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Fortieth Session
12 – 14 November 2003, Trieste, Italy**

ABRIDGED REPORT

PARTICIPATION

1. The fortieth session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Trieste, Italy on 12 – 14 November 2003. Representatives of Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey participated in the session. The representatives of Sweden, having the TEM observer status, of the Netherlands and Slovenia as well as the representative of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the TEM Project Manager and his Deputy also took part. On the first day of the session, the representatives of the Dutch NEA consultancy company, of AUTOSTRADE per l'Italia and AUTOVIE VENETE concessionary companies were present, too.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. Mr. K. Nemeč (Austria), the outgoing Chairman of the Committee opened the session and passed the floor to Mr. F. Cempella, the Superintendent of the Regional Department of Public Works for the Italian Friuli-Venezia Giulia region.
3. Mr. M. Adamantiadis, Regional Adviser of the UNECE Transport Division, conveyed to the session the greetings and wishes of success of Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the Division and the assurances of full support of the UNECE to the TEM Project. He also extended its thanks to the Government of Italy and the regional representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport for hosting the session and briefly summarised the recent achievements of the Project, namely the successful implementation of the TEM Short-term Strategy, signing of the Memoranda of Understanding with the IRU and ASECAP as well as the establishment within the TEM Project Central Office (PCO) the secretariat of the Pan-European Transport Corridor VI in accordance with

the request of the Polish Government. He underlined the importance of the TEM Master Plan, the elaboration of which commenced in September 2003 with the financial support of IRU. Finally, he drew the attention of the session to the forthcoming termination of the actual Project phase and to the need to start preparations for the next one.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (TEM/WP. 229)

4. The agenda of the session, was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. Mr E. Sammartino (Italy) and Mr. M. Arman (Turkey) were elected Chairman and Rapporteur of the session, respectively.
6. Following the invitation of the Chairman, all participants introduced themselves to the session.

REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER (TEM/WP. 230)

7. Introducing his report, the Project Manager pointed out that all the activities in the reporting period from end of May 2003 have been carried out in conformity with the TEM Programme of Work for 2003.
8. He further informed the session about the appointment of Mr M. Iuga as the new TEM National Coordinator for Romania and extended to him his wishes of full success in this position, expressing at the same time his thanks to his predecessor, Mr I. Druta, for his great contribution to the development of TEM.
9. He went on with a detailed description of the international activities and contacts of the Project, commencing with the very close co-operation with the UNECE, especially with regard to the elaboration of the TEM Master Plan and the related successful conclusion of negotiations with the IRU on co-funding of this activity.
10. He further informed about his participation in the meetings of the respective bodies of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee, related to the TEM Project and dealing with the road transport and transport trends and economics and about the outcomes of the first meeting of the TEM and TER Master Plan Coordination Group held in Budapest on 16 September 2003.
11. He gave an account of the co-operation of the TEM PCO with the CEDR (Conference of European Directors of Roads, former WERD) in organizing the meeting of European Road Directors in Vienna on 17 September this year as well as of his participation in the CEDR (WERD) Road Data Subgroup meeting in Budapest in June 2003.

12. The Project Manager then summarized the result of collaboration with the TER Project Central Office in Budapest, regarding especially the coordination of the works on related Master Plans, with the representatives of the "Partners for Roads" programme of the Dutch Government and with the Central European Initiative aimed at the TEM participation in the CEI Summit Economic Forum to be held in Warsaw in November 2003.
13. He informed the session about the successful representation of the TEM Project at the HEEP 2003 International Conference held in Wyoming, U.S.A., coupled with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of the TEM/HEEP Area V (Central and Eastern Europe), stressing at the same time the importance of the student participation and exchange program carried out under its auspices.
14. He also pointed out that in the reporting period the TEMSTAT data processing and mapping activity successfully progressed, which was testified by the regional and country 2003 TEMSTAT maps distributed at the session both in hard copies and an electronic version.
15. He expressed the pleasure to inform the session that in accordance with the request of the Government of Poland, endorsement of the TEM Steering Committee and approval of the UNECE, the PCO commenced its duties related to the secretariat of the Corridor VI and especially to the preparation of the meeting of its Steering Committee to take place in Ostrava, the Czech Republic, on 24 November 2003.
16. The session was further informed about the outcomes of the meeting of the TEM Permanent Table on Development and Coordination of Motorway Construction and Operation in the South-Western Region in Trieste, which just preceded the Steering Committee session and the report of which will be sent to the TEM National Coordinators together with the report of this session.
17. Finally, the Project Manager expressed his gratitude to the Czech Government for its consent with the extension of the contract of the Deputy Project Manager, Mr. P. Pospisil until the end of 2004 in accordance with the requests of the Steering Committee and the UNECE.
18. In the framework of the discussion on the Project Manager report, Mr. M. Vezjak, State Undersecretary in the Ministry of Transport of Slovenia, informed the session about the stage of preparations in his country aimed at full participation in the TEM Project as from 2004, which information was greatly appreciated by the session.
19. Mr. E. Sammartino (Italy) summarized the recent initiatives of his Government aimed at foundation of the International University in the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, at the further development of the MERCURIO Project and its funding and in this connection drew the attention of the session to the document comprising the concise information about the respective funding opportunities, elaborated by the Italian expert, Mr. A. Belloni and submitted at the recent meeting of the TEM Permanent Table, mentioned in the report of the Project Manager.

20. The Steering Committee took note of the forthcoming ASECAP meeting on introduction of the electronic fee collection in the relevant countries, the information of which was presented by Mr. L. Szubert (Poland).
21. On the basis of the discussion, the session approved the report of the Project Manager.

ELABORATION OF TEM MASTER PLAN (TEM/WP. 231)

22. The document on the state of elaboration of the TEM Master Plan was introduced by the Project Manager. Further explanation was delivered by Mr. M. Adamantiadis (UNECE), who informed about the process of implementation of the approved Terms of Reference, about the conclusion of the agreement between the IRU and UNECE for co-financing the elaboration of the Master Plan, the contracts signed with the external consultants for offering technical and scientific support to the Master Plan work as well about the next steps to be taken including the schedule of the meetings of the Coordination and Expert Groups.
23. The Project Manager introduced Mr. B. Bultink, the representative of the Dutch Directorate General of Public Works and Water Management and Mr. A. Vilcan, Project Manager of the NEA Transport Research and Training. They informed the session about the Partners for Roads programme of the Dutch Government and about the development of the traffic forecasts on the Central and Eastern European networks as well as on their willingness to co-operate with the TEM Project.
24. The ensuing discussion, in which the representatives of Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and the UNECE participated, resulted in the authorisation of the Steering Committee granted to the Project Central Office in close cooperation with the UNECE to continue the fruitful dialogue with the Dutch experts aimed at transfer of the respective road traffic forecast findings and knowledge to the PCO to be made use of while elaborating the Master Plan. Special emphasis should be devoted to considerations of possibility of extension the forecast data transfer with regard to all TEM member countries as well as to those non TEM members included in the TEM Master Plan, so that all of them are treated in the Master Plan the same way.
25. Based on the proposal of the representative of Poland, this mandate was not limited to the Dutch experts only, but covered also the co-operation with other experts, institutions and universities which would be in position to contribute to the successful and timely finalisation of the Master Plan.
26. At the same time, the need to have member countries actively involved in the elaboration of the Master Plan in all its phases was stressed. In this connection, the PCO representatives were requested to distribute the invitation to the meeting of the Group of Experts to take place in Bratislava, Slovakia on 26 January 2003 as soon as possible, thus giving enough time to Governments to select the respective experts and to make all the preparations necessary.

27. In order to facilitate the elaboration of the Master Plan, the Project Manager reiterated the request of the PCO to receive the national Master Plans of the member countries at their earliest convenience. Responding to this request, the Master Plans and/or related documents of Austria, Hungary and Turkey were passed to the PCO representatives at the session.
28. In this connection, the representative of Slovenia presented his country's Motorway Construction Programme being at present examined by the Parliament, comprising 570 km of motorways operational in 2013.

TEM PROJECT SELF EVALUATION

29. The Project Manager, referring to the decision of the Thirty-ninth session of the Steering Committee (26 – 28 May 2003, Geneva, Switzerland, document TEM/48) drew the attention of the session to the TEM Project Assessment Questionnaire for the years 2001 – 2003, distributed by the UNECE, to which 5 countries only responded yet. During the session, Austrian and Slovak questionnaires were handed over to the PCO duly filled in and the National Coordinators of the remaining countries were kindly asked to follow suit at their earliest convenience. The results of the inquiry would represent an internal document to be used for TEM self-evaluation purposes only.
30. In this connection and based on the interventions of the representatives of Hungary, Italy, Slovenia and the UNECE, the following topics were recommended for consideration and possible inclusion in the next Project phase: external costs of road transport, effects of climate change regarding the infrastructure design, border crossing facilitation, road safety, project management training seminars and freight villages. In the next phase, great concern should be also devoted not to construction related activities only, but also to the management, operation and maintenance of motorways and to the transport infrastructure interoperability.

TEM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004 (TEM/WP.233)

31. The explanations to the document prepared by the PCO were offered by the Project Manager.
32. As a result of the item by item examination of the draft Programme, the revised Programme of Work was adopted by the Committee, providing that the final version including the actual list of TEM meetings in 2004 be distributed to the participants in the session together with this report.
33. In this connection, the session requested the PCO to check and adjust the priority assignment of all activities. The Committee also noted with appreciation the kind offer of representatives of Hungary to host one TEM meeting in 2004.

TEM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR I. – III. TRIMESTER 2003 (TEM/WP.232)

34. The Committee took note of the report, presented by the Project Manager and expressed its conviction that the missing TEM Co-operation Trust Fund contributions would be transferred to the fund soon.

TEM BUDGET FOR 2004 (TEM/WP. 234)

35. The Committee approved the TEM budget for 2004.

TEM PROJECT CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

36. The Committee noted with appreciation the extension of the assignment of Mr. P. Pospisil as the Deputy Project Manager until the end of 2004 and expressed its gratitude to the Government of the Czech Republic for its very positive approach.
37. It renewed, nevertheless, its kind request to the participating Governments to continue their efforts to find and propose qualified candidates to the posts of the PCO GIS and Data Assistant and of the Deputy Project Manager. In this connection, the UNECE representative, Mr. M. Adamantiadis mentioned the very positive experience of the TER Project Central Office in Budapest, having the Data Assistant provided by the Government of Romania.
38. The Steering Committee asked, therefore, the UNECE to send formal letters to all participating countries, asking them to propose by 15 April 2004 their candidates with the understanding that the selected ones will be made available to the PCO by 1 November 2004.
39. The UNECE representative explained to the Steering Committee that in the case of the TEM international project personnel the attention of UNECE was called to the fact that the appropriate mechanism was the United Nations Administrative Instruction on "Non-reimbursable loans of personnel services from sources external to the United Nations Common System" (ST/AI/231/Rev. 1 refers).
40. Taking into consideration the above requirements, the Steering Committee decided that the annual cash contributions to the Project of such countries be adjusted so that their total cash contributions, would not be more than that paid by the other Project participating countries.

OTHER BUSINESS

41. The Committee, being informed about the consequences of the terrorist attack in Iraq on 12 November, in which the Italian nationals fulfilling their duties related to the humanitarian mission in the country were killed, commemorated their memory by one minute silence.

42. The Chairman, being informed about the sudden death of Mr. A. Cavusoglu, the former TEM National Coordinator and acting on behalf of the whole Steering Committee, asked the Turkish representative, Mr. M. Arman to convey to the family members and relatives of Mr. Cavusoglu its condolences and memories of his great personality.
43. He also requested the Romanian representative, Mr. M. Iuga to extend to Mr. I. Druta, the former TEM National Coordinator, the sincere thanks for his long and beneficial involvement in the TEM Project as well as the wishes of all the best in the future.
44. The Project Manager, complying with the request of the Thirty-ninth session of the Steering Committee (26 – 28 May 2003, Geneva, document TEM/48) submitted to the Committee the draft Extended TEM Project Action Plan for the period until the end of 2004.
45. The Project Manager further informed the Steering Committee about the need to regulate participation of the TEM/HEEP Area V delegates in the HEEP International Conferences taking place in USA and Canada, which need emerged this year for the first time in connection with the desired reciprocity with the US/ Canadian participation in the HEEP Area annual meetings in the TEM region. The Committee, therefore, requested the Project Manager to submit to its next session the draft rules and criteria for the respective selection of delegates.
46. Taking into account the termination of the present Project phase on 31 December 2004, the Committee asked the UNECE to prepare in close collaboration with the PCO the draft Project Document (Attachment to the TEM Co-operation Trust Fund Agreement) for the phase 2005 – 2008, incorporating also the results of the above considerations related to the financial position of the Project, and to submit it to the next session of the Committee for examination.
47. The Project Manager recalled the multimedia TEM presentation, the structure of which had been prepared and demonstrated by the Italian expert, and requested the representatives of the participating countries to supply the relevant data to the PCO in order to successfully conclude this activity.
48. The Steering Committee adopted the report on its fortieth session.
49. The Committee expressed its extreme gratitude to the Italian Government, its Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport and the regional Department of Public Works for the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region for hosting the session in Trieste. It extended special thanks to Mr. F. Cempella, the Superintendent of the Department and to Mr. E. Sammartino, the Italian TEM National Coordinator and to their collaborators for the perfect organization of the session and kind hospitality offered to its participants as well as to Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division for his continuous support granted to the Project. The Committee also highly appreciated the excellent performance of the Chairman and the Rapporteur, which substantially contributed to the success of the session.