Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia

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SEETO Comprehensive Network as part the TEN-T

1. Corridor X the main connection (Salzburg to Thessaloniki)

- Good quality of roads to motorways standards

- Not sufficient quality of the rail infrastructure and rail transport in general
Investments in transport South East Europe 2004-2015 of 12,2 Billion €

Investments in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania in 2004-2015

- 39% National budget
- 29%. IFI’s (International Finance Institutions)
- 32% other = EU funds, concessions, commercial loans, grants
- Grant funds (such as IPA, CARDS, ISPA, PHARE etc.) are incorporated in “other” sources with 2% share
- 84% Road investments
Challenges I in the period 2014-2030:

1. Increasing of the EU support for the region of South East Europe though EU grant support. This has stated though WBIF
2. Investments in road safety and ITS on roads
3. Investment in rail infrastructure and its modernization
4. Elimination of non-physical barriers (easier said than done)
5. To breach the gap in quality of the transport system between the EU and the S.E.E.

The needs are 1.8 billion for Macedonia to upgrade to TEN-standards
Corridor X from Skopje to Thessaloniki, built in 1873 by the Ottoman Empire (transport of goods)
Beginning of the construction works in 09.02.1942 from Skopje to Sofia
Railway connection from Macedonia to Bulgaria, again began with construction in 1995...