

## **Monitoring Transport within WB and at EU - WB borders**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community is active since 16<sup>th</sup> March to help granting the “connectivity” between all partners in this difficult period. Beyond the reporting of the measures taken by the partners to prevent the spreading of COVID-19. The Permanent Secretariat, together with CEFTA secretariat, proposed to set up “green lanes” and “green corridors” within the region to secure the supply of essential goods through coordinated and accelerated border crossing / sanitary procedures.

In the meantime, the European Commission set up a monitoring of internal EU border crossings and proposed to the TCT to coordinate the monitoring of the border-crossing with Western Balkans to ensure constructive information sharing on policies and actions.

Having key links connecting to the Western Balkans and within the region will ensure effective, efficient and streamlined transport flows throughout Europe, which are vital at this time.

The first table for most of regional participant relates to the external borders (EU-WB). The second table for every regional participant relates to the identified border-common crossing points within the Western Balkans (along the green “corridors”). The information collected should refer to the outbound direction (instruction to fill the tables can be found directly on the Excel tables).

The monitoring takes place daily (7/7) and the report should be provided to the TCT every day, between 12:00 AM and 1:00 PM (at the latest). The report should indicate the time to which the information refers.

All information collected through these two tables is aimed to be public. The information on EU-WB border crossing provided will be shared with the Commission services (who monitors the situation regarding the EU and its external borders). The information collected on Western Balkans internal border/common crossing points will be made available daily on the TCT Website.

This monitoring exercise will be to help preventing that bottlenecks at borders could generate - in this very peculiar period that we are all facing - transport disruption or shortage of essential supplies.

It should stay in place until the sanitary emergency is lifted.