2nd EuroMed RRU Study Tour on AETR, ADR, TIR, RS and Liberalization of Road Transport Haulage
Geneva, Switzerland / Haute Savoie, France
8 - 13 September 2014

The EuroMed RRU Transport Project
Project Background

• Under European Neighbourhood and Partnership Initiative (ENPI) – South
• Countries covered: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia
• Duration: 20 December 2011 – 19 December 2014
• Project Office: Tunis, Tunisia
Project objectives

- **Land** transport
- **Regulatory** reform and adaptation
- Operational conditions facilitating **cross-border** transport
- **Safety** in land transport modes
- Sustainable and efficient transport in **urban areas**
- **Learning** from experience in the wider Mediterranean region
Structure of the Work Plan

General Tasks

Specific Tasks

Road Transport

Rail Transport

Urban Transport
General tasks

- **National workshops**: Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Lebanon

- Identification of national priorities to be covered by the project

- Further confirmed and agreed upon in the formulation of TA national visits

- Close cooperation with Partner countries

- Strategic partnership with UNECE and IRU

- Collaboration with ECA, ESCWA, UMA
Road Transport
Kind of activities

- Regional Workshops
- Focused Technical Assistance and missions
- National workshops and training events
- Background documents
- Analytical work
- Demand driven studies and Road Maps
- Study Tours

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Implemented activities

• **Brussels:** Regional workshops on main UNECE road transport agreements (2)
• **Amman and Ramallah:** National awareness raising workshops (2)
• **15 National training seminars** on ADR (5), ATP (2), AETR and DT (5), TIR (2), Road Safety Professional Drivers (1)
• **Tunisia:** TA (study) on road safety legislation for training of professional drivers
• **Jordan:** TA (Road Map) on ADR
• **Algeria:** TA on AETR and Digital Tachograph and back ground document
• **Padua-Italy:** Regional Study tour on ATP
• **Geneva-Haute Savoie:** Regional Study Tour on AETR, ADR, TIR, Road Safety and Liberalization of road haulage
• **Advocacy paper** on the main UNECE road transport Agreements
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EuroMed
RRU Transport Project
Some highlights
UNECE Governments support the opening of the AETR Agreement to Mediterranean Countries that are not members of UNECE
Objectives

• Promote the main UNECE Road Transport Agreements
• Better understand benefits and adopt national legislation
• Share experiences from countries implementing these agreements
• Discuss potential reforms in the field of road transport
Study Tour Padova
2-7 June 2014

- **Representatives from:** Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan
- **Visit:** National Research Council (CNR) of Padova and its ATP Laboratory
ADR Training Algiers
7 -10 May 2014

- 150 participants
- High visibility with many television chains, radio and newspapers present all the 4 days
- Concrete results
• Share experiences from the national Technical Assistance (TA) activities held under the project thus far
• strengthen cooperation and coordination with UNECE and IRU
• identify necessary follow up actions and additional TA needs
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Work done and main issues
AETR and Digital tachograph

• **Background document** on DT published (EN-FR)

• **Algeria is preparing national legislative** for introduction of the Digital Tachograph

• **National working groups set in 4 countries** (Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia)

• All parties convinced that **Accession to AETR is the best option**

• **Political and diplomatic steps** are being explored

• 4 EuroMed countries present at **8th session of the AETR Expert Group**, Geneva, 2 July 2014

• **UNECE and the EU support**

• Contracting Parties expressed **willingness to open AETR**

• **Israel the 5th EuroMed country interested**
Although most EuroMed counties not CP to ADR, have integrated in their legislation and affectively implement a good part of ADR

Morocco and Tunisia, both CP to ADR, are also implementing ADR in their Domestic Transport. However they are lagging behind in respect to full implementation and need assistance

National Committeess established in all EuroMed countries where training sessions held

All countries asked EuroMed RRU TA for building institutional capacities for accession and full implementation of ADR

Cooperation with UNECE, EU and IRU is essential

EU TAIEX and TWIING programmes already used
ATP training and Study tour

- **Jordan** interested in adhering to ATP and to apply the same criteria to domestic transport
- **Morocco** interested to set up a Testing Station for refrigerated trucks (ATP Laboratory – Tunnel)
- **Tunisia** a training event seems necessary

- **Visits during the Study Tour**: National Research Council (**CNR**) of Padova and its **ATP Laboratory**, Expert Test Station (**C.S.E. s.r.l. Engineering**), Constructor of insulated trailers (**Unitrans srl.**), Laboratory Veneto Agricoltura – **CSQA**: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), transport company operating in the field of refrigerated goods (**Alpentrans**), Constructor of refrigerating units (**Zanotti S.p.A.**)
Application of the TIR and Harmonization hindered by subregional problems and existing obstacles.

Application in the EuroMed countries would lead to significant reduction in transport costs and waiting times and consequently an increase in wealth.

EuroMed countries that have not done so, are invited to acceed the Harmonization Convention and apply its provision.

Reducing costs for Government and transporters would lead to lower costs for the citizens and consequently to benefits for the society.
Road Safety Professional Drivers Tunisia

Four Reports prepared:

1. **Diagnosis of the current situation**
2. **Proposal of new legislation** for professional drivers, including compulsory initial qualification and compulsory periodic training
3. **Proposal of training programs** and exams
4. **Proposal of minimum criteria** for approval of the training bodies

A Sensitization Seminar organized

The Tunisian Ministry of Transport:
- Has set up committee to bring national regulations on driving permits in line with the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic and with relevant EU Directives
- Has presented a roadmap to implement the qualification system for professional drivers
- Has requested assistance from EuroMed RRU Project to help build the necessary capacity
Study tour Geneva Haute Savoie
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✓ 18 Experts from 6 EuroMed countries (Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia)
✓ Participation in WP.5
✓ UNECE Seminar on the Main UN Road Transport Agreements Progress in the EuroMed region and the way forward
✓ IRU Seminar Road Transport in the EuroMed region, Driving progress and prosperity, IRU initiatives and priorities
✓ Visit to Switzerland - France Joint Border Station
✓ Visit to an ADR Tank Certification Centre and a Certified Tank Cleaning Station
✓ Real life demonstration of roadside checks by French authorities for the conformity of vehicles to the applicable laws
✓ Visit and demonstration of the Mont-Blanc Tunnel safety installations and procedures
Further planned activities

- 2 more national training events (2 ALG)
- 1 study tour Turkey on ATP, TIR, ADR, AETR & Liberalization Road Transport
- 2 more Awareness Raising workshops on UN Agreements
- 2 more regional workshops

More follow up and further demand driven activities in the framework of the already decided prolongation of the EuroMed RRU Transport Project

For two more years
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Specific Tasks
Rail Transport

- Establishment of cooperation activities with ERA, UIC, CIT, OTIF, UNECE, SNCF and ETCR
- TA to Tunisia, Israel, Jordan on rail safety

- Country experts trained on railway safety (Brussels Nov’12)
- Surveys for rail passenger satisfaction in Tunisia
- Quality manual for rail passenger transport in Tunisia
- Guidelines for accidents investigation and recommendations on rail level crossings in Jordan
- Safety regulations for electrification, Israel
- Awareness raising workshops about the benefits of CIM
- Study tours on rail safety (France SNCF, Finland FTA & VR)
- Regional Training of rail officers at ETCR annual seminars (Bruges)
Specific Tasks
Urban Transport

• **Co-organization of the CIVITAS Forum 2014**, in Casablanca, Morocco, and dissemination of the EuroMed RRU activities: First time that CIVITAS Forum hosted by a non-European country/city.

• **Participation of experts** in CIVITAS Forum 2012, Spain, 2013 France, CIVITAS 2MOVE2 Workshop, Tel Aviv

• **Workshops on**: Integration of transport and urban planning - Sustainable Urban Transport and Land Transport: Israel, Tunisia and Palestine

• **TA on urban mobility**: Roadmap on development of an integrated fare system in Casablanca public transport network; Organization and regulation of taxi fleets

• **Brochure on EC Horizon 2020 Financing**
Concluding remarks

Promotion of harmonization & facilitation of road transport based on UNECE legal instruments

• Awareness on importance of UNECE Agreements
• AETR and the digital Tachograph
• Road Safety Professional drivers
• Transport of Dangerous goods
• Transport of perishable foodstuffs
• TIR and Harmonization Conventions
• Further TA required
• Two years extension of the project

Grateful to UNECE and IRU for their active participation and invaluable contribution

Problems encountered

• Sub-regional problems continue hindering the development of international transport by road
• AETR not open to non UNECE member countries
• Application of TIR and Harmonization Conventions is hindered by subregional problems
• No activity in Egypt yet (due to the political changes)
• Syria and Libya
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