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## **Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI)**

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### **REGIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (RRTC)**

Sixth session  
(Istanbul, 19 to 20 March 2003  
agenda item (5))

### **PROGRAMME OF WORK (ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGIES)**

#### **Note by the UNECE Secretariat**

The secretariat has reproduced below the programme of work as adopted by the Committee at its fifth session, indicating issues still to be taken up, problematic areas not yet covered, as well as strategies for a more effective implementation of the provisions of the MoU.

### **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 May 2002 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)

**Status:** Work is continuing.

**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 sixth session of the Regional Road Transport Committee in early 2002  
Progress to be monitored regularly by the Committee until the end of 2002 and beyond, if necessary

### **Article 4 of the MoU**

**Objective:** 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**

Objective: 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**

Objective: 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)  
Deadline: End of 2000  
Status: Protocol has been adopted by the Committee on 5 October 2000  
Work: New questionnaire on current and planned road construction and upgrading adopted by the Committee on 12 October 2001.  
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 May 2002 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: Second session of the ad hoc expert group of RRTC on charging policies to be held in December 2001 in 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 2002  
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: Document on approaches and elements to be included has been prepared  
Work: Preparation of an outline of a framework agreement  
Action: Review of existing relevant rules as well as bilateral and multilateral legislation  
Means: Consideration by the Regional Road Transport Committee in May 2002

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