Session 1 – Planning Infrastructure Development

CONTRIBUTION

“Transport Infrastructure Planning in Western Balkan Countries”

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NEW REGIONAL REALITIES

EU enlargement processes
New regional borders

Increase of trade, passenger transport increase, new transport demand is rising

Three levels of transport planning in Western Balkan countries

Development of local networks
Development along the Corridors
Development of new regional core transport network
PROBLEMS

- Lack of common understanding of the future development of demand oriented transport infrastructure
- Lack of dialog in regard of regional transport core network development and institutional support and
- Lack of regulations among interested parties in regard to specific areas
- Regional gaps in transport linkages between Western and Eastern Balkan

THE UNDERTAKEN EFFORT...

- Better understanding of the economic needs of the region
- Creation of the FTA
- Border crossing improvement
- Establishment of the REBIS, June 2002
Regional Balkans Infrastructure Study - REBIS

- Comprehensive long term investment requirement (2004-2015) to develop a regional Core Network for roads and railways to acceptable standards;

- Establishment of a methodology and procedures to monitor the implementation of the Core Network;

- Development of comprehensive report on status of ports, inland waterways, airports with appraisal of necessary investments

**Development of proposed Core network requires regional co-operation**

**THE WAYS TO PROCEED**

Creation of broad, legally non binding instrument which will define the co-operation framework

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
Core Network management and monitoring

**LEVEL**
- Political
- Strategic
- Operational

**MEASURE**
- MoU
- Steering Committee
- SEETO

**REPRESENTATIVES**
- Ministers
  - Directors
  - (EU, IFIs)
- High level civil servants
- Experts
Secretarial and technical back-up

- Preparation of annual and multi annual work plans
- Being a recognized information center for projects related to the Core Network
- Running and maintaining a GIS based system with information and data on the Core Network

Monitoring of traffic and physical conditions of the Core Network and the processes of project planning and implementation

- Development of comprehensive and user friendly database comparable with the EU