



# Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia

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# **SEETO Regional Cooperation**

**South East Europe Transport Observatory  
SEETO**

**2004 - Memorandum of Understanding  
on the development of the South East  
Europe Core Regional Transport Network**

**FYR MACEDONIA**

**MONTENEGRO**

**BOSNIA AND  
HERZEGOVINA**

**SERBIA**

**ALBANIA**

**KOSOVO\***

**EUROPEAN  
COMMISSION**

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

# SEETO 's role

- SEETO – enables general policy environment for integration to the common EU Transport Policy on regional level;
- strong added value to the development of the SEETO Comprehensive Network and the national transport planning process
- SEETO sustainability- serious commitment by the Regional Participants; EC places SEETO process in the core of the accession process for TEN-T and Transport Policy (*EC Progress Reports*)
- Integrated approach in economic development and growth of the SEE region and other macroeconomic regions (*SEE2020 Strategy, Danube Strategy, Adriatic-Ionian, Balkan-Mediterranean*)

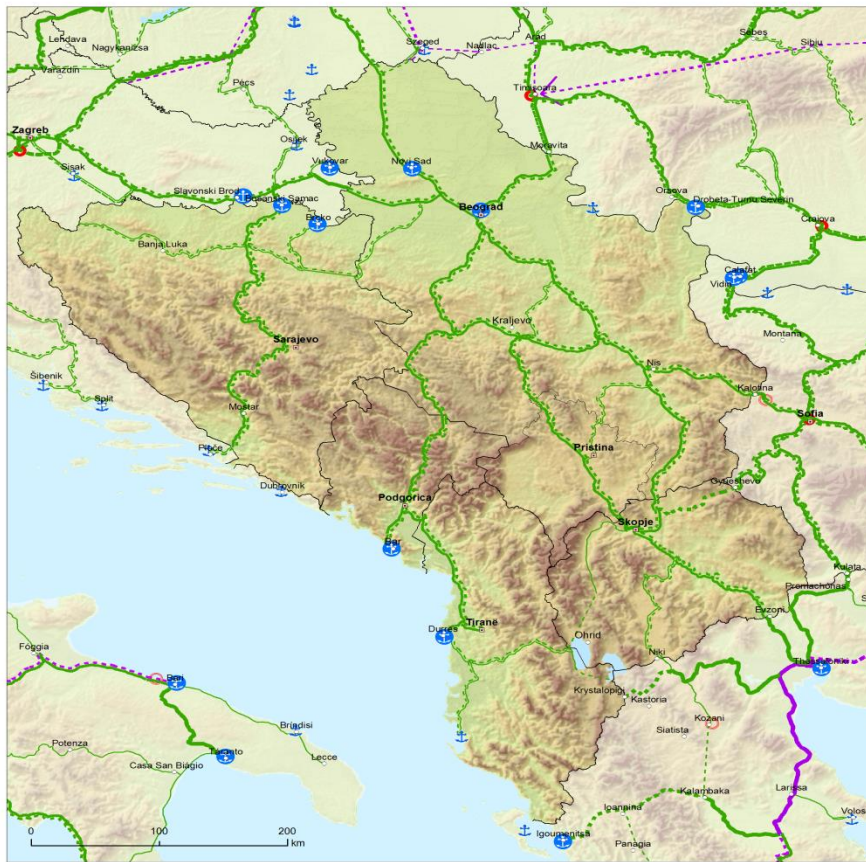
# Regional transport planning -benefits from SEETO-

- SEETO Core Network- defined within the Berlin process, as indicative *TEN-T Core Network for WB*
- SEETO Comprehensive Network- included in the revised TEN-T Guidelines- *TEN-T Comprehensive Network for WB*
- Creation of efficient and functional network which integrates the region in the global transport flows
- Focus on horizontal measures (including border-crossing facilitation) and overall transport system development to ensure high return of investments in transport infrastructure
- Improved coordination with IFI's and EC:
  - Enhanced coordination under WBIF and increased utilization of WBIF funds in transport sector
  - opening of CEF funds

# SEETO Core Network

## Indicative Extension of TEN-T to Western Balkans Core Network Definition Railways and Ports

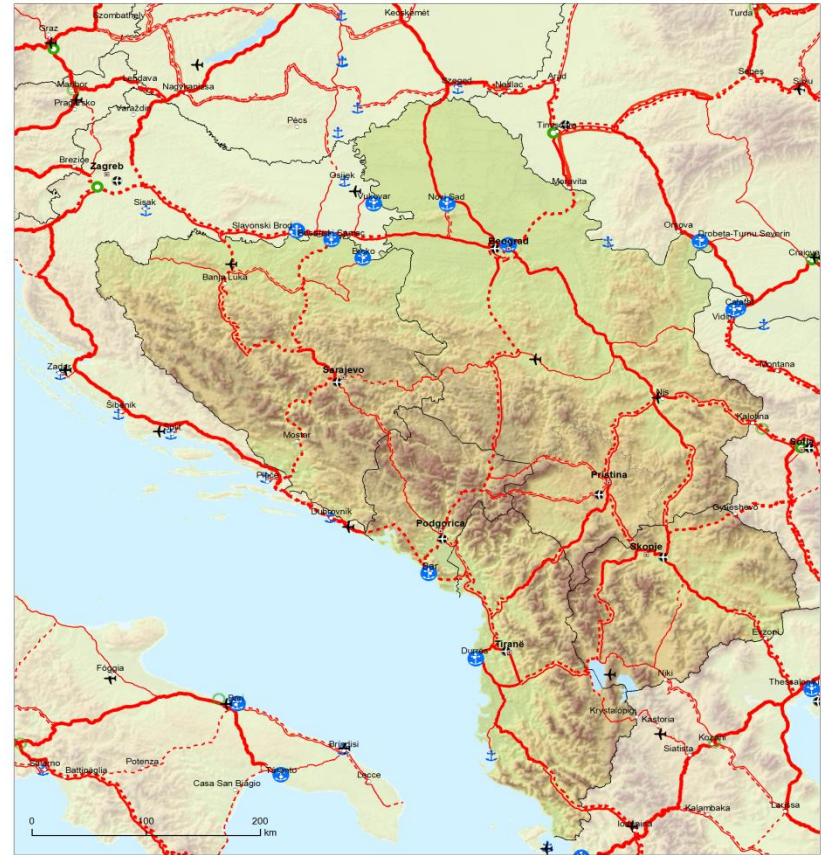
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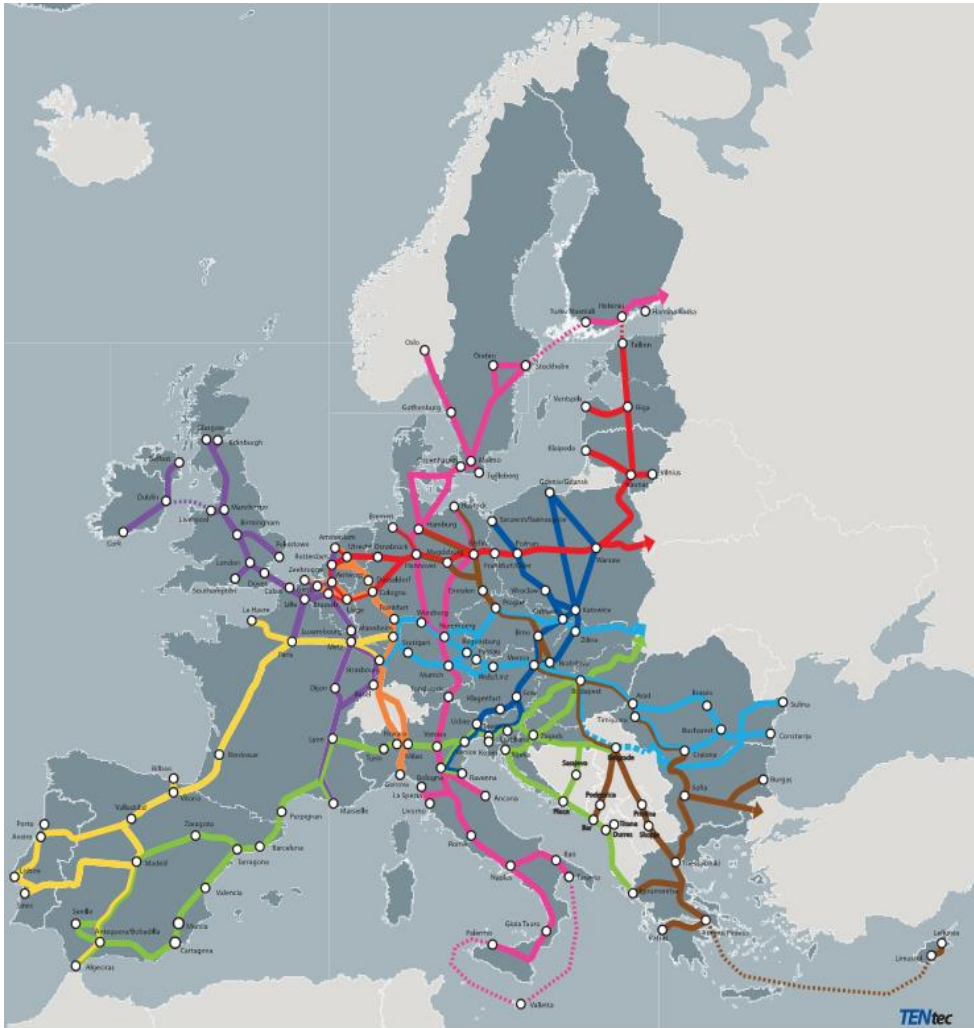
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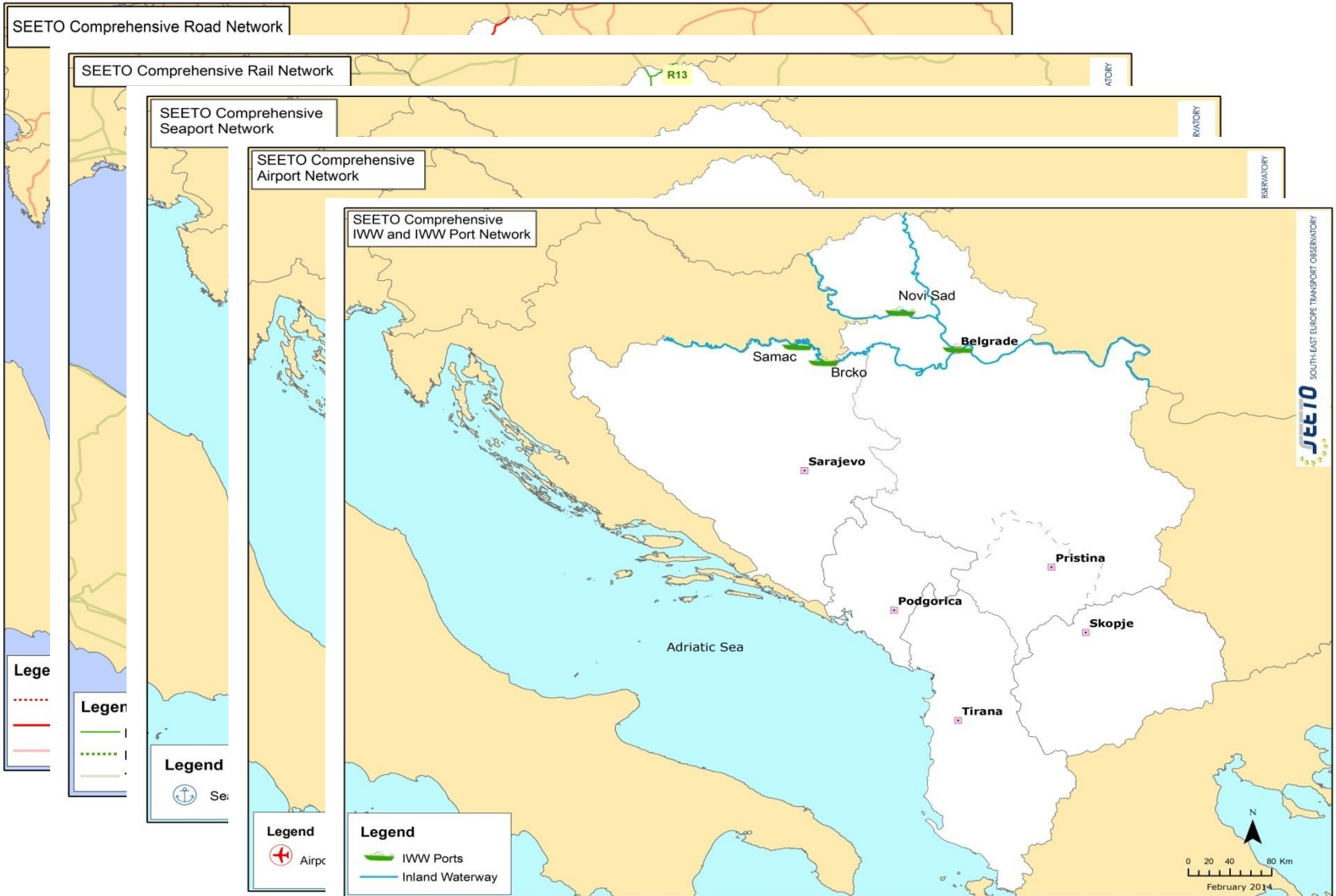
# Core Corridors



• *Western Balkans countries included in two TEN-T Core Corridors:*  
**Orient/East-Med and Mediterranean corridor**

• for the first time TEN-T network united: no more grey area on the maps

# SEETO Comprehensive Network



# Multi Annual Plan 2015

- Analyses of the overall transport system reflecting to date achievements of the SEETO Cooperation
- Overall assessment of investment trends in the SEETO Comprehensive Network
- Evaluation and presentation of main priority projects on the SEETO Comprehensive Network
- Horizontal measures corresponding with proposed SEETO strategic projects

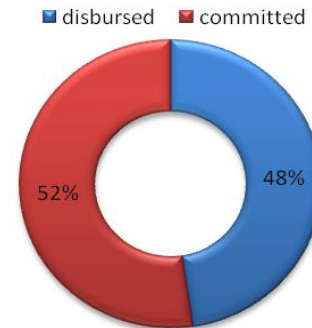




# Investments on the SEETO Comprehensive Network

- Total investments on the SEETO Comprehensive Network - €12.2 billion from 2004
- Modal distribution
  - Road : €9.94 billion
  - Rail : €1.76 billion
  - Seaport : €107 million
  - Air: €436.4 million
  - Inland waterways: €16.7 million
- Sources of funding
  - *IFI loans*: 39%
  - National budget: 29%
  - Other sources: 27%
  - Concession: 3%
  - EU funding: 2%

Total investments in SEETO Comprehensive Network



# MAP 2015 Priority Projects



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# Regional Transport Study (REBIS update)

- Commenced in October 2013
- Financed and conducted under the World Bank (Western Balkans Investment Framework)

## **The expected results are:**

- Transport Demand Model and traffic projections;
- Identification of key transport corridors/routes/links;
- Analysis of the physical and non-physical barriers to the efficient operation of the SEETO Comprehensive Network
- Identification and Analysis of Investments and Measures to Enhance Network Efficiency;
- Priority Action Plan for physical and non-physical improvements in the SEETO Comprehensive Network.

# Capacity assessment - Road sections



# Capacity assessment - Rail sections



# Multimodal Flagship Axes initiative

- identification of physical and non-physical barriers for selected multimodal axes (Corridors/Routes):
  - **Corridor X** (highest traffic flows + connectivity Port of Thessaloniki and Belgrade)
  - **Corridor Vc** (connectivity Port of Ploce and Sava river)
  - **Corridor VIII + Route 7** (connectivity Port of Durres, Corridor X and Black Sea)
  - **Route 4** (connectivity Port of Bar, Corridor X, Danube and Corridor IV)
  - **Danube river** (already European corridor)
- analysis and proposal of plausible remedial measures for **reducing travel times and transport costs**
- Increasing attractiveness of axes



# Flagship non physical barriers

EC Technical Assistance for:

- Reinforced implementation of the Railway reforms

Flagship axes initiative

- Transport and border-crossing facilitation

- 33 actions identified

- 11 horizontal actions: creation of a Transport Facilitation Working Group to follow the implementation of the soft measures
  - Close cooperation with CEFTA, UNECE (TEM/TER), OECD and other international bodies for transport & trade facilitation
- Actions per corridor/axis
  - Close work with transport operators/market players for increasing attractiveness of the axes



# Conclusions

- Further development of SEETO network as a bridge between West and East
  - Political support provided – WB6 initiative.
  - EU will provide 1 billion EUR for the WB.
  - Corridor management approach to the development of SEE Transport System.
  - Implementation of soft measures – “get more with less”.
  - Involving private sector participation in SEETO WGs and other regional initiatives.



# Thank you for your attention !

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