



15th Road Technical Committee meeting

18 – 19 April 2024, Bratislava, Slovakia

Agreed Conclusions

1. The 15th Road Technical Committee took place back-to-back with a study visit to main road administrations in Bratislava, Slovakia. The members had the opportunity to visit the Slovak Road Administration with a focus on Road Databank, the latest road data collection equipment. Furthermore, the visit continued to Slovak Motorway Company with a focus on the Traffic and Tunnel Control Center and maintenance practices.
2. The RTC members noted the absence of representatives from Albania, North Macedonia and Ukraine while acknowledging the online participation of Ms Barbara Pilastro, the representative from Montenegro.
3. TCT Director Matej Zakonjsek addressed the participants, emphasising the commencement of discussions for the next generation of the Road Action Plan. This marks a significant milestone, as principles and timelines for the plan were established during the last Regional Steering Committee meeting in Brussels. The aim is to refine measures for clearer implementation while aligning with the latest EU legislation and strategic shifts.
4. A warm welcome was extended to Barbara Pilastro, the new chair from Montenegro.
5. The agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments.
6. RTC members actively engaged in discussions with Mr Marian Purtz and Ms Lise Praestegaard from JASPERS, focusing on practical examples of Environmental Impact Assessment and climate resilience in road projects.
7. Ms Damaris Gruber from AustriaTech, in the role of NAPCORE Deputy General Secretary presented the results of the NAPCORE work on setting up National Access Points and National Bodies. The Austrian case study was presented in detail.
8. The setting up of National Access Points and National Bodies is included in the Reform Agenda within the framework of the New Growth Plan. In this context, the members of the Road Technical Committee highlighted the need for support and capacity buildings. NAPCORE days will take place on 5- 7 November in Turin, and that would provide a good opportunity for the members of the Road Technical Committee to engage and learn more about the European experience. Potentially the 17th meeting of the Road Technical Committee can take place back to back with this event.
9. Ms Nerejda Hoxha, Road Coordinator, informed members that the TCT Secretariat will launch Technical Assistance in the second half of the year to support Regional Partners in establishing ITS institutional structures. Terms of Reference will be shared with members for their input.
10. Building upon discussion on the 14th meeting of the Technical Committee, Nerejda Hoxha prepared and shared the proposals for the NextGen Road Action Plan before the meeting. Discussions on each group of measures were focused on:

- *Establishing functioning and efficient road maintenance systems.* The members of the Road Technical Committee agreed on the proposed measures. The proposal is to add in the explanatory part of the measure Key Performance Indicator within the measure no. 5 Service Level Agreement. To provide a better understanding of the allocation of funds for maintenance, the TCT Secretariat will send a questionnaire to collect data on the last 3 years on the budget allocation and execution for routine, periodic, winter and emergency maintenance. Deadlines for this group of measures will cover the period 2025-2026.
 - *ITS Deployment on Core/Comprehensive Network.* The proposed measures were agreed by the members of the Road Technical Committee, except removal of the transposition of Delegated Regulation 2015/962 as it is appealed starting from 1st January 2025. Instead, the new Delegated Regulation 2022/670 will be included in the next generation of Action Plans. The deadlines for this group of measures will have to be aligned with the deadlines agreed within the Reform Agenda.
 - *Enhancing road transport climate resilience and use of alternative fuels.* The members of the Road Technical Committee agreed on the proposed measures. Deadlines for this group of measures will cover the period 2025-2027. Further discussions will be needed if the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation should be included in this Road Action Plan.
11. The deadline for additional comments from all the members of the Road Technical Committee is expected in writing by 30 May 2024. The revised next generation of the Action Plan incorporating all the comments will be the subject of discussion in the next meeting of the Road Technical Committee.
 12. Ms Nerejda Hoxha presented the work plan for this year, focusing on the Road Technical Committee Meeting, Technical Assistance provided by the TCT Secretariat and capacity building on FIDIC that will take place in Belgrade during November.
 13. The next RTC meeting will take place on 18-20 June in Portoroz back to back with Transport Days of Slovenia.