposal to the Government concerning company restructuring, in which the World Bank has expressed interest in being involved.

- **Montenegro** announced that the adoption of the Railway Safety Law is expected in the near future. A new Railway Agency has begun operating as an independent body separate from the Ministry. The publication of the TSIs is a priority for this year. Regarding TEN-T projects, the detailed design for the Golubovci–Bar section has been completed, and the tender for works will be published shortly.
- **North Macedonia** reported that three TSIs have been prepared and submitted to relevant institutions for comments, with publication expected in Q2–Q3. In November 2025, a TAIEX technical assistance mission was organised regarding the Railway System Law. A second TAIEX mission on the Safety Law is scheduled for February. A request for additional TAIEX assistance on the Interoperability Law is also planned. The TCT Secretariat offered support in reviewing draft legislation or, upon request, providing a locally contracted expert to assist in drafting.
- **Kosovo** informed participants that, due to the political situation, no progress has been made in adopting legislation. The Railway Safety and Interoperability Law has been drafted. Ministry has also engaged an expert from IOM - International Organisation for Migration to support work on the Railway Law. The Railway Regulatory Authority (RRA) prepared draft TSI relating to the subsystem “rolling stock – noise” – to be finalised in 2026; however, approval by the Board remains pending. The TCT Secretariat offered assistance in reviewing the drafts or, upon request, providing a locally contracted expert to support the drafting process.
- **Serbia** indicated that two laws — the Railway Law and the Safety Law — are planned for adoption this year. Regarding secondary legislation, the Rulebook on Common Safety Methods is being prepared in line with the Fourth Railway Package. Preparations are also underway for a new Transport Strategy and a National Programme for Railway Development.

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5. The TCT Secretariat presented the TEN-T Report for the Western Balkans region, published in 2025. The 2026 update of the TEN-T Report will take place in Montenegro in May. All RPs are requested to collect and submit the necessary data in advance of the event.



6. The European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) presented the calendar of common training activities planned for 2026. In cooperation with the TCT Secretariat, one workshop dedicated to NIB-related issues will be held in February, with additional training sessions scheduled throughout the year.
7. The TCT Secretariat presented the Policy Report for Observing Partners, as well as an overview of ongoing and planned projects.

For **Moldova**, new progress in the transposition of EU legislation was presented, and it was highlighted that several Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs) have been transposed into national legislation.

At the beginning of February 2026, the Government of Moldova adopted a Decision on the establishment of the Joint Stock Company "Moldovan Railway – Passengers and Freight" through the reorganisation of the State Enterprise "Railway of Moldova". The plan is for this new company to begin operating within the next six months.

8. Representatives of Georgia and Ukraine presented their respective legislative status, plans, and outlined their reform priorities.
 - **Georgia** has introduced that the draft law on the certification of Entities in Charge of Maintenance (ECM) has been prepared by the Rail Transport Agency and submitted to the Government of Georgia for its approval, and furthermore, the draft law on the certification of Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers (DGSA) was elaborated by the Agency and submitted to the Government of Georgia. The draft law introduces amendments to the Rule on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail, which will enter into force no later than 1 March 2026 with a transitional period extending through 1 January 2027. According to Directive (EU) 2016/797, the Agency has elaborated draft amendments to the Georgian Railway Code, which will be submitted to the Parliament of Georgia for its approval.
 - **Ukraine** reported that the draft Law on Railway Safety and Interoperability passed its first reading in the National Assembly in December 2025. The legislative procedure must now be completed, taking into account numerous comments, before final adoption. The draft Law on the Railway Transportation Market will be prepared in line with previous comments from the European Commission, with adoption targeted for the fourth quarter of 2026.
9. The next meeting of the Technical Committee on Railways will take place in June 2026.

Done in Tirana, 10 February 2026.