

20th meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway

Podgorica, Montenegro
11-12 June 2024

Draft Conclusions

Administrative matters:

1. Considering that the Chairperson, Mr Sefedin Sefaj has been replaced with another representative from Kosovo*, all regional partners elected Ms Valerie Bojku as the new Chair for the rest of 2024.
2. Following the Rules and Procedure of the Technical Committee, Ms Anna Kuokkanen from DG MOVE is the new Deputy Chair of TC on Railway.
3. The new representatives on behalf of Montenegro are Zoran Vukovic and Milena Milacic.
4. New representatives from Georgia are Ms Nino Jorbenadze, Ms Nino Abelishvili, Ms Tsabuna Nakulashvili and Ms Nino Lomsadze. The new representative from Moldova is Victoria Pituscanu.
5. The Agenda of the 20th Meeting of the Technical Committee on Railway was adopted unanimously.

Experts matter:

6. In principle, all Regional Partners accepted the final Draft of the New generation Rail Action Plan 2024-2027.
7. **TCT Secretariat presented a final draft of New generation Action Plan. The last version will be delivered to all partners together with draft Conclusions from the meeting. All RPs will send no objection by 24 June 2024 COB.**
8. All participants welcomed the intervention by Anna Kuokkanen who offered assistance to all regional and observing partners in terms of rail legislative issues.
9. All participants acknowledged the presentation given by Libor Lochman about the Digital Automatic Coupling project. **All regional partners agreed on the need to nominate two persons as national contact points and inform the TC Secretariat by 30 June 2024.**
10. Regional and Observing partners presented progress and plans for rail legislation

Albania

- Amendments to the Rail Law about separation HSH are predicted by Q3 2024.
- NSA was established, but no RRA and NIB. The main obstacle is a lack of budget and human resources.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- An action plan for the transposition of EU Acquis is prepared.
- Some TSIs will be published by the end of the year (at the entity level – in the Republic of Srpska)

Kosovo

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Kosovo representatives will submit the update in writing.

Montenegro

- Law on Railway system – final stage, very soon adoption
- Law on safety and Interoperability – next year

North Macedonia

- Law on Cableways, Law on Railway Safety and Law on Railway System are under preparation. For these three laws, MKD got support from TAIEX.

Serbia

- Law on Safety is in final preparation, the plan for adoption is the end of September. 4th Rail package is foreseen.
- Railway Law is in the pipeline till the end of the year.
- Law on cableway in this year.

Georgia

- There is a New legal framework. Period from 2023 to 2027 is dedicated to the rail reforms in Georgia.
- Draft Railway Safety Law and Train driver license are prepared. It will be adopted soon.
- (National Safety Authority) was established for the purpose of technical regulation and supervision of the field of railway transport - in the form of the Rail Transport Agency (from July 1, 2023).
- This is not the regulatory body that 2012/34 directive envisages.
- PSO - was signed on June 14, 2024.

Moldova

- Railway Code is the base of the new Railway Agency. It will be established soon – second part of year.
- Restructuring of the Railway company is ongoing.
- There are several working groups for restructuring established by the government

11. All RPs and OPs are given short update on TEN-T projects. Detail overview of ongoing, finance secured as well as projects under preparation will be delivered to the TCT Secretariat by 28 June. The template will be attached to this Conclusions

12. All RPs are informed about status of TODIS. All regional partners will make effort to assist to the nominated regional users in data collection process in aim to provide reliable input to the system.

13. All participants welcomed a presentation by Rafal Wachnik about NIB vehicle - technical description.



14. All RPs are invited by TCT Secretariat to apply for the Safe and Sustainable Transport Program provided by EC and managed by the World Bank.
15. All regional partners as well as other participants expressed satisfaction with a very well-organized driving by maintenance rail car from Podgorica towards Kolasin station with a focus on the ongoing or coming works on tunnels and bridges.
16. The next TC on the Railway will be held **in September during InnoTrans 2024 in Berlin.**

Done in Podgorica, 12.06.2024.

