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STEERING COMMITTEE  
Forty-first Session  
31 May – 2 June 2004, Antalya, Turkey**

Abridged  
**R E P O R T**

**PARTICIPATION**

1. The forty-first session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Antalya, Turkey on 31 May - 2 June 2004. Representatives of Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey took part in the session. The representatives of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), of the Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management and the TEM Project Manager and his Deputy also participated.

**OPENING OF THE SESSION**

2. Mr. M.Hantak , the TEM Project Manager, opened the session and welcomed the delegates, especially the new TEM National Coordinator of Georgia, Mr. R. Dalakishvili, Chairman of the State Department of Roads and Directors General of Roads of Slovakia and Turkey.
3. Mr. Hicabi Ece , Director General of the Turkish General Directorate of Highways presented a concise information about the achievements of the Government of Turkey and the General Directorate of Highways in developing the motorway and road network of the country and expressed his conviction that the session will meet full success.
4. Mr. M. Adamantiadis, the Regional Adviser of the UNECE Transport Division conveyed to the session the best wishes of success of the Director of the Division, Mr. Capel Ferrer and assured the Committee of the continuous support of the UNECE for the TEM Project. Furthermore, he underlined that the elaboration of the TEM Master Plan was the key activity

of TEM in this year. He noted that an important part of the success of the elaboration of the TEM Master Plan lies with the contributions and data from the member countries and National Coordinators. With the recent accession of some TEM member countries to the European Union, the role of the Project as the important institution supporting the integration of transport systems and sharing the accumulated experience in this field has been further strengthened. He also informed the Steering Committee that the Euro-Asian transport links are becoming an important priority of UNECE and that in his opinion TEM could play an important role in the respective development process of the wider European area. Concluding his address, he extended the thanks of the UNECE to the Government of Turkey and its General Directorate of Highways for the kind invitation to hold this session in Antalya and for the personal contributions of Mr. Ece, Mr.Arman and their collaborators to its organization.

5. Mr. M. Goppel, Project Director of the Partners for Roads programme of the Dutch Government extended his congratulations to the TEM Project for its achievements and mentioned at the same time the EU policy aimed at assisting its neighbouring countries in further harmonization of their transport policies with the one of the European Union.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (TEM/ WP.235)

6. The revised agenda of the session was adopted.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7. Mr. M. Arman (Turkey ) and Mr. L. Szubert (Poland) were elected Chairman and Rapporteur of the session, respectively.
8. The Chairman commenced his duties by thanking the session for the trust assigned to him by this election and communicated the related organizational information to its members.

#### REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER (TEM/WP.236)

9. In introducing his report, the Project Manager pointed out that all the activities in the reporting period have been carried out in conformity with the TEM Programme of Work for 2004.
10. He continued with a detailed description of TEM international activities and contacts, starting with the preparation of the TEM Master Plan carried out in close co-operation with the UNECE Transport Division and of two meetings related to this activity held in December 2003 in Warsaw, Poland and in February 2004 in Bratislava, Slovakia. This Division also provided

the support and assistance in implementation of the actions of the TEM Short-term strategy, the results of which were assessed in the TEM Project interim internal evaluation to be examined by the Committee under item 6 of the agenda.

11. He further informed about the TEM PCO participation in the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and in the concluding meeting of the Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels held in the reporting period.
12. In the reporting period, the TEM PCO continued its involvement in the monitoring of development of Pan-European Transport Corridors, which was manifested inter alia by the participation of the TEM PCO in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the respective Coordinators Group held in March 2004 in Brussels and in the Steering Committee Meeting of Corridor VI in Ostrava, Czech Republic in November 2003.
13. He gave an account of the co-operation with the CEDR (Conference of European Directors of Road), the TER Project Central Office in Budapest, the CEI (Central European Initiative). He also mentioned the cooperation with the IRU (International Road Transport Union) and ASECAP (European Association of Companies with Concessions for Motorway, Bridge and Tunnel Tolls) based on the respective Memoranda of Understanding signed between them and the UNECE in 2003. In the framework of this co-operation, the TEM Project Manager took part in the CEI Summit Economic Forum held in Warsaw in November 2003 and in the ASECAP Study and Information Days in Vilamoura, Portugal in May 2004. In March this year, the TEM PCO together with the ASECAP and Austrian ASFINAG company organized a Workshop on Electronic Fee Collection in Vienna, Austria.
14. The Project Manager then summarized the results of the TEMSTAT Data Collection and Mapping Meeting held in Prague, Czech Republic on 18-19 March 2004, in which the representatives of 11 TEM member countries participated and which was coupled with the meeting of the TEM and CEDR Subgroup Road Data representatives.
15. Furthermore, he informed the session about the outcomes of the TEM/HEEP 2004 Area V Annual Meeting which took place in Liptovsky Jan, Slovakia on 17-19 May 2004 and of the meeting of the Permanent Table on Development and Coordination of Motorway Construction and Operation in the TEM South – Western region in Trieste, Italy held on 11 November 2003.
16. Mr. M. Adamantiadis, the UNECE Regional Adviser, expressed on behalf of the UNECE full satisfaction with the TEM PCO professional and efficient performance and with the results achieved in the reporting period.

17. Following the discussion, in which the representatives of the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia and of the TEM PCO participated, the Steering Committee adopted of the Project Manager's report.

#### TEM MASTER PLAN AND ITS OUTPUTS (TEM/WP.237)

18. The Project Manager introduced the TEM Master Plan activity, representing one of the most important outcomes of the approved TEM Short-term Strategy. According to the approved revised TORs it will consist of 10 Working Packages covering also 8 non-TEM countries of the region. Regarding the organization and execution of works, the Co-ordination and Expert Groups were established meeting four times and twice during the project period, respectively. The independent consultants were charged with elaborating inter alia the socio-economic analysis, projects' evaluation and prioritization, bus and truck components, traffic forecast, bottlenecks identification and Master Plan mapping. The templates needed to assign the priority to the projects proposed by the countries were sent to them by the PCO and some of them were already returned filled in.
19. The UNECE Regional Adviser, Mr. M. Adamantiadis stressed the utmost importance of the Master Plan for further development of the TEM Project and underlined the necessity of receiving the inputs from all countries as soon as possible in order to complete the TEM Master Plan in September 2004 as planned.
20. Mr. M. Goppel (the Netherlands) informed the session about the results of the TEN-STAC study elaborated by the Dutch consultants, the traffic forecast data of which have been made available to the TEM PCO and passed to the TEM Project Manager the paper on " Assistance to UN TEM related to Forecasts for Pan-European Corridors 2004", attached to this report as its Annex 4.
21. The representatives of all the participating countries then informed the session about the status of preparation of their templates.
22. Mr. P.Barek ( Slovakia) recommended that the final Master Plan should be promoted at all levels including the ministerial one in order to make its findings and outcomes known and available to all potential users including the international financing institutions.
23. Mr. M. Hantak, the TEM Project Manager expressed great appreciation of the TEM PCO for the inputs of the countries as well as the Dutch "Partners for Roads " programme to the elaboration of the TEM Master Plan. He also requested the representatives of the respective countries to deliver the missing templates filled in to the PCO by 15 June this year at the latest. He also appreciated the very positive approach of the new Georgian Government to the TEM Project, manifested by the active participation of their high ranking representatives in the session.

## TEMSTAT DATABASE AND TEM STATUS (TEM/WP.238)

24. The Project Manager introduced the report, documenting inter alia that the total length of the TEM network as of 1 January 2004 amounted to 23,389 km, out of which 7,438 km (double carriageway) was in operation and 973 km under construction.
25. In this connection, the representatives of Romania drew the attention of the session to the fact that the study on functional evaluation of the European road network elaborated by the German consultant, representing now the CEDR document and made available to the TEM member countries by the PCO contains some errors regarding the Romanian road network. Therefore, Romania will supply the correct data to the PCO to be taken into consideration by the consultant.
26. The Turkish representative noted that the study does not cover Turkish and Georgian networks, which omission is difficult to understand.
27. In the light of these comments, the Steering Committee requested the Project Manager to send a letter conveying the above comments to the respective CEDR subgroup with a copy to Mr. M. Goppel and the Georgian, Romanian and Turkish National Coordinators. The letter will also request the CEDR to submit its strategic document to the PCO and the TEM Governments for comments.

## TEM PROJECT SELF EVALUATION (TEM/WP.239)

28. The Project Manager pointed out that the document has been submitted in accordance with the decision of the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee held on 12 – 14 November last year in Trieste, Italy. It was based on the questionnaires distributed by the letter of Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division of 1 September 2003, returned filled in by 8 TEM member countries.
29. The UNECE Regional Adviser, Mr. M. Adamantiadis complemented the presentation of the Project Manager by underlining the usefulness of such an interim self evaluation activities, which help the PCO to implement the Project activities and would strengthen the TEM in the future.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE UNECE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND THE SEMINAR ON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR WIDER EUROPE

30. Mr. M. Adamantiadis informed the Committee about the new strategic objectives for the near future, approved by the last UNECE Inland Transport Committee session held in February 2004 at Geneva, including namely:

- Development of Euro-Asian transport links
  - Use of telematics and ITS
  - Transport security
  - Charging of infrastructure users
  - Globalization of world economy and implications for transport.
31. In this connection, the Inland Transport Committee requested its subsidiary bodies to review these priorities in order to identify those relevant for their activities. Since the TEM is the UNECE Project, it is highly recommendable should it also follow suit and incorporate the corresponding activities into its programme of work for the next Project phase 2005-2008.
  32. He further presented the conclusions and recommendations of the EC, ECMT, UNECE and the EIB seminar on Transport Infrastructure Development for Wider Europe held in Paris in November 2003. According to them, the Corridor approach should remain the central element of infrastructure development in wider Europe and Euro-Asian transport links should be taken into account and considered in the intermodal perspective especially because of rapid increase of transport flows between Europe and China.
  33. Consequently, the European Commission and its above partners as well as the EBRD will establish the working group to review existing Corridors and if necessary to propose the new ones and to update the Van Miert report criteria for priority transport projects identification.
  34. In this context, the UNECE will further support the ongoing works on the TEM Master Plan, which may also represent valuable inputs to the work of the ITC subsidiary bodies and recommends the Steering Committee to consider seriously the matter of Euro-Asian links in the next Project phase.
  35. In the discussion which ensued, the representatives of Poland, Slovakia and Turkey fully supported the idea of incorporating the Euro-Asian component to the TEM Programme of Work for 2005-2008. In this connection, Mr. M. Arman informed the Committee that Turkey signed the Agreement on Asian Highway on 26 April 2004 and extended its E-road network to about 7,000 km. The representatives of Poland and Slovakia expressed their concern that any revision of the Helsinki corridors may result in their reduction caused also by the shortage of EU funds for the new EU members. The UNECE Regional Adviser explained that the Corridors on the territory of these countries will continue to exist as integral parts of the extended Trans-European Road Network of the Union.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2003 (TEM/WP.241)

36. The Project Manager introduced the report and explained the individual figures of the financial statement as at 31 December 2003. He also pointed out that by 15 April this year, nine countries transferred their financial

contribution to the TEM Co-operation Trust Fund and two more countries – Georgia and Turkey – contributed after that date.

37. The Steering Committee approved the financial report.

#### PREPARATION OF THE NEXT PROJECT PHASE 2005 – 2008 (TEM/WP.240)

38. Since the present Project phase terminates at the end of this year, the TEM PCO in close co-operation with the UNECE prepared the draft Project Document (Attachment to the TEM Co-operation Trust Fund Agreement) for the period 2005-2008 and submitted it to the Steering Committee for examination.
39. The Committee decided that the two key parts of the draft Project Document i.e. the Programme of Work for 2005-2008 and the corresponding budget would be discussed separately.
40. In view of the increasing importance of the Euro-Asian transport links, the Steering Committee approved the inclusion of the respective activities in the Programme of Work 2005-2008 and stressed the need that all efforts should be made in order to ensure full membership to the TEM Project of the concerned CIS countries, not yet members, which will enable the TEM Project to pursue these goals in a systematic way, and offer its experience gained in the course of 27 years of its existence. The Steering Committee welcomed the offer of the Georgian representatives to assist in establishing further contacts with the respective CIS countries and with the CIS Road Directors Committee.

#### TEM PCO STAFF

41. Recalling the letter sent by the UNECE Executive Secretary to the Ambassadors of the TEM countries on 6 January 2004, asking for nomination of candidates for the posts of the TEM Deputy Project Manager and the Assistant dealing with GIS, data processing and mapping, Mr. M. Adamantiadis informed the session that there was no positive response received until now.
42. Following the proposals and comments of the representatives of Bulgaria, Poland and Slovakia, the Steering Committee requested the UNECE to repeat this inquiry regarding the Deputy Project Manager once again at the beginning of September this year, since the PCO must cope with the increased workload next year due inter alia to the implementation of the TEM Master Plan. The UNECE may wish to consider the possibility to accomplish this by the letters of the Executive Secretary, Ms. B. Schmognerova addressed both to the Ambassadors at Geneva and to the respective Ministers. It would be appreciated should the copies of these letters be sent to the TEM National Coordinators by the Director of the UNECE Transport Division, Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, for information.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- 43 The UNECE representative, Mr. M. Adamantiadis, informed the session about two important initiatives of interest for the TEM Project. The first one is the promotion of the Freight Villages concept, where there are two options of co-funding proposed by the European Commission, described in the attached letter of Mr. G .Meadows, Acting Director General of the DG Regional Policy addressed to the UNECE Executive Secretary, Mrs. B. Schmognerova of 26 March this year (Annex 9). The other one is the South East European Transport Observatory (SEETO) project, where two consortia i.e. NTU and PLANCO requested the support of the UNECE, TEM and TER, which was conditionally promised By Mr. J. Capel Ferrer by his letters of 29 December 2003 and 12 May 2004, enclosed as Annexes 10 and 11 to this report.
- 44 Mr. M. Goppel introduced the new activity of the Dutch Government aimed at roads and environment. The international conference on this topic will be held on 13 – 17 September this year in the Netherlands, to which 2 experts of all acceding countries would be invited as stated in the official invitations which are being distributed these days.
- 45 The TEM Project Manager informed the session about the request of Georgia for assistance in preparation and materialization of the motorway construction programme of the country. Any form of support of the TEM member countries would be greatly appreciated and their representatives present at the session are kindly invited to contact in this respect either the PCO or directly the Georgian TEM National Coordinator regarding concrete offers e.g. in the form of exchange of experts, organization of training courses, provision of respective documentation, etc.
- 46 The Project Manager presented dates and topics of the TEM and related meetings to be held in the second half of this year as listed in Annex 12. The meeting on the ITS implementation focused of the Electronic Fee Collection will be held in Hungary in line with the proposal of the Hungarian representative, Mrs. J. Florian with the understanding that the Hungarian Government will cover the costs of accommodation of the TEM participants. In this connection, the Project Manager asked for offers to host the TEM/HEEP Annual Meeting in 2005, to be communicated to the PCO by the end of August 2004 at the latest. Already at the meeting, the representative of Lithuania, Mr. A. Janusauskas expressed readiness to host that meeting in his country. In this context, the UNECE representative invited the TEM National Coordinators to consider hosting the future Committee meetings in their countries.
- 47 The Turkish delegation introduced the proposal of the General Directorate of Turkish Highways for amendments of the TEM network as follows (Annex 13):

- section Konya – Ulukisla (180 km) to replace Konya – Aksaray (141 km)
  - section Horosan – Kars – Turkgozu (276 km) to replace Erzurum – Gole – Turkgozu (334 km).
- 48 The Steering Committee approved these changes, asking at the same time the Turkish National Coordinator to provide the related new TEMSTAT data to the TEM PCO.

#### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

49. The Steering Committee adopted the report on its forty-first session.
50. The participants expressed their sincere gratitude to the Government of Turkey, to the Turkish General Directorate of Highways and to its Director General, Mr. H. Ece for hosting the session in Antalya and to Mr. M. Arman and his collaborators for its perfect organization and kind hospitality provided to them. They also extended high appreciation to the Chairman and Rapporteur of the session for the outstanding accomplishment of their tasks.