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TRANSPORT DATABASE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Status report on the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project Database

Note by the secretariat

Note: This document is based on the Report provided by the Project Central Office (PCO) of the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project about the progress made in the development of the database.

1. The data collection system and processing activities started within TER in 1993 and was developed in phases along the years. The system was conceived as a tool for helping the TER member countries in elaborating feasibility studies for projects on the modernization of railway infrastructure. At the same time the structure established offered a good basis for the co-operation of TER with other international organizations interested in this field, such as PHARE Multi-country transport Programme of the EU, UIC, CEI or TINA.

TER data system covered a broad range of infrastructure or operational data.

Information and details on the categories of data collected within TER along the years were provided at the previous annual sessions of WP6.

2. To a certain extent TER collected data available in the PCO was also used for the elaboration of the TEM and TER Projects' Master plan, the part regarding TER. Of course, the dimension of the Master Plan required a much bigger and comprehensive volume of data centered on project evaluation based on identification, forecasting flows, assessment of capability for implementation and prioritization among the projects. This was necessary for enabling the consultants to establish the relevance, readiness and viability of projects allowing thus to assess the financial capability of the country to implement an identified project.

3. In addition, the contribution of TER PCO to the implementation of TER Master Plan consisted also in providing maps in GIS format for each identified project and in each country on the TER network or backbone network, extensions or missing links, on the situation at border crossings or interconnections or multi-modal transfer points, etc.

All these results are contained in the booklet on TEM and TER Projects' Master Plan. The booklet was distributed during the Annual Session of the ECE Inland Transport Committee held in February 2006.

4. In accordance with TER Programme of Work for 2006, integral part of the TER Trust Fund Agreement for the period 2006-2010, the continuation of data collection by PCO with the assistance of an external database expert is foreseen to be developed further on. Their task is to continue to examine, process and analyze new or up-dated data from the countries, to prepare maps in GIS format on the follow-up during 2006 of the implementation of projects included by the countries in TER Master Plan.

Also, a catalogue with maps will be prepared before the end of this year.

5. In order to assess the current status of implementation of projects included by the countries in TER Master plan a uniform Questionnaire was prepared and distributed to the countries. A general assessment of the actions foreseen for 2006 on the implementation of TER Master Plan including collection of new or missing data would be done on the occasion of the 1st meeting of the Group of experts on TER Master Plan on 19 of June 2006.

6. For the next Session of WP6, the TER Project will prepare an information paper on the stage of implementation of projects included in the Master plan based on new or up-dated data received from the countries.

7. The process of data collection within TER will be an on-going process during the period 2006-2010 in parallel with the monitoring of implementation of the projects included in the Master Plan.
