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## TRANS EUROPEAN RAILWAY (TER) PROJECT CENTRAL OFFICE

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Trans European Railways (TER)  
43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Steering Committee  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, 10 :00 – 18 :00h  
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
Room 24, Place de la Nations, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland

# Draft Report

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** The Agenda was adopted by the SC.
2. **Election of Officers:** As Chairwoman Mrs. Ivana BOZIC and as Rapporteur Mr. Pavol HARTL were elected for this Session.
3. **Report of the Managers on the implementation of the Programme of Work**
  - a. ***TER Network and the Pan European Transport Corridors, Euro-Asian Transport Corridors and corridors of neighbouring regions***

TER Manager, Mr. Bessonov, presented his report about activities of TER Management in a short speech.

**The Steering Committee took note of his report. All necessary documents shall be sent out two weeks in advance of the sessions.**

***b. High Speed Rail Master Plan;***

After finalising the first phase of TER HSR Masterplan Study the SC has taken the decision to extend this Study into Phase 2. Du to the huge amount of work the proposed TOR has to be split up into two parts. The TOR will be drafted accordingly and circulated as Annex F to this report to all SC members for their comments until Dec. 15th, 2017.

**c. Programme of Work 2017;**

- **The accomplishments in Programme of Work 2017;**
- **The pilot project for short distance cross border interoperability with Serbia;**
- **TER Workshop 2017 in Czech Republic;**

TER Deputy Project Manager, Mr. Zimmer, presented the accomplishments made and informed SC about the engagement of TER into an urgent tunnel safety project with Serbian Ministry for Transport on request of Secretary of State. The TER Programme of Work will be amended accordingly. The planned TER Workshop had to be postponed to Apr. 17-19, 2018 to Brno, Czech Republic.

**The SC took note on this report and decided on having the Workshop on April 17-19 2018 in Brno.**

**d. TER Financial Report 2017;**

this point was merged with point 4.c

**e. TER brochure;**

- **The production of the TER brochure;**

The process of approving the TER brochure was presented and all maps should be updated to be in-line with maps of TER network statement and will be after all amendments made, the maps should be circulated to all SC members for their approval.

**f. Programme of Work 2018;**

Mr. Zimmer presented the new Programme of Work 2018 with new points:

A.1.2. Initiating a pilot project with Serbia - on Tunnel Safety Project for Transport of dangerous goods in Belgrade,

A.1.3. Second Phases of TER HSR Masterplan Study,

A.2.3. Presenting TER + 1. Phase of TER HSR Masterplan Study at 10. UIC High Speed Congress in Ankara (May 8-11, 2018) - All

National Coordinators (2 per country) are invited to participate in this congress,

A.3.3. Organisation of 2 TER Workshops - to be held in Brno, Czech Republic April 17 - 19, 2018 and in Berlin, Germany at Innotrans Trais Fair in September 2018.

A.5.3. Organisation of 2 TER SC Sessions - 44. TER SC will be held on April 16, 2018 in Brno, Czech Republic (back to back with TER WS), 45. TER SC will be held in Geneva back to back with SC.2 Session on Nov. 20, 2018

**TER SC approved this Programme of Work 2018 as amended.**

**g. Budget 2018;**

Mr. Zimmer presented the draft TER budget 2018, but due to the necessary splitting of 2. Phase of TER HSR Masterplan Study into 2 parts, the budget must be amended and will be circulated to SC members for their approval until Dec. 15, 2018.

**h. Monitoring the Implementation of the TER Master Plan Revision in 2017;**

Mr. Pospisil presented the TER Masterplan Revision and Monitoring 2017  
All National Coordinators were requested to provide all necessary data for 2018 by the end of May 2018.

**The SC took note of his report.**

**i. 2017 Status of the TER Backbone Network**

Mr. Pospisil presented the TER Backbone Network Status 2017  
All National Coordinators were requested to provide all necessary data for 2018 by the end of May 2018.

**The SC took note of his report. All maps should be amended accordingly to regards of the member countries to include the connectivity to other networks also. TOR for the consultancy for the TER Network Report 2018 will be sent out as Annex E to this report and the distinguished coordinators are kindly requested for their comments until Dec. 6th 2017.**

**4. Decisions on Project Management**

**a. Host country agreement with Serbia for 2019-2020**

According to the rules of HCA Serbia should decide on an prolongation of HCA with TER project first. If Serbia is not willing to extend the HCA, all other member countries are kindly requested for offers to host the PCO.

**b. TER managers contracts**

**The TER SC reelected Mr. Bessonov as TER Manager and Mr. Zimmer as his Deputy Manager for 2018.**

Russian Federation and Austria are kindly requested to decide on their further cooperation with UNECE regarding the extension of the Managers contracts for 2019/20.

**c. TER Cost Plan 2017 Budget – statement**

Mr. Nikolic informed SC that the project's expenses in 2017 were about USD 48.000,-. USD 210.000,- are still left of this year's budget.

**d. Status of TER Trust Fund Contributions**

Mr. Nikolic informed the SC about the fact that Romania has not paid the fees for over four years already. According to the TFA procedures a letter should be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport in order to draw their attention to the unsettled amounts. At the last stage TER Steering Committee should decide on the Romanian status.

**5. Other business**

For the future of TER project the TER Management asked all Governments to reconsider the targets and vision for the project in regards of the challenges of Rail Transport on Eurasian Continent and share these ideas in 44. TER SC Session in Brno.

Annexes:

- A) Agenda of 43rd TER SC Session
- B) List of Participants
- C) Programme of Work 2018
- D) Budget 2018
- E) TOR for Consultancy PCO Support and TER Network Report
- F) TOR for Consultancy for Phase 2a of TER HSR Masterplan Study
- G) Information leaflet of 10. UIC High Speed Congress in Ankara
- H) Report of TER Manager, Mr. Bessonov