Recent developments:

**Albanian Transport Sectoral Strategy 2016 – 2020;**

**Albanian National Transport Plan (ANTP 3)**
The 2nd review of the Albanian National Transport Plan (ANTP3) – ongoing

**Transport Community Treaty**
The signing of the Transport Community Treaty (TCT) from WB6 Prime Ministers in High Level Summit of Trieste, **on 12 July 2017** represents the most significant achievement in the regional cooperation in the transport sector during the last 10 years (ratified by law No.8/2018, 26.02.2018)
Overall Objective of the National Transport Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020:

- Further develop Albania’s national transportation system;
- Significantly improve its interconnectivity, interoperability and integration with European transport system.

Full alignment with:

- **Main concepts of the European Transport Policy**

Result: **43 Priority Actions** for the 5-year period

- Strike a balance between soft measures and investments,
- In conformity with a solid National Transport Strategy and Action Plan.
➢ Ongoing consultations with our Montenegrin partners regarding the extension of One – Stop Shop in Murriqan for freight transport;

➢ Private sector companies are involved in road construction projects through PPPs and “One billion Programme”;

➢ Infrastructure priority projects are prioritized through SSPP process;

➢ The IPA 2013 Project “On improvement of standards of road safety”, a technical assistance project on vehicles inspections and identification of black spots was launched.

- Road Safety Inspection/Road Safety Audit certifications are issued by the Institute of Transport (under MoTI)
STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Efficient and responsive maritime and port systems

- Ratify and endorse IMO regulations and EC rules
- Establish **roadmap to approximate** and accompany IMO and EC regulations
- **VTMIS implementation**

Sustained growth for maritime and port markets

- Rehabilitation and **modernisation of port infrastructure** and services;
- Support and promote nautical tourism;
- **Develop and promote maritime labour markets.**

**Current status:**

- The regulation on the implementation of the **ISM Code** in the Republic of Albania is approved;
- The roadmap to approximate EC regulations will be drafted in compliance with the Annex of the Transport Community Treaty.
- Several projects are ongoing for the **Rehabilitation of the infrastructure and superstructure of the ports** in order to increase in the volume of cargo and in the number of passengers;
**Current status:**

- **The Feasibility Study of an airport** in the south of the country was carried out;
- **The construction of Airport of Vlora** is at the phase of negotiating the contract.
- **The draft law on the Air Code** in the Republic of Albania is recently approved by the GoA;
- **The ECAA entered into force in December 2017.** **Final Assessment Visit** for the fulfilment of the 1st Phase obligations of ECAA by Albania is foreseen in April 2019.

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| Development and construction of new airport infrastructure in the South of the country | • National Airport Master Plan & Kukes upgrade  
• South Airport |
| Creation of a more competitive market with liberalised air services | • Legislation alignment (market)  
• Capacity building |
| Implementation and unification of international standards for air safety | • Strengthen the ACAA capacity towards staff and inspector requirements |
Current status:

➢ Implement a rail reform strategy:
  - new Railway Code adopted;
  - legal acts for the implementation of the Railway Code

➢ Implement the Connectivity Reform Measures

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| Reform the rail sector to set up an open market for different investors | • EU Legislation alignment
• Separation of railway bodies
• Safety & regulatory bodies |
| Positioning of Albania within the European railway market as a player in South-East Europe transport corridors and Rail Freight Corridors (RFCs) | • SEETO flagship axes
• Hinterland rail corridor / Pipeline of rail projects |
The Albanian Railway consisting of 447km main rail line and 230 km secondary rail line.

It extends from Durres port in four directions:
- in northern Albania, border with Montenegro;
- in southern Albania in railway station of Ballsh till Vlora;
- in east in railway station near Macedonian cross border and also until Tirana capital.

The Railways in Albania are administered by the National Railway Company Hekurudha Shqiptare.

The new Railway Code is partially aligned to:


The 6 draft legal acts, for the implementation of the Railway Code are under preparation.
➢ Corridor VIII:

- **Construction of railway link Pogradec – Greek border** (60 km, estimated cost EUR 150 Million); *Pre-FS, under INTERREG Program, amounts to EUR 900,000, duration 5/2018 – 4/2020.*

- **Rehabilitation of the railway Durres-Pogradec-Lin** (137 km) and **construction of new railway link to Macedonian border** (2.7 km), *estimated cost EUR 206 million FS completed, funded under WBIF with a Grant EUR 750,000.*

- **Rehabilitation of the railway Tirana — Durrës** and the construction of the railway link to **Rinas** (Total cost of the project amounts to EUR 90.45 million) “Best Rail Deal 2017” awarded by EMEA Finance’s Project Finance Awards 2017;

➢ **Route 2:** Rehabilitation of the railway **Vora - Hani Hotit (border with Montenegro)** 140 km, estimated cost EUR 165 million

*Detail Design, funded under WBIF with a grant of EUR 4.5 million, is expected to start soon.*
Regarding the railway infrastructure, the Paris High Level Summit, held on 4 July 2016 produced concrete results for Albania.

The rehabilitation/construction of the railway Tirana – Rinsi – Durrësi, in a total of 90.45 Million EUR, was one of the projects selected to be supported from the EU and the EBRD.

This decision reflected the fulfillment of Vienna Summit obligations, especially the soft measures implementation and the existence of the strategic documents in the field of transport.
Installation of a joint border railway station in Tuzi:
- “Agreement between Montenegro and Albania on Border Dispatching for Rail Transport” of 2013, is being implemented.

The joint operation of the Joint Railway Station of Tuz started on 10 July 2017.
• The Albanian railway network is opened (BETON Plus is operating in Albania and Montenegro);


• Finalization ITS strategic implementation plan ConnecTA / EC;

• Albania has expressed its interest and willingness for inclusion in Rail Freight Corridors (RFCs);

• Final Report for ConnecTA Railway Maintenance submitted.
Future Challenges

- The Implementation of Railway Code and its bylaws regarding fully restructuring of Albanian Railways and the necessary technical implications;

- The establishment of the Rail Authorities and Bodies;

- The Approval of 5 Year Maintenance Plan in order to have no section in poor and very poor condition;

- The Rehabilitation of the rail line Tirana – Durres and link with TIA, as a main infrastructure project in Albania;

- The Finalization of the Detailed Design for the Construction of Railway Line Vore – Shkoder – Hani I Hotit;

- The Finalization of Feasibility Study to connect railway missing links with Greece.
Thank you for your attention!