

Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI)

REGIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (RRTC)

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PROGRAMME OF WORK (ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU)

Prepared by the UNECE secretariat

The Committee may wish to review its programme of work, including its action plan and strategies for implementation of the MoU taking account of progress made in the various fields covered by the MoU and dealt with by the Committee.

The UNECE secretariat has reproduced below the programme of work as adopted at the fourth session of the Committee. The Committee may wish to indicate issues still to be taken up, problem areas not yet covered as well as strategies for a more effective implementation of the provisions of the MoU.

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Programme of work (action plan and strategies)
for the implementation of the MoU for the years 2000 to 2002

Article 3 of the MoU

Short term

- objective A: Implementation of a quota free regime for “green” and “greener and safe” goods road vehicles (Article 3, paragraph 3 of the MoU)
- Deadline: End of 2000
- Status: Objective not yet achieved by some States
- Work: UNECE secretariat to prepare status report for October 2001 session
- Means: UNECE secretariat to monitor implementation and transmit, if necessary, reminder letters to Ministers of Transport

Short term

- objective B: Promotion of combined transport (Article 3, paragraph 5 of the MoU)
- Deadline: Continuing (for regular review)
- Work: Identification of measures that will be endorsed by the Committee, as appropriate, to promote combined transport in the region
- Action: Documentation to be established by all Parties to the MoU
- Means: Regular monitoring and consideration by the Regional Road Transport Committee

Longer-term

- objective C: Quota free regime for bilateral and transit road traffic (Article 3, paragraph 2 of the MoU)
- Deadline: End of 2002
- Status: Work is continuing
- Work: Establishment of recommended procedures and provisions (clause type) for inclusion into bilateral transport agreements and, eventually, inclusion into the multilateral framework agreement on road transport
- Action: Draft proposals by the Parties to the MoU
 Regular monitoring (every six months) through questionnaires to be issued by the secretariat
- Means: Consideration and adoption at the second session of the Regional Road Transport Committee in early 2000

Progress to be monitored regularly by the Committee until the end of 2002 and beyond, if necessary

Article 4 of the MoU

<u>Objective:</u>	Accession to the 16 international transport treaties established in the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) as identified in the MoU
Deadline:	End of 2002
Status:	Albania, Romania and Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have acceded / succeeded to a number of agreements. Ratification procedures are ongoing in Turkey
Work:	Establishment of a regular status report
Action:	Monitoring of the status of accession and assistance during these legal and administrative procedures by the secretariat
Means	Regular considerations at the sessions of the Regional Road Transport Committee Assistance to be provided by those SECI participating States having already acceded to the relevant Agreements and by the UNECE secretariat, if required. UNECE TIR secretariat to conduct training courses for Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on implementation of TIR Convention (with target date: 1 October 2001) in Belgrade (July 2001)

Article 5 of the MoU

<u>Objective:</u>	Harmonization of maximum permissible weights and dimensions with those applicable in the European Community as well as weighing procedures
Deadline:	Continuing (for regular review)
Work:	Review of existing practice
Action:	Regular provision of relevant information by Parties to the MoU
Means:	Regular consideration at the sessions of the Regional Road Transport Committee

Article 6 of the MoU

<u>Objective:</u>	Preparation of a Protocol to the MoU on relevant E-Roads (incl. identification of sectors already able to accept road vehicles complying with European Community requirements, identification of sectors not yet upgraded and provision of information on plans for upgrading these sections)
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Deadline: End of 2000
 Status: Protocol has been adopted by the Committee on 5 October 2000
 Work: Update of the list of E-Road and addition of information on average annual daily traffic (AADT) and on current and planned road construction and upgrading
 Means: UNECE secretariat to modify present questionnaire and provide information on results of E-Road census 2000 relating to SECI region

Article 7 of the MoU

Objective: Establishment of a vehicle weight certificate
 Deadline: End of 2001
 Status: Text of Protocol and annexed International Vehicle Weight Certificate (IVWC) adopted in principle by the Committee on 12 June 2001
 Work: National consultation procedures with all Ministries and authorities concerned
 Action: Preparation of a document on national issues related to the application of the IVWC
 Means: Formal adoption by Committee in October 2001 and signatures by States

Article 8 of the MoU

Objective: Rationalization and gradual convergence of charging policies
 Deadline: Continuing (for regular review)
 Status: Joint Statement on the implementation of Article 8 of the MoU on charging policies adopted by the Committee on 5 October 2000
 Work: Permanent monitoring by UNECE of road user charges and related policies, particularly those concerning E-Roads identified in accordance with the Protocol to the MoU on E-Roads
 Action: Documentation to be regularly submitted by the Parties to the MoU via the UNECE secretariat. Preparation of documentation for ad hoc expert group
 Means: Ad hoc expert group of RRTC on charging policies to be held on 9 and 10 October 2001 in Antalya (Turkey)
 Regular consideration and monitoring by the Regional Road Transport Committee.

Article 9 of the MoU

Objective: Establishment of an information system on charges related to road transport
 Deadline: End of 2000

- Status: System is operational since mid-2000 and is operated and maintained by the UNECE. Host: UNECE sever in Geneva
- Work: Maintenance of the permanently updated information system via questionnaires transmitted regularly (every six months) by the UNECE secretariat to all Parties to the MoU
- Action: Preparation and updating of a (regular) questionnaire prepared by the secretariat

Article 10 of the MoU

- Objective: Facilitation of visa procedures for professional drivers
- Deadline: Continuing (for regular review)
- Status: Exchange of information on best practices has been completed
- Work: Establishment of a compendium on best practices by the end of 2001
- Action: Preparation of the compendium by parties yet to be identified
- Means: Regular consideration at the sessions of the Regional Road Transport Committee

Article 11, paragraph 2 of the MoU

- Objective: Preparation of a draft multilateral framework agreement on road transport
- Deadline: Not yet fixed
- Status: Work will be now initiated
- Work: Preparation of an outline of a framework agreement, including key elements taking account of work already undertaken; passenger transport to be included
- Action: Review of existing relevant rules as well as bilateral and multilateral legislation
- Means: Consideration by the Regional Road Transport Committee in October 2001
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