

**1st meeting of the Western Balkans Regional Network of Safety Authorities (NSAs),
Investigation Bodies (NIBs), and Railway Regulatory Bodies (RRBs) – WB RNNNR
Belgrade, TCT premises
14th October 2025, 10:00-16:30**

Conclusions

1. The Agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments. All regional partners welcomed the idea of establishing a Western Balkans Regional Network of Safety Authorities (NSAs), Investigation Bodies (NIBs), and Railway Regulatory Bodies (RRBs) – WB RNNNR.
2. TCT Secretariat presented draft Rules of Procedure of the WB RNNNR. The Rules envisage the mandate and scope of action of the Network, membership, appointment process, observers, operation of the Network, plenary meetings – chairing and coordination, establishment of subgroups, joint meetings with other bodies, correspondence, and coordination with the TC Technical Committee on Railways.
3. Rules of Procedure of the WB RNNNR adopted by all regional partners.
4. Mr Aleksandar Adamovic, Director of the Railway Directorate of Serbia was appointed as the Chairperson and Mr Denis Lukac, Director of Railway Authority of Montenegro was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Network of WB RNNNR.
5. TCT Secretariat suggested budget for one meeting next year of the WB RNNNR to the Regional Steering Committee. Reimbursement of travel costs and per diems shall be made in accordance with TCT financial rules.
6. All regional representatives presented their priorities in terms of legislation:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina – transposition and publishing TSIs
 - Kosovo¹ - completion of Railway Safety Law and Railway Law
 - North Macedonia – preparation of new Railway Law, supported by TAIEX
 - Serbia – preparation of several bylaws and acts related to the safety and interoperability area
 - Montenegro – after the adoption of the Railway Safety Law, the preparation of more than 30 bylaw acts.

¹ 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

7. Observing Participants presented their institutional frameworks, current activities, and plans regarding legislation and other activities:
 - Ukraine – draft and prospects for the adoption of the Law on the National Bureau for Transport Investigations, and the establishment of the NSA and NIB authorities
 - Moldova – preparation of several government decisions related to the railway safety regulatory area
 - Georgia – preparation of the Draft Railway Interoperability Rule, signing of contracts with specialists in the railway transport sector to support investigative activities, and conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the NIB and the NSA.
8. TCT Secretariat presented the current state of play in the Western Balkan region regarding institutional framework.
9. All regional and observing participants welcomed the presentation given by EBRD. Representative of EBRD presented current project regarding capacity building in Railway Directorate in Serbia.
10. All attendees acknowledged the presentation made by representative of Serbian NIB related to safety on level crossings.
11. The ultimate objective of the Transport Community is to facilitate the opening of the rail market. In this context, all Regional Partners are bound by this commitment as delineated in the Treaty. A critical prerequisite for advancing towards this goal is the mutual recognition of various regulatory instruments, including licenses, safety certificates, vehicle permits, and driver licenses. This cooperation among the parties is fundamentally driven by the shared motivation to achieve rail market opening, underscoring the importance of a collaborative approach to regulatory harmonisation and integration in the sector.
12. The lack of capacities and competencies among employees has been highlighted by the Moldovan side, which underscores the importance of establishing a Regional Centre of Rail Excellence for the Observing Participants.
13. Better regional connectivity is reiterated as the main priority for all regional partners. TCT Secretariat proposed a few areas for reaching this goal.
 - Sharing experiences between partners from the region
 - Sharing the best practice from EU member states
 - Joint application for projects of common interest
14. The next meeting is suggested to take place in the first half of 2026. Exact date and place will be communicated in due time.

Done in Belgrade on 14 October 2025.