WORKSHOP 3

TERRITORIAL COOPERATION FOR RAILWAY CONNECTIONS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

14-15 OCTOBER 2009
SEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HOTEL HOLIDAY INN • SARAJEVO • BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
9h00 – 9h30  Facilitation of the improvement of railway connections as a strategic aim of the SEE Programme  
Roland Arbter – Austrian representative of the SEE MC

9h30 – 9h45  Lessons learned from the first call for proposals: refining the background to steer more and better projects on rail transport  
Gusztav Csomor - SEE JTS

9h45 – 10h00  Facilitation of railway connections: possible actions financed by the SEE transnational cooperation Programme  
Roberta Calcina - SEEJTS representative

10h00 – 10h15  The Trans European Network strategy on railway accessibility in the SEE Programme area  
Carlo Fortuna – Central European Initiative

10h15 – 10h30  State of the art and future of railway connections in the Western Balkans and with neighbouring countries  
Izet Bajrambašić – Ministry of Communications and Transport BiH (SEETO Steering Committee representative)

10h30 – 11h00  Coffee Break

11h00 – 11h15  Harmonization of conditions of different rail transport systems  
Jaromir Cekota, UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport

11h15 – 11h30  The role of the regions for sustainable and interoperable railways in SEE  
Mr Gordon Keymer - COTER Commission, Committee of Regions

11h30 – 12h00  Case study: The Alpine Convention: tailoring national strategies on regional needs – focus on railways  
Marcella Morandini –Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention

12h00 – 13h00  Round table discussion on project proposals & other inputs with the main stakeholders and participants
Main aim of the workshop

Promote the development of high quality transnational cooperation projects in the SEE area in the field of accessibility, with specific focus on railways and intermodal solutions for both passengers and goods.
Specific aims of the workshop

1. Better understanding of the SEE Programme strategic contribution to railways development and intermodal solutions.

2. Possible activities that can be financed in the framework of the territorial cooperation.

3. Results of the 1st Call and perspectives of the 2nd call

4. How could regions and cities actively participate?

5. Gathering relevant stakeholders (included Railway and Infrastructure Companies)
The South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme

Countries:

Objective:

Priorities:

“The programme shall improve the territorial, economic and social integration process and contribute to cohesion, stability and competitiveness through the development of transnational partnerships and joint action on matters of strategic importance.”

South East Europe (SEE)
### SEE Financial allocation (in €)

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<td>P1. Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship</td>
<td>44,051,157</td>
<td>7,773,734</td>
<td>51,824,891</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>4,333,383.80 €</td>
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<td>P2. Protection and improvement of the environment</td>
<td>53,739,828</td>
<td>9,483,499</td>
<td>63,223,327</td>
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<td>P3. Improvement of the accessibility</td>
<td>55,160,834</td>
<td>9,734,265</td>
<td>64,895,099</td>
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**Total:** 228,576,645.00 €
The SEE Programme’s focus on the improvement of a sustainable accessibility (or Priority 3)

Contributing specifically to the improvement of the accessibility of local and regional actors to the European Networks by supporting transnational partnerships and activity that contribute to:

**AoI 3.1:** improve coordination in promoting, planning and operation for primary and secondary transportation networks

**AoI 3.2:** develop strategies to tackle the “digital divide”

**AoI 3.3:** improve framework conditions for multi-modal platforms
The SEE Programme’s objective of facilitating railway’s development

the result of the SWOT analysis...

“Lags in quality and quantity* of high developed infrastructure (rail, road, water ways, air transport, telecommunication) and insufficient maintenance of existing transport infrastructure.

[...] Some countries have efficient systems covering a part of the territory, while other countries have inefficient systems of rail transport.

[...] Discontinuities across the borders (both infrastructures and services) are very often the reason of the limited efficiency of railway at the transnational level

*(The quality of the railway system is poor, its rail density (33 km/km2) is at 2/3 of EU 25 (48 km/km2)
The SEE Programme’s objective of facilitating railway’s development (2)

The financial allocation per related themes:

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<th>Transport</th>
<th>Railways</th>
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<td>Railways (TEN-T)</td>
<td>3.530.293</td>
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<td>Mobile rail assets (TEN-T)</td>
<td>882.573</td>
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<td>Urban transport</td>
<td>% of 3.530.293</td>
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<td>Multimodal transport (TEN-T)</td>
<td>% of 15.058.908</td>
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<td>Intelligent transport systems</td>
<td>% of 6.453.818</td>
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| Information society              | Information and communication technologies (access, security, interoperability, risk-prevention, research, innovation, e-content etc.) | % of 4.851.251 |

| Information society              | Information and communication technologies (TEN-ICT) | % of 3.199.328 |
### Results of the 1st call for proposals on topic accessibility

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<th>AoI</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Submitted EoIs</th>
<th>Eligible EoIs</th>
<th>Invited EoIs</th>
<th>Submitted AFs</th>
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| 3.1 | Transportation networks  
Co-ordinated promotion, planning and operation for primary and secondary transport connections and nodes                                                                                   | 22             | 18            | 9            | 8             | 6            | 2        |
| 3.2 | Tackle digital divide  
Joint initiatives for effective access to information and communication infrastructure among states and regions                                                                                 | 36             | 25            | 2            | 2             | 2            | 1        |
| 3.3 | Multimodal platforms  
Promotion of multi-modal platforms and alternative transport means                                                                                                                                          | 11             | 9             | 6            | 5             | 5            | 2        |
| P3  | Accessibility                                                                                                                                                                                              | 69             | 53            |              |               |              |          |

**Approved ERDF**  
9,231,427 €  
(ca. 15% of total available for P3)
Results of the 1st call for proposals on topic accessibility

Projects on ACCESSIBILITY represented the 8% of all EoI submitted and the 12% of approved projects.

0% is the results for railway related project.

Which are the reasons for low interest?

• Rigid decision making system of the railway sector?
• Stakeholders not correctly involved?
• Budget allocated to facilitation of railways too low? (other instruments preferred)
• Unclear explanation in the Programme documents? (which activities can be financed?)
• Infrastructure first?
• Road transport is priority in the SEE programme area?
Thank you for your attention

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Organising this dedicated workshop (just before opening the 2nd call and the 3rd top down strategic one)

a. Presenting the SEE Programme

b. Clarifying the role of the Programme in the facilitation of transnational projects on railways

c. Understanding the status quo, the problems, the opportunities

d. Coordinating the effort with the EU (i.e. main transport programmes, cross border programmes), the national level, the regions, the existing transport coordinating structures (i.e. SEETO, Corridor secretariats), the UNECE, the other donors, the railway operators and infrastructure companies...

e. Defining the list of possible transnational activities that the SEE Programme could support
The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Call for Proposal:
steering a higher number of projects on railways

2 \textbf{Involving the stakeholders:}

invitation have been send to a broad list of responsible persons
(spreading the information at max)

3 \textbf{Special eligibility rules (only for priority 3) allow the participation of railways agencies and related infrastructure companies, whenever}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interests (or have subsequently taken responsibility for such needs – and can be established objectively) being their industrial and commercial character not relevant}
  \item \textit{they have legal personality}
  \item \textit{they make available the results of the project to the general public}
  \item \textit{they apply the principles of public procurement.}
\end{itemize}
The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Call for Proposal: Example of eligible activities

**COORDINATION** and **MANAGEMENT** at transnational level

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<td>policy coordination for infrastructures</td>
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<td>joint action plans</td>
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<td>consensus building (and with regional stakeholders)</td>
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<td>joint transportation networks management bodies (how many already existing?)</td>
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<td>coordination for maintenance of physical infrastructure</td>
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<td>tackling specific common problems of peripheral regions</td>
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<td>improving cross border procedures</td>
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The 2nd Call for Proposal:
Example of eligible activities

**STUDIES** on infrastructures with a transnational impact

- feasibility and pre-feasibility studies
- transnational environmental assessment (EIA-SEA) and impact assessments (TIA)
- how to connect the region with the planned corridors
- waiting-time reduction solutions
- Integrated preventive measures for transport of dangerous goods
- noise reduction
- optimal definition of corridors’ tracks
- capacity of trains
### Transnationally coordinated SERVICES

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<td>intelligent (transnationally interoperable) traffic information systems</td>
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<td>solutions for the intermodal transport from first to last mile</td>
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<td>clear and understandable integrated timetables</td>
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<td>trained personnel able to manage transnational bookings</td>
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<td>clean &amp; comfortable railway stations and trains with international standards</td>
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<td>purchase of tickets and seat-reservation by email/phone valid for all countries of the programme area</td>
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<td>reliability (punctuality, frequency) and quality</td>
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<td>services for different social categories (commuters, students, old people, people with disabilities) also in border crossing</td>
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The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Call for Proposal: Example of eligible activities

Transnational \textbf{SMALL SCALE INFRASTRUCTURAL} interventions

- Safety of trips
- Intelligent (transnationally interoperable) traffic information systems
- Intermodal platforms for goods and passengers especially among agglomerations
The 2nd Call for Proposal:
Example of eligible activities

and HORIZONTAL ISSUES

- joint promotional awareness raising about its environmental and economic advantages
- competitive prices (cheaper than using roads) – special prices for cross border trips
- public private partnership (PPP) schemes
- Information campaigns
- common databases
- networks and exchange of experience: cooperation within and outside the programme area
- monitoring
- indicators

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The SEE Programme requirements: Transnational Focus of a Project

It’s JOINTLY IMPLEMENTED BY A GROUP OF PARTNERS
(minimum 3 coming from 3 different Countries of the SEE Programme Area)
and
ALL OF THEM BENEFIT FROM THIS COOPERATIVE WORK
but

It leaves a significant FOOTPRINT in the whole programme area or in (justified) part of it
It helps strengthening the cooperation area and reducing disparities among regions
It produces CONCRETE and VISIBLE results
It builds upon PAST EFFORTS and existing knowledge (with clear and proven links) but AVOIDING DUPLICATION
## The 2nd Call for Proposal

### Eligible partners

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<th>Sort of Partner</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<td>LEAD PARTNER</td>
<td>Only EU part of the Programme area</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Applicable (see section 3.2.1)</td>
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<td>ERDF PARTNER (Project Partner)</td>
<td>Only EU part of the Programme area</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Applicable (see section 3.2.1)</td>
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<td>20% ERDF PARTNER (Project Partner)</td>
<td>Only EU outside the Programme area</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>IPA FINANCIAL LEAD PARTNER</td>
<td>Only Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Applicable (see chapter 5)</td>
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<td>IPA PARTNER</td>
<td>Only Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>EU ASSOCIATED</strong></td>
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<td>Only EU Partners within the Programme area</td>
<td>No (it's part of a &quot;sponsoring&quot; ERDF PARTNER budget)</td>
<td>Only TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION</td>
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<td>Applicable as ERDF (see section 3.2.1)</td>
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<td><strong>EU ASSOCIATED 20%</strong></td>
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<td>Only TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION</td>
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<td><strong>10% PARTNER</strong></td>
<td>Only Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine</td>
<td>No (it's part of a &quot;sponsoring&quot; ERDF PARTNER budget)</td>
<td>Only EXTERNAL EXPERTISE and SERVICES; and TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Applicable as IPA (see chapter 5)</td>
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<td><strong>OBSERVER</strong></td>
<td>No limitation</td>
<td>No (Observers do not receive any financial support)</td>
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<td>Not applicable</td>
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2-STEP Procedure

Submission of Expression of Interest and, if successful, Application Form

Application Pack is on the website

www.southeast-europe.net

Call of Proposals is open end of October / beginning of November 2009.

The EoI has to be submitted to the Joint Technical Secretariat through upload on the website

Selection Criteria and Assessment Procedures are detailed in the SEE Programme Manual for the 2nd Call for project proposals
Thank you for your attention

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