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R E P O R T

PARTICIPATION

1. The 67th session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on 19 and 20 of October 2016. The representatives of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Poland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Slovenia and Turkey as well as the representatives of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the TEM Project Manager and the UNECE Consultant took part in the session. The list of participants is attached to this report as its Annex 1.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. Session was opened by Project Manager Mr. Andrzej Maciejewski and UNECE regional advisor Mr. Nenad Nikolic.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. Agenda was adopted with one minor change in point 5. It was accepted to start discussion on Road Safety report and then go to Strategy report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Officers of the meeting were elected. Mr. Kurt Nemec was chosen for the position of chair and Aleksandra Cybulska as rapporteur of the meeting. Mr. Nemec underlined that agenda proposed for this meeting is very demanding and he asked for full commitment all members of SC.

REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

5. Project Manager presented state of the art in the project. He summed up all activities in project since last SC in April. He referred information from last iHEEP meeting which took place in June in Turkey, his presence in last WP5 meeting in September and possible engagement of the TEM project in new

created Group of benchmark of construction costs in scope of WP6. He stated that there is a noticeable lack of discussion on road infrastructure development topics in UNECE and this lack can be fulfilled by TEM project. He underlined importance of two reports created since April.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

6. Road Safety

Mr. Nenad Nikolic presented RSA/RSI on the TEM Network report in place of absent Consultant. Report is already finalized and what is important includes inputs from all active and even not active members as Armenia and Slovakia. Report present state of the art in RSI and RSA in TEM member countries. This document can give guidance for all TEM countries in implementation of RSA/RSI and TEM Project future activities, especially in part of recommendations and conclusions.

National coordinators asked to resend this report once more to give them a chance for last amendments in deadline proposed by PCO. Then in time of two weeks consultant will prepare final document and as a final version it will be uploaded on TEM website.

7. TEM Strategic Plan 2017-2021 (Strategy)

Document was presented by Consultant Mr. Jacek Szwarc. TEM project should be a platform to assist UNECE member countries to interpret SDGs in to strategic initiatives and assist in SDG's achievement related to road infrastructure management.

There was a discussion and final tour de table concerning proposed organizational structure of the project. It was decided to remove executive board body from the Strategy and postpone discussion on this issue up to the future. It was accepted to divide proposed actions between SC and PM.

It was discussed that TEM Project activities requires expert's engagement in strategic initiative implementation and for that reason involvement of national initiative contributors were accepted.

In scope of time table there is a need of widening calendar up to 2021. It was proposed to move some activities from 2017 to the next years to allow soft start of the Strategy.

There is a need of updating of already defined strategic initiatives. It was accepted to combine area C and D and that will leave the room for new Area on Road Safety. There is also request of Turkey to address PPP topic in strategic Area related to road financing.

This table will be send to National coordinators to prioritize the importance of strategic Areas what will help to prepare suitable working plan for the following years.

PCO and Consultant will make amendments in the document in 7 days and will send the Strategy to National Coordinators for final comments. Deadline for comments will be 14 days, and final version will be published after the deadline.

TEM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2017

8. TEM Programme of Work 2017 was presented by PCO. It was accepted by the SC as amended. Minor amendments must be done, based on the comments on the Strategy and final version will be send to National

coordinators by e-mail in the earliest convenience. Deadline for comments is 14 days, and after that amended version will be considered as adopted.

STATUS OF TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016

9. Status of TEM contributions for 2016 was presented by Mr. Nenad Nikolic. Seven participating countries already contributed for 2016 and rest of them received a reminder letter from UNECE.
10. Report on TEM Trust Fund Contributions and Expenditures for 2015 was presented by Mr. Nenad Nikolic and accepted by SC.

TEM COST PLAN FOR 2017

11. TEM cost plan for 2017 was presented by PCO. It was accepted by the SC as amended. Minor amendments must be done and final version will be send to National coordinators by e-mail in the earliest convenience. It was agreed that contributions will remain the same as in the previous year - 7 500 USD for each participating Government.

TEM TRUST FUND AGREEMENT 2017-2020

12. TEM trust Fund Agreement was presented by PCO. It was discussed by the SC with remark that minor amendments must be done, to reflect decision made on the basis of TEM Strategic Plan 2017-2021. Final version will be send by PCO to all National Coordinators by e-mail in the earliest convenience.
13. Chair Mr. Kurt Nemec stated that the most important change will be in position of PM and PCO Coordinator as they will be chosen for 5 years in line with timing of strategy and remunerated from the TEM budget. This change was accepted by SC with full understanding of demanding tasks of project staff. Mr. Nikolic asked to check legal aspects of PM and PCO Coordinator engagement according to UNECE rules. The length of contracts and its ToR and composition of the Selection Committee should be discussed at the next SC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. There was no other business. It was accepted to organize next SC meeting in Geneva in February 2017 back-to-back with 70 Anniversary of UNECE ITC and next SC in October in Bosnia and Hercegovina. PCO is waiting for final decision of countries for possibility of organization of IHEEP meeting in 2017.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

15. The conclusions of the session were adopted.