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## **TRANS-EUROPEAN NORTH-SOUTH MOTORWAY (TEM)**

### **MINUTES of the Meeting of the Group of Former TEM Project Managers held on 28 February – 1 March 2002 in Warsaw, Poland**

1. The meeting took place in the TEM Project Central Office in Warsaw, Goledzinowska Str. 10. Mr. I. Druta (Romania) and Mr. P. Barek (Slovakia), the former TEM Project Managers as well as Mr. M. Urlan (Romania), Mr. M. Hantak, the TEM Project Manager and Mr. P. Pospisil, his Deputy, participated in the meeting.
2. In introducing the TEM present activities, Messrs. M. Hantak and P. Pospisil stressed the new physical outputs to be available in the first half of 2002, i.e. the TEM Standards and Recommended Practice, TEM Promotion Brochure and TEMSTAT maps of the member countries and of the whole TEM region. Within the multitude of the TEM Short-term Strategy actions, they underlined especially the monitoring of the Pan-European Transport Corridors, elaboration of the TEM Master Plan and promotion of the Freight Villages concept.
3. The ensuing discussion on the TEM Programme of Work for 2002, in which all the participants took part, resulted in the following conclusions:

?? dates of the remaining meetings to be held in the first half of 2002 were fixed as follows:

?? TEM/WERD Workshop in Bratislava on 29 – 30 April (subject to WERD confirmation)

?? Meeting of Directors Responsible for Infrastructure in Geneva on 3 – 4 June

?? 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Steering Committee in Geneva on 5 – 7 June 2002;

?? the TEM Motorway Traffic Signing document should be brought forward to the WP.1 at Geneva; the TEM Project Manager will consult this idea with the Director of the ECE Transport Division, Mr. J. Capel Ferrer;

?? the programme of work for the whole Project cycle (until 2004) should be revised in the light of new developments and the respective proposal should be submitted to the next Steering Committee session for examination;

?? the meeting on motorway financing options and financial engineering methods should be convened in the first half of 2003.

4. In order to cover the growing number of Project activities, the additional sources of their funding should be sought and examined by the Steering Committee. In addition to the clarification of possibilities and conditions of the envisaged European Commission's and IRU contributions, the co-funding from international financing institutions and the increase of the country TEM Trust Fund contributions in the next cycle should be taken into account.

5. As far as the formulation of the outputs of the Programme of Work are concerned, Mr. I. Druta will prepare the respective draft and send it to the TEM PCO by the end of March 2002. The PCO will submit it to the next session of the Steering Committee.

6. Regarding the Performance Indicators for TEM, elaborated by Mr. I. Druta, the recommendation to use them as a tool for evaluation of the performance of the Project at the end of each its cycle was reached. For short term (annual) purposes, the participants recommended the PCO to consider the possibility to assign the amount of money spent on individual activities as the indicator of performance at the end of every year.
  
7. Action 1.1.6 of the 2002 Programme of Work (border crossings) should be limited to the overview of the respective infrastructure and the projects in preparation or under construction. The corresponding questionnaire, involving the TEM, TINA and E-road border crossings, aimed at the creation of uniform traffic conditions and based also on the previous TEM achievements in this field should be elaborated by the TEM PCO and submitted to the next Steering Committee session for discussion.
  
8. At the meeting, the draft agenda of the Meeting of Directors Responsible for Infrastructure in the TEM Member Countries was elaborated. During his envisaged visit to Geneva in March this year, the Project Manager will propose to Mr. J. Capel Ferrer to sign the invitation himself and distribute it from Geneva, asking the Directors at the same time to suggest any further idea to be added to the draft agenda of their meeting.
  
9. Following the discussion on the scope and programme of the planned Meeting on Motorway Stage Construction, the meeting recommended the PCO to send a letter to the ECE Transport Division asking for assistance in providing the experienced lecturers. On the basis of the ECE answer, the final decision on holding such a meeting should be taken by the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Steering Committee. The Workshop on Traffic Censuses and Forecasting should be

held in 2003 and preceded by the distribution and processing of respective questionnaires, elaborated by the PCO.

10. It was recommended to organize the celebrations of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TEM Project in two phases. The first one should be coupled with the meeting of TEM Directors to be held in Geneva on 3 – 4 June (see item 3. above). Mr. P. Barek and the TEM Project Manager will investigate the possibility to hold it at the Slovak Mission at Geneva with the participation of the representatives of the Missions of the TEM countries and consult the idea with Mr. J. Capel Ferrer. The second phase should be coupled with the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the TEM Steering Committee to be held in Warsaw in November/December 2002, to which also the representatives of the Polish Government and its General Directorate of Public Roads should be invited. Both events should be accompanied by the respective press releases and promotion campaigns in the international and local press.
11. The draft terms of reference of the TEM Master Plan and of the Promotion of the Freight Villages concept were discussed in detail and endorsed. The need to arrive at clear conclusions regarding the possible EU and IRU co-financing by the next Steering Committee session was stressed. In case of the negative result and taking into account the crucial importance of the TEM Master Plan for further development of the Project, it was recommended to elaborate it in the limited scope by the TEM PCO itself with the support of the member countries, considering also the possibility of their single additional cash contribution in 2003 aimed solely at the Master Plan elaboration.
12. In the framework of the other business, the Project Manager informed about the stage of negotiations with the potential new TEM member countries i.e. FYROM, Greece, Russian Federation, Slovenia and Yugoslavia. He also promised to inform the National Coordinators and both past Project Managers present about the decisions of the ECE on the Meeting of Directors

Responsible for Infrastructure in the TEM member countries and on the organisation of celebrations of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Project.

13. In closing the meeting, Mr. M .Hantak extended his thanks to both former Project Managers, Mr. P. Barek and Mr. I. Druta for accepting the invitation to attend it and expressed his appreciation for their great contribution to the most satisfactory results achieved.
14. The Polish expert, Mr. D. Przybyla was invited to explain the possibilities of mapping data transfer from ArcView to AUTOCAD 14 programs and vice versa. Using this opportunity, the respective .dxf files were handed over on CD-ROM to the Romanian representatives.