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**TRANS-EUROPEAN NORTH-SOUTH MOTORWAY (TEM)**

**Steering Committee**

**Sixty-fifth Session**

16 December 2015, Vienna, Austria

**REPORT**

**PARTICIPATION**

1. The 65th session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Vienna, Austria on 16 December 2015. The National Coordinators of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland, Turkey, as well as the UNECE Transport Division representative, and an Expert from the TEM PCO took part in the session. The list of participants is attached to this report as Annex 1.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND 64<sup>th</sup> SESSION REPORT**

2. The Agenda of the session, as adopted, is included as Annex 2 to this report.
3. The TEM 64<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee session report is adopted (Annex 3).

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

4. Mr. Kurt Nemec (Austria) was elected as the Chairman of the session and Ms. Katarzyna Prokop (PCO) was elected as Rapporteur.

**OPENING OF THE SESSION**

5. Mr. Nenad Nikolic (UNECE Sustainable Transport Division, Regional Advisor) welcomed TEM delegates. Mr. Andrzej Maciejewski (TEM Project Manager) welcomed participants and guests and introduced the main points of interest for the SC.

## REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

6. Mr. Maciejewski presented the PCO Project Manager Report. The report includes the summary of work for 2014-2015. He stated that in line with the TEM objectives, several activities were carried out according to the plan. Mr Maciejewski stated that the outcome of the report will be presented during the 78<sup>th</sup> Inland Transport Committee meeting on February 23-26, 2016. He described TEM activities and achievements 2014 – 2015 and pinpointed challenges and activities planned for 2016.

SC discussed the results of the TEM Project in 2014–15 and expressed its satisfaction that most of the results foreseen in the Plan were achieved. The pace of implementation was improved during 2015 and this positive trend should continue in 2016.

Mr. Maciejewski listed the challenges for the TEM project in 2016 as following:

- Greater involvement of national coordinators in the preparation of events
- Interactive cooperation between the meetings (by email, attending other conferences, involvement in the side events)
- Well-prepared and thoroughly planned strategy for the next years based on members' needs
- Introducing innovative ideas based on experiences from other countries and partners
- Activation of inactive members

Then PM presented the action plan for 2016, which includes:

- Workshop and report on Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology – an innovative way of roads designing, constructing and managing
- Cooperation with Conference of European Road Directors CEDR in relation to BIM
- Involvement of HEEP representatives in TEM project activities in relation to BIM
- Active participation in Transport Research Arena – TRA 2016 – a scientific conference in Warsaw (April 2016)
- TEM HEEP Area V meeting
- Workshops on asset management and road maintenance, ITS
- Greater visibility of TEM Project
- TEM Network report 2016
- Better internal involvement and cooperation
- Reports to be presented at Steering Committee in April 2016 (Warsaw)

TEM Programme of Work 2016 was approved by the Steering Committee. Additional comments for further consideration:

- Cooperation with TER (Austrian proposal)
- Topics for future cooperation: intermodal transport (Austrian proposal)
- TEM & TER standards update (Bosnia and Herzegovina proposal)
- Need for tangible and visible results (Czech statement)
- Financing the infrastructural projects to include: socio-economic evaluation and financial feasibility (Turkish proposal)

During the SC it was also observed:

- TOR for financing report will be prepared and sent by PCO by mid-January 2016.
- TEM HEEP area V meeting will take place in Istanbul, Turkey – 30<sup>th</sup> May-2 June 2016

- TEM HEEP area V meeting – global financial institutions eg. World Bank will be invited
- BIM workshop – to provide introduction to the topic based on European (UK, Lithuania) and American experiences
- PCO will send out a general information on BIM
- Explore the possibility for TEM STAT yearly meeting to be restored – collecting data – topic for 2017 (Austrian proposal)
- TOR for TEM Network Report 2016 has to be prepared by PCO and sent to SC members for approval; SC members are kindly asked to propose candidates for a consultant who will prepare the report.
- TEM SC Invitation Letter signed by Project Manager to be sent on official letterhead at least 6 weeks before the meeting/workshop

## REPORTS FOLLOW UP

### 7. Report on Strategy and Road Safety

Candidates were selected by TEM PCO based on experience, skills and education and confirmed by SC. Mr. Berndt Strnad was selected for the Road Safety report –and Mr. Jacek Szwarc for the TEM Strategy report. The contracts will be signed in January 2016, upon the finalization of administrative procedures by consultants. Finalization of draft studies is tentatively foreseen for the next SC (March-April 2016). PCO is going to send the information to Participating countries about the reports and names of the consultants in order to assure the information flow between the TEM countries and the consultants.

## COOPERATION WITH OTHERS

### 8. Potential cooperation with CEDR and activating cooperation with HEEP

CEDR's and HEEP's extensive knowledge and experience on BIM can really bring benefit to the TEM countries. There is a field of cooperation, which should be explored during TRA - Transport Research Arena conference in April in Warsaw. All TEM members are warmly invited to participate in the TRA conference.

## PROJECT MANAGER STATUS

### 9. Election of the Project Manager for 2016–2017

SC expressed satisfaction with the activities and engagement of the TEM Project Manager (Mr. Maciejewski) in 2014–15. Polish side (Ministry of Infrastructure) was kindly asked to consider the possibility to offer services of the Project Manager for 2016–2017. The offer should be communicated to UNECE in writing. Until the official notification is received Mr. Maciejewski will be acting as a Project Manager.

## REPORT ON TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015

### 10. Status of TEM Trust Fund Contributions for 2015

Mr. Nikolic presented an update on the financial situation of the project. TEM Trust Fund contributions for 2015 were paid by 10 Participating countries. Reminder for the remaining

country was sent. Expenses incurred in 2015 are less than 50% of proposed budget and budget execution could be improved. Therefore, PCO should analyse the 2015 expenses. Trust Fund Agreements sets the contribution to 7,500\$ and according to the SC decision additional 2500\$ was approved to be included in the contribution as additional financing. Decision on contribution amount for 2016 will be brought by SC based on in-depth analysis sent by PCO. Analysis should be sent alongside with proposal for 2016 budget in January 2016.

## BUDGET

### 11. Budget for 2016

Draft budget for 2016 to be prepared by PCO and sent to TEM members in mid-January. SC will discuss and adopt the budget in electronic/email communication.

## NEXT MEETINGS

### 12. Location for the next meetings

Each country will consider the possibility to organise a meeting/workshop in the next years. 66th Steering Committee and workshop on BIM will take place in April 2016 in Warsaw, Poland. TEM HEEP Area V meeting on financing will take place on May 30-June 2, 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey. 67th Steering Committee and workshop on maintenance and asset management will be organised in Prague, Czech Republic in autumn 2016.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 13. Other business

No other business.