



28th meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway

Skopje, North Macedonia

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Conclusions

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Administrative matters:

1. The Agenda for the 28th meeting of the Technical Committee on Railways was unanimously approved.
 2. There were no changes in the list of members of Technical Committee on Railways for 2026.
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Experts' Matters

3. Progress in the implementation of the Action Plans

The TCT Secretariat presented the final draft of the **Report on Progress in the Implementation of the Action Plans (Rail Part)**. The Regional Partners (RPs) adopted the document at the technical level. Following its confirmation by the Technical Committee, the document will be submitted to **DG MOVE and the Regional Steering Committee (RSC)** for formal adoption. The results of the draft **Report on Progress in the Implementation of the Action Plans (Rail Part)** were also presented, together with the **status of the transposition of TCT Annex I.2 for Observing Participants**.

4. Implementation of the EU Rail Acquis

All Regional Partners presented their plans and priorities for the further implementation and transposition of the EU Rail Acquis.

- **Albania** plans to publish all TSIs by the end of 2026 and to adopt a new Railway Law in 2027.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** plans to continue the preparation of the draft Railway Law.



- **Kosovo*** plans to adopt the Railway Law and the Railway Safety and Interoperability Law by the end of the second quarter of 2027. It also intends to publish all TSIs once the Management Board of the Railway Regulatory Agency is appointed.
- **North Macedonia** is preparing six laws: The Law on the Railway System, the Law on the Regulation of the Railway Sector and the Protection of Rail Passengers' Rights, the Law on Interoperability in the Railway System, the Law on Railway System Safety, the Law on Train Drivers, and the Draft Law on Public Passenger Transport by Rail, with a view to further aligning the national legislation with the European Union acquis, in particular the Fourth Railway Package. In addition ten Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs) are being prepared most of which are in the final drafting stage. The laws are expected to be adopted by the second quarter of 2027.
- **Montenegro** intends to revise the Railway Law and the Railway Safety Law and to remove regulations currently included in the legislation, in line with the principle of direct implementation of EU legislation in EU Member States.
- **Serbia** is preparing three laws: the **Law on Cableways, Railway Safety Law and Railway Law**. All three laws are planned to be adopted during 2027.
- **Ukraine** emphasised that, following the adoption of the Law on Railway Safety and Interoperability in June 2026, a three-year transitional period was established for the phased implementation of the new rules in the sector. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has also adopted a Plan for organising the preparation of draft legislation and carrying out other tasks necessary for the implementation of the Law.

According to the Plan, by 1 January 2027, the central executive body responsible for implementing state policy in the railway sector and performing the relevant functions in the areas of safety and interoperability is to be operational.

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in September 2026 has approved an Action Plan for the reform of railway transport in Ukraine.

From September 2026, "UZ Infra" Infrastructure Manager Branch has commenced operations as a separate organisational structure within JSC Ukrainian Railways. The Concept and Roadmap for the establishment of the "UZ CARGO" Freight Railway Undertaking Branch are also being updated.

A draft law on the organisation of public passenger rail transport services is currently being prepared, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007.



In cooperation with the Swedish state investment agency Swedfund, Ukraine has agreed to implement the project “Pre-Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan for the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) on Ukraine’s Railways”.

5. Support for the transposition of EU Rail legislation

The TCT Secretariat will continue to support all Regional Partners in the transposition and implementation of EU Rail legislation through three main channels:

- direct assessment of draft legislation by TCT Secretariat staff;
- thematic workshops co-organised with the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA); and
- engagement of locally contracted short-term experts.

6. Five-Year Rolling Work Plan and TEN-T Monitoring Report

The TCT Secretariat presented the rail part of the **Five-Year Rolling Work Plan** and the **Annual TEN-T Monitoring Report**. The Regional Partners agreed in principle with the presented documents. Any additional comments or remarks will be submitted by email. The draft Annual TEN-T Monitoring Report for Observing Participants was also presented.

7. TEN-T Rail Network projects

The Regional Partners and Ukraine presented updates on all ongoing, financially secured and projects under preparation on the **TEN-T Rail Network**.

As the information presented may be misleading, JASPERS recommended that the regional partners verify the actual status of each project. It seems that preparation of some projects has been on hold for several years without clear plans for continuation, while some projects are still based on outdated scopes and cost estimates

8. ERA capacity-building activities

The European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) presented the calendar of common training activities planned for the remainder of 2026, as well as initial ideas for activities in 2027.

In cooperation with the TCT Secretariat, several thematic workshops will be organised. These workshops will provide direct support for the implementation of the **New Generation Rail Action Plan**.

Regional Partners are invited to propose concrete topics for the workshops planned for 2027.



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9. Next meeting

The next meeting of the **Technical Committee on Railways** will take place in **February 2027**.

Done in Skopje, 29 September 2026.