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

#### **Steering Committee**

#### **Sixty-second Session**

10-11 April 2014, Warsaw, Poland

## **R E P O R T**

### **PARTICIPATION**

1. The 62nd session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Warsaw, Poland on 10 and 11 April 2014. The National Coordinators of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Turkey as well as the Regional Adviser of the Transport Division of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) took part in the session. The list of participants is attached to this report as its Annex 1.

### **OPENING OF THE SESSION**

2. Mr Lukasz Skorupski, Director of the General Director's Office in the Polish General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways, welcomed all the participants and excused the temporary absence of Mr Andrzej Jerzy Maciejewski, Deputy General Director of the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways and new TEM Project Manager, who unfortunately had an unexpected meeting with the Polish Minister of Infrastructure and Development at the same time.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

3. The agenda of the session, as adopted, is attached as Annex 2 to this report.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

4. Mr. Nemeč (Austria) was elected as Chairman of the session and Ms Martine-Sophie Fouvez, rapporteur.

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 61<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

5. The draft report, which had been adopted informally last December, was formerly adopted with minor drafting amendments, by the 62<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee's participants, and will be posted on the UNECE/TEM website.

## REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER and TEM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2014-2015

6. Mr. Andrzej Jerzy Maciejewski, Deputy General Director of the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways, explained the work he carried out between last TEM Steering Committee, held in December 2013 and at present, as acting TEM Project Manager
7. His work concentrated on the Programme of work of the project for the biennium 2014-2015. Since last December he benefited from contributions of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina Czech Republic, Lithuania Poland, and Romania, and to help him improving the first draft programme of work he presented at the last Steering Committee.

Six priority areas have been identified, under the general objective to ensure safe and fluent TEM network:

- **Financing**, Three types of actions should be undertaken: how can countries appeal to EU funds when available, to which extent they make use of public money, tolling and to know where we are with PPP financing;
- **Road safety management**, focusing on what should be innovations in this field, at management level but also by identifying what will be future Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS);
- **Asset management** – project performance indicators used in the US compared to what we do in Europe, discussion on best solution for road maintenance (PBC, mixed, in-house) and LCCA in cooperation with CEDR, to be carried out in the framework of the HEEP area V cooperation; road maintenance best practices should be included under this topic and could be available via an improved TEM website, used as base library;
- **Investments**, D&B projects and cooperation with contractors can be discussed. TEMSTAT work is to be pursued but more efficiently via electronic mail, which will be quicker and cheaper than the former annual TEMSTAT meetings;
- **Traffic management**, compatibility of ITS between TEM countries, bearing in mind the common architecture provided by the EU (FRAME) with a view to adopt in future a common TEM ITS architecture; a workshop organized together with the person who conceived FRAME could be organized later in 2014. There is a world Congress on ITS held in Helsinki in June 2014, where we could contribute as TEM;
- **Environment protection**, a constant topic to be borne in mind together with the others. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) standards, as set up by the EU, have to be considered at any stage of infrastructure project developments;

8. In this context, Mr. Maciejewski proposed to organize a workshop this autumn on road infrastructure financing and public procurement, another one on road management, building on the outcomes of the General Conference held last year in Poland, in cooperation with PIARC and the World Bank and seminar on ITS. Next year it is proposed to organize a two seminars, one on Realization of investments, the other on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
9. The Steering Committee received a detailed timetable of implementation for the biennial programme of work.
10. As far as HEEP area V work is concerned, not only could there be in Lithuania this year a workshop on asset management matters as explained above, but in 2015, there could also be good exchange on road financing and PPP projects to build from Turkey's experience in infrastructure financing and US developments in this field. Mr. Skrodenis readily agreed to ask the Board of Baltic Road Association to include HEEP in their next meeting agenda.
11. These activities should be carried out combined with a new communication strategy oriented towards national governments from TEM and neighboring countries, but also to other international organizations, especially those mentioned above. To improve the visibility of TEM project, TEM website should be clearer, both in access and in use. It was therefore requested that TEM website be easier accessible and distinct from TER, at first sight, whereas TEM and TER Master plan documentation and developments could be accessed via both websites.
12. As far as cooperation with TER is concerned, it was acknowledged that stronger links should be established. On the basis of finalized documents on financing strategy and ITS. Mr Maciejewski proposed to resume then the discussion with TER on intermodal transport. Road safety aspects should of course be considered as far as the work on safety at level crossings is concerned.
13. National coordinators present endorsed the draft programme of work and agreed to include the missing element concerning the cooperation with TER. They also indicated where their national experience could serve as background elements to work with. Austria, for instance, recalled how much environment protection was crucial for the country and volunteered to organize a workshop on this topic in 2015.
14. The programme of work 2014-2015 and the timetable for its achievement, as amended, were adopted by the Steering Committee.

#### STATUS OF TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014

15. Tables of contributions received for the past three year (2011, 2012, 2013) as well as the expenditures made as of 31st December 2013, were distributed to all participants. They showed the financial sound situation of the project.

16. Ms Fouvez thanked the delegations of Croatia, Lithuania and Poland for having already contributed to the Project for 2014. Romania also paid only the complementary 2,500 US\$ requested. She also asked the countries, which did not transfer their 2014 payments to the Fund yet, to do so at their earliest convenience.

17. It was endorsed by the Steering Committee that contributions for 2014 are on the same basis as previous years, i.e. requesting Trust Fund contributions for 2014, stating separately the basic amount of US\$ 7,500 and the additional one of USD 2,500.

#### TEM COST PLAN 2014

18. The TEM Cost Plan which was approved during the last Steering Committee was distributed during the meeting. This Cost Plan was a copy-paste of the one implemented in 2013.

19. The Steering Committee agreed to let the TEM Project Manager make this year a revised Cost Plan, if needed, according to the new priorities identified in the Work Plan 2014-2015.

#### PRESENTATION OF CROSS BORDER COOPERATION - Project CROCODILE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON NATIONAL ROADS IN POLAND

20. The EU funded Crocodile project was presented by Mr. Ziemowit Cyndrowski, responsible for this project on Polish side. In this presentation Mrs. Katarzyna Kwiecien, Head of Road Safety Department and Mr. Andrzej Kobuszewski, Head of Road Traffic Management Department in General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways in Poland took also part.

21. Thirteen EU countries are involved in this project, whose objective is to facilitate and smooth traffic management on two major TEN-T corridors, making the best use possible of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) technologies. The project just started and it is hoped the European Commission endorse Polish proposals submitted mid-March.

22. Other EU participants were eager to know who the counterparts of their country in this project are. The TEM Project Manager will provide them with the list of GDDKiA counterparts in this project and he proposed that whether Lithuania or Turkey, which are not part of the Project as such, are interested they could also be associated to it in one way or another. Two constraints however prevail, the EU decision and the budget.

23. Lithuania expressed its strong interest to be involved in the project and Croatia said that it coincided with the priorities of actions set up by the Croatian Government in this field.

## OTHER BUSINESS

24. It was reminded that the new procedure introduced by the UNECE Finance Division made it possible, with prior registration to meetings three weeks at least before the date that participants receive their DSA prior to the meeting directly on their Bank account. However the submission of travel claim seems to be still required. In this respect, delegates will receive information by mail next week.
25. The next TEM Steering Committee was tentatively scheduled in Geneva in December 2014.
26. The attention of all national coordinators was called for volunteers to hold the three seminars forecasted in 2014:
  - on EU funds – effective use of money in September;
  - on ITS – FRAME in October;
  - on Road Safety in November

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

27. The report of the session was adopted.

## Annex 1. List of participants

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Annex 2

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**AGENDA**

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