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

**Steering Committee**

**Fifty-fifth Session**

16 – 17 June 2011, Gura Humorului, Romania

## **REPORT**

### **PARTICIPATION**

1. The fifty-fifth session of the TEM Steering Committee was held in Gura Humorului, Romania on 16 and 17 June 2011. Representatives of Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Turkey participated in the session. The representative of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the TEM Project Manager and the independent consultant also took part. List of participants is attached to this report as its Annex 1.

### **OPENING OF THE SESSION**

2. Mr. K. Nemeč, the TEM Steering Committee Chairman, opened the session, extending at the same time his thanks to the Romanian Government for its kind decision to host the session.
3. Mr. L. Costache, the Deputy Director General of the Romanian National Company of Motorways and National Roads, expressed his pleasure to welcome the participants in Gura Humorului, Suceava county.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The agenda of the session, presented in Annex 2 of the report, was approved.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. Mr. L. Costache (Romania) and Ms. A. Cybulska (Poland) were elected Chairman and Rapporteur of the session, respectively.

## REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

6. In his report, the Project Manager informed the session about the TEM PCO as well as about his own activities in the reporting period. He underlined especially the outputs of the TEM/TER Conference on “Financing Development of Road and Rail Transport Infrastructures” held on 17 November last year in the OSCE Conference Centre at Hofburg in Vienna, Austria as well as the successful termination of the TEM Master Plan Revision. He also presented his recent activities aimed at the closer co-operation of the TEM Project with the Governments of Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan and facilitating the transport between the TEM region and Central Asia, making use of the ferry link crossing the Caspian Sea. His report was endorsed by the session.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2010

7. In the framework of the TEM Financial Report for 2010, Ms. Fouvez informed the session that as of 31 December 2010, the Project had a positive balance of USD 236,523. The net expenditures in the last year reached the level of USD 70,023, in which sum the obligatory Operational Reserve as well as the UNECE Programme Support costs are not included.
8. The financial report for 2010 was approved by the Steering Committee.

## STATUS OF TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2011

9. Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez, (UNECE) reported on the status of the 2011 Trust Fund contributions and asked the countries which did not transfer their 2011 payments to the Fund yet to do so at their earliest convenience.
10. She also answered the question of the Romanian representatives regarding the supplementary contribution to the TEM Trust amounting to USD 2,500 for this year

and the previous ones. In this context, she expressed her readiness to send 2 separate invoices for the regular and supplementary contribution upon request.

#### TEM NETWORK STATUS

11. Mr. P. Pospisil reported on the actual TEM network status, covering all the TEM member countries except for Armenia, since the TEM network in that country has not been approved by the Steering Committee yet. He further informed the session about the revised data on the status of the TEM network as of 1 January 2011, based on the communication received from the member countries at the 2011 TEMSTAT Data Collection and Mapping Meeting held on 6 – 9 April in Warsaw, Poland and also after that meeting. According to those data, the total length of the TEM network amounts to 24 931 km (Annex 3).

#### REVISION OF THE TEM MASTER PLAN – FINAL REPORT

12. The Project Manager informed the session about the successful termination of the TEM Master Plan Revision, the Final Report of which was submitted for examination to the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee held on 1 – 3 March 2011 at Geneva and the proofreading and final editing of which was accomplished on 3 May 2011 at the UNECE Transport Division at Geneva. The TEM Master Plan Revision Final Report will be sent to all the TEM National Coordinators.
13. Ms. M.-S. Fouvez, representative of the UNECE, briefed the session on the status of printing of the TEM/TER Master Plan Revision Final Report to be available in October 2011 at the latest.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEM MASTER PLAN REVISION FOLLOW-UP EXPERT GROUP

14. In accordance with the TEM Project Programme of Work for 2011, the Steering Committee decided to establish the TEM Master Plan Revision Follow-up Expert

Group, consisting of the representative of the UNECE Transport Division, Project Manager, external consultant and National Coordinators/Country Experts.

15. This Group should meet 1 - 2 times a year to elaborate the specific tasks assigned to it in the TEM Programme of Work, concentrating in particular on the progress reached in the implementation of the Master Plan Revision infrastructure projects, updating of the Revision traffic data and traffic forecasts, development of the backbone network and on its status. It would submit annual reports on its activities and their results to the TEM Steering Committee once a year.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF THE TEM PROJECT MANAGER

16. The UNECE representative drew the attention of the participants to the fact that the present contract of the Project Manager terminates at the end of this year. She was pleased to inform the Steering Committee, that the UNECE Executive Secretary, Mr. J. Kubis, received the letter from the Austrian Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, proposing the extension of assignment of Mr. Meelich for at least two years and that the positive answer of Mr. Kubis would follow soon. The Steering Committee greatly appreciated the Austrian initiative and requested the UNECE to submit the respective proposal to the UN headquarters in New York as soon as possible in order to guarantee the continuity of the management of the Project in 2012.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

17. The next session of the Committee will be held on 25 – 28 October 2011 in Salzburg, Austria.
18. The Polish representatives pointed out that it would be desirable to promote the TEM project vigorously also in the EU countries members of TEM. In this context, the good opportunity may provide the International Conference on Road Safety to be held in Poland in December this year.

19. The Polish representative, Ms. A. Cybulska, presented an overview of the ambitious Polish motorway and expressway construction program. In its framework, 729 km of motorways and 528 km of expressway are under construction at present.
20. The Romanian representative, Ms. C. Amarazeanu, informed the session about the road network development in Romania under the RNCMNR administration.
21. Mr. Gh. Fluture, President of the Euroregion consisting of the Suceava county and of the adjacent regions of Ukraine and Moldova, introduced the county, having more than 705,000 inhabitants and the area of which extends to 8553 square kms and advocated for an inclusion in the future of a missing link, linking Bucovina region in Romania to Poland via Ukraine, in the TEM backbone network.
22. In the framework of the technical visit to the construction site of the Suceava bypass, the joint meeting was held in the premises of the Romanian/Ukrainian border crossing control station at Siret between the President of County Council of Suceava and the Governor of Chernivtsi region.

#### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The report on the 55th session of the Steering Committee was adopted.
24. The Project Manager, speaking on behalf of the participants in the meeting, expressed his gratitude to the Romanian Government, to the Romanian National Company of Motorways and National Roads, to Mr. Gheorghe Fluture, President of the County Council of Suceava and to Mr. Liviu Costache and Ms. Cristina Amarazeanu for hosting the meeting and for its outstanding organization. He also voiced the appreciation to the Chairman and Rapporteur of the session for a very successful fulfillment of their demanding tasks.