



**2nd EuroMed RRU Study Tour on AETR, ADR, TIR, RS and
Liberalization of Road Transport Haulage
Geneva, Switzerland / Haute Savoie, France
8 - 13 September 2014**

The EuroMed RRU Transport Project



- Under **European Neighbourhood and Partnership Initiative (ENPI) – South**
- Countries covered: **Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia**
- Duration: **20 December 2011 – 19 December 2014**
- Project Office: **Tunis, Tunisia**

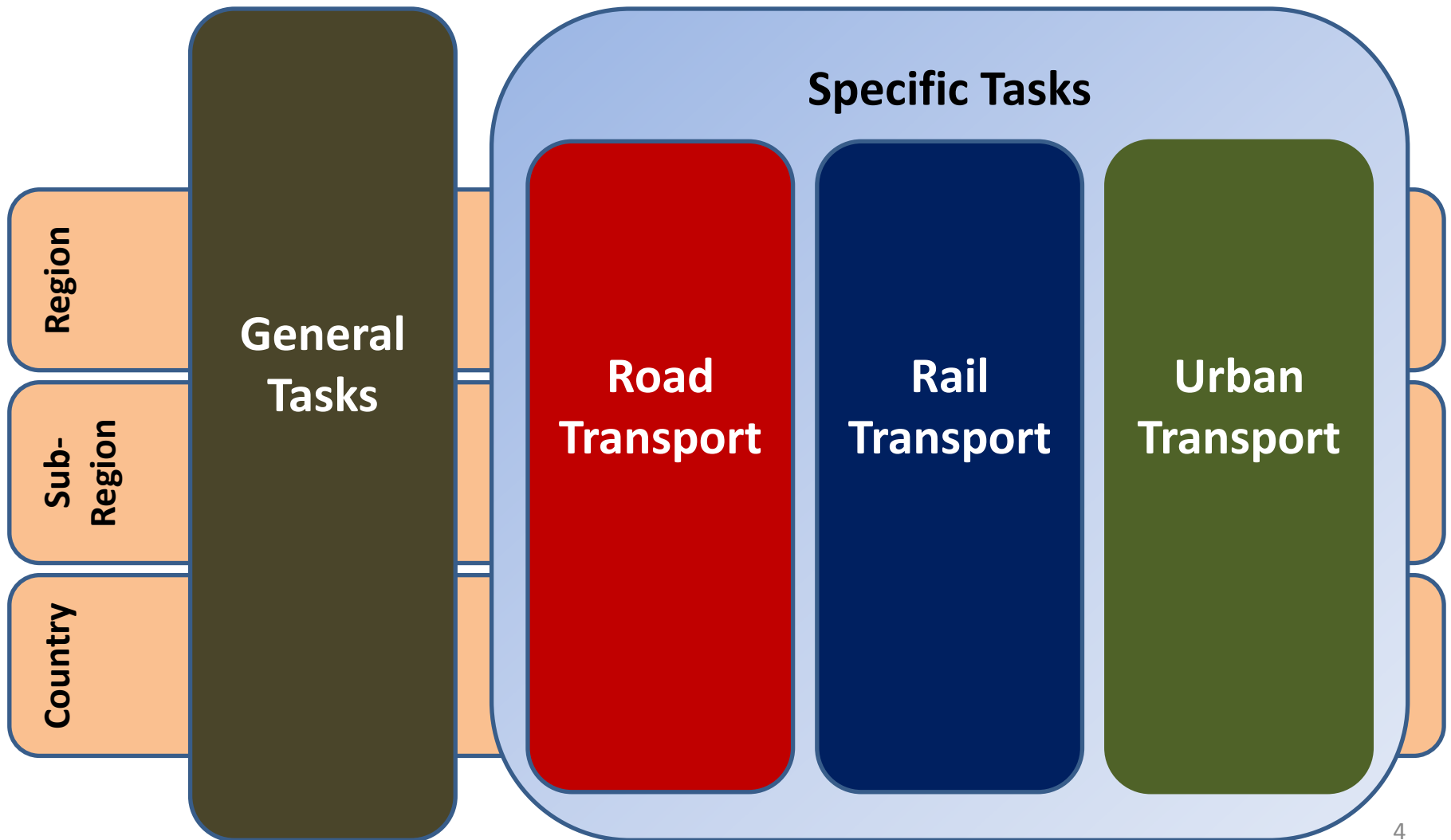


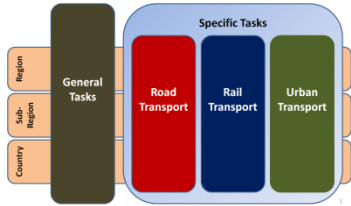
Project objectives



- **Land** transport
- **Regulatory** reform and adaptation
- Operational conditions facilitating **cross-border** transport
- **Safety** in land transport modes
- Sustainable and efficient transport in **urban areas**
- **Learning** from experience in the wider Mediterranean region

Structure of the Work Plan





General tasks



➔ **National workshops:** Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Lebanon

➔ Identification of national priorities to be covered by the project

➔ Further confirmed and agreed upon in of TA formulation national visits

➔ Close cooperation with Partner countries

➔ Strategic partnership with UNECE and IRU

➔ Collaboration with ECA, ESCWA, UMA

EuroMed road, rail and urban transport project

The EuroMed Regional Transport Project "Road, Rail and Urban Transport" aims to support the implementation of the "Third Mediterranean Transport Network (TMN)" by developing appropriate regulatory framework and operational conditions as to facilitate cross border transport, to enhance land transport used for promote sustainable and efficient urban transport. Within the implementation of the EuroMed Transport Action Plan (EAP), the project objectives of the project are the following:

- Enhanced implementation of the RTSP actions in the partner countries in the field of road, rail and urban transport;
- Increased regional dialogue and cooperation in those transnational road and urban areas;
- Enhanced interoperability on the Euro-Mediterranean Transport network by supporting similar operational, regulatory and legislative framework;
- Improved safety, efficiency and professionalization of the land transport sector and better sustainability and efficiency of transport in urban areas.

The project activities cover the following fields of expertise:

- Road freight transport: UN/ECE agreements, identification and harmonization of international road freight, road safety, reform of the road transport industry, professionalization;
- Rail transport: rail interoperability and safety, standard reform of the rail market;
- Urban transport: sustainable urban mobility plans, regulatory and legislative framework, fleet management, promotion of CPTM network.

Throughout the life of the project, work shop/seminars/workshops/technical visits will be organized, studies will be conducted, good practices will be shared and technical assistance activities will be implemented.

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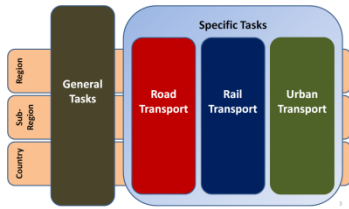
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Event in the spotlight
Joint calls for opening of the AETR
 23/09 - 24/09
 The Minister of Transport for Jordan called for the opening to countries within the UN/ECE region of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). One should recall that in the 10th session of the UNECE-based Transport Committee, stressing that Jordan and other Mediterranean countries are willing to join the agreement "Opening up the AETR Agreement" will enhance the development of transport facilities cross border trade and improve road safety and reliability. The Agreement provides for the implementation of the digital language in the transport sector. It is the responsibility of a primary agency and different national entities at professional drivers in trucks and buses.

Le Jordanie appelle à ouvrir l'AETR
 Le Ministère du Transport de Jordanie a appelé à l'ouverture des pays membres de la CECE-OIV au Accord Européen relatif au travail des équipages des véhicules effectuant des transports internationaux par route (AETR). On doit rappeler que lors de la 10^{ème} session du Comité des transports méditerranéen de la CECE-OIV, soulignant que Jordanie et autres pays méditerranéens expriment leur volonté d'adhésion à l'accord "Ouverture de l'AETR". L'accord vise à améliorer le développement du transport facilité trans-frontalière commerce et améliorer la sécurité et la fiabilité des transports. L'accord prévoit la mise en œuvre du langage numérique dans le secteur des transports. Il est de la responsabilité d'une agence primaire et d'entités nationales différentes au sein des conducteurs de bus et de camions.

Workshops on the EN 15215 standard
 Workshops on the EN 15215 standard will be held in January and February, Morocco and Tunisia. Both bodies in Morocco and Tunisia are currently working on the European Standard EN 15215. The main purpose of this standard is to provide a quality standard for public transport operators and focus interest on common needs and standards. The main objective of these two-day workshops was to assist both bodies (the JACTP in Tunisia and the AETP in Morocco) in a possible introduction of the EN 15215 in the railway transport legislation.

Ateliers sur le standard EN 15215
 Des ateliers de travail se dérouleront en Tunisie et au Maroc en janvier et février. Les deux organismes travaillant sur le standard européen EN 15215 ont pour objectif de fournir un cadre de qualité standard pour les opérateurs de transport public et de se concentrer sur les besoins communs et les normes. L'objectif principal de ces deux jours d'ateliers était d'aider les deux pays à introduire le standard EN 15215 dans la législation tunisienne et marocaine.

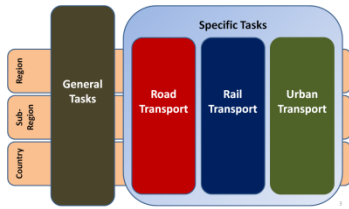


Road Transport

Kind of activities



- ✓ Regional Workshops
- ✓ Focused Technical Assistance and missions
- ✓ National workshops and training events
- ✓ Background documents
Analytical work
- ✓ Demand driven studies and Road Maps
- ✓ Study Tours

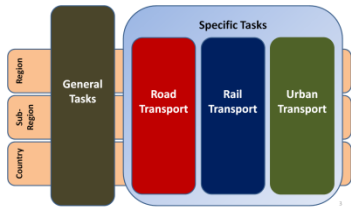


Implemented activities



- **Brussels**: Regional workshops on main UNECE road transport agreements (2)
- **Amman and Ramallah**: National awareness raising workshops (2)
- **15 National training seminars** on ADR (5), ATP (2), AETR and DT (5), TIR (2), Road Safety Professional Drivers (1)
- **Tunisia**: TA (study) on road safety legislation for training of professional drivers
- **Jordan**: TA (Road Map) on ADR
- **Algeria**: TA on AETR and Digital Tachograph and back ground document
- **Padua-Italy**: Regional Study tour on ATP
- **Geneva-Haute Savoie** : Regional Study Tour on AETR, ADR, TIR, Road Safety and Liberalization of road haulage
- **Advocacy paper** on the main UNECE road transport Agreements

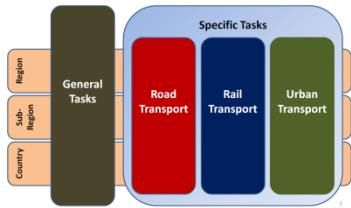


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26 National and Regional activities carried out

COUNTRY	Awareness	ADR	TA ADR	AETR	TA AETR	ATP	TIR & HAR	RS	Padua Study Tour	Brussels 1&2	TOTAL countries Involved
 ALGERIA	N/A	X	-	X	3 X	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2014	-	-	✓	7
 EGYPT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	2
 ISRAEL	Oct. 2014	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	2
 JORDAN	X	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	X	✓	8
 LEBANON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	1
 MOROCCO	N/A	X	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	✓	7
 PALESTINE	X								-	✓	3
 TUNISIA	N/A	X	-	X			X	X	X	✓	7
TOTAL Events	3	5	1	4	3	2	2	1	3	2	26



About 1000 persons involved

COUNTRY	Awareness	ADR	TA ADR	AETR	TA AETR	ATP	Padua ST	TIR & HAR	RS	Brussels 1 & 2	TOTAL
 ALGERIA	-	120	-	40	20 20	Planned	-	Planned	-	3	203
 EGYPT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
 ISRAEL	Planned	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	56
 JORDAN	60	42	10	40	2	42	3	-	-	6	205
 LEBANON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
 MOROCCO	-	50	-	30	-	40	5	50	-	6	181
 PALESTINE	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	104
 TUNISIA	-	50	-	45	-	-	3	50	57	7	212
TOTAL	160	312	10	155	42	82	11	100	57	38	967



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Some highlights

Jordan Transport Minister At the 76th Inland Transport Committee

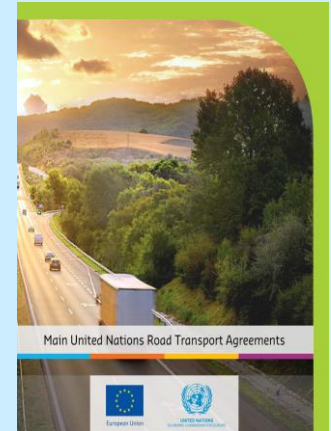


UNECE Governments support the opening of the AETR Agreement to Mediterranean Countries that are not members of UNECE



Objectives

- Promote the main UNECE Road Transport Agreements
- Better understand benefits and adopt national legislation
- Share experiences from countries implementing these agreements
- Discuss potential reforms in the field of road transport



Study Tour Padova

2-7 June 2014



- **Representatives from:** Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan
- **Visit:** National Research Council (CNR) of Padova and its ATP Laboratory



ADR Training Algiers

7 -10 May 2014



- **150 participants**
- **High visibility with many television chains, radio and newspapers present all the 4 days**
- **Concrete results**



2nd Regional Workshop on Promoting UNECE Main Road Transport Agreements Brussels, 18 June 014



- Share experiences from the national Technical Assistance (TA) activities held under the project thus far
- strengthen cooperation and coordination with UNECE and IRU
- identify necessary follow up actions and additional TA needs



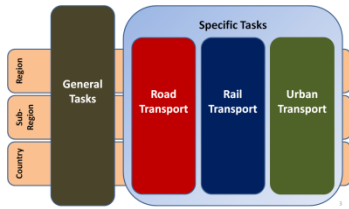
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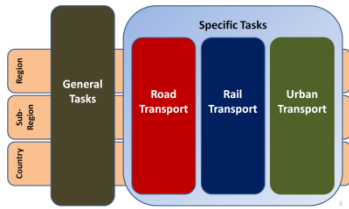
Work done and main issues



AETR and Digital tachograph

- **Background document** on DT published (EN-FR)
- **Algeria is preparing national legislative** for introduction of the Digital Tachograph
- **National working groups set in 4 countries** (Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia)
- All parties convinced that **Accession to AETR is the best option**
- **Political and diplomatic steps** are being explored
- 4 EuroMed countries present at **8th session of the AETR Expert Group** , Geneva, 2 July 2014
- **UNECE and the EU support**
- Contracting Parties expressed **willingness to open AETR**
- **Israel the 5th EuroMed country interested**

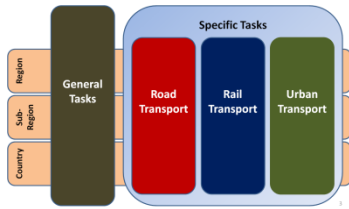




ADR

- Although most EuroMed countries not CP to ADR, have **integrated in their legislation** and affectively implement a good part of ADR
- Morocco and Tunisia, both CP to ADR, are also **implementing ADR in their Domestic Transport**. However they are lagging behind in respect to full implementation and need assistance
- **National Committess established** in all EuroMed countries where trainings held
- All countries **asked EuroMed RRU TA** for building institutional capacities for accession and full implementation of ADR
- **Cooperation with UNECE, EU and IRU is essential**
- **EU TAIEX and TWINING** programmes already used



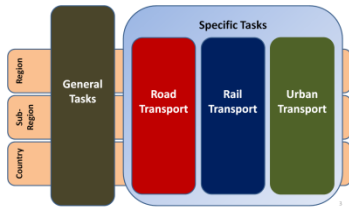


ATP training and Study tour

- ✓ **Jordan** interested in adhering to ATP and to apply the same criteria to domestic transport
- ✓ **Morocco** interested to set up a Testing Station for refrigerated trucks (ATP Laboratory – Tunnel)
- ✓ **Tunisia** a training event seems necessary

- ✓ **Visits during the Study Tour:** National Research Council (CNR) of Padova and its **ATP Laboratory**, Expert Test Station (**C.S.E. s.r.l. Engineering**), Constructor of insulated trailers (**Unitrans srl.**), Laboratory Veneto Agricoltura – **CSQA:** Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), transport company operating in the field of refrigerated goods (**Alpentrans**), Constructor of refrigerating units (**Zanotti S.p.A.**)





TIR & HARMONIZATION

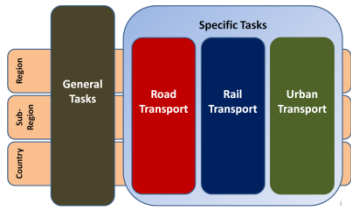
- Application of the TIR and Harmonization **hindered by subregional problems** and existing obstacles
- Application in the EuroMed countries would lead to **significant reduction in transport costs and waiting times** and consequently an increase in wealth.
- EuroMed countries that have not done so, are **invited to accede the Harmonization Convention** and apply its provision
- Reducing costs for Government and transporters would lead to **lower costs for the citizens and consequently to benefits for the society**



Rabat, Morocco, May 2014



Tunis, Tunisia, November 2013



Road Safety Professional Drivers Tunisia

➤ Four Reports prepared:

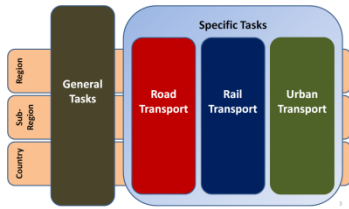
1. **Diagnosis of the current situation**
2. **Proposal of new legislation for professional drivers, including compulsory initial qualification and compulsory periodic training**
3. **Proposal of training programs and exams**
4. **Proposal of minimum criteria for approval of the training bodies**

➤ A Sensitization Seminar organized



The Tunisian Ministry of Transport:

- Has set up committee to bring national regulations on driving permits in line with the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic and with relevant EU Directives
- Has presented a roadmap to implement the qualification system for professional drivers
- Has requested assistance from EuroMed RRU Project to help build the necessary capacity

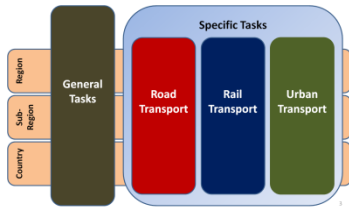


Study tour Geneva Haute Savoie

8 – 13 September

- ✓ 18 Experts from 6 EuroMed countries (Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia)
- ✓ **Participation in WP.5**
- ✓ **UNECE Seminar** on the Main UN Road Transport Agreements Progress in the EuroMed region and the way forward
- ✓ **IRU Seminar** Road Transport in the EuroMed region, Driving progress and prosperity, IRU initiatives and priorities
- ✓ **Visit to Switzerland - France Joint Border Station**
- ✓ **Visit to an ADR Tank Certification Centre and a Certified Tank Cleaning Station**
- ✓ **Real life demonstration of roadside checks** by French authorities for the conformity of vehicles to the applicable laws
- ✓ **Visit and demonstration of the Mont-Blanc Tunnel safety installations and procedures**



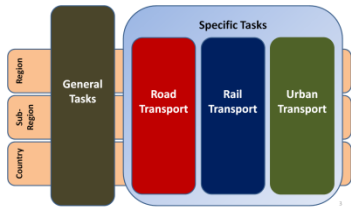


Further planned activities

- ✓ 2 more national training events (2 ALG)
- ✓ 1 study tour Turkey on ATP, TIR, ADR, AETR & Liberalization Road Transport
- ✓ 2 more Awareness Raising workshops on UN Agreements
- ✓ 2 more regional workshops

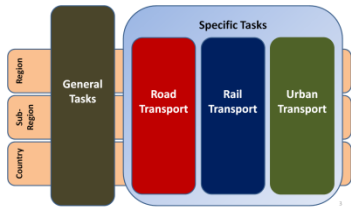


More follow up and further demand driven activities in the framework of the already decided prolongation of the EuroMed RRU Transport Project For two more years



8 more planned activities about 300 expected participants

COUNTRY	Awareness 2	Study Tour Geneva	Study Tour Turkey	Regional workshop	Regional workshop	ATP	TIR & HAR	TOTAL 8 activities
 ALGERIA	-	3	3	3	3	80	80	172
 EGYPT	?	-	-	?	?	-	-	?
 ISRAEL	Planned 50	3	3	3	3	-	-	62
 JORDAN	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	12
 LEBANON	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?
 MOROCCO	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	12
 PALESTINE	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	12
 TUNISIA	-	4	3	3	3	-	-	13
TOTAL		19	18	18	18	80	80	293

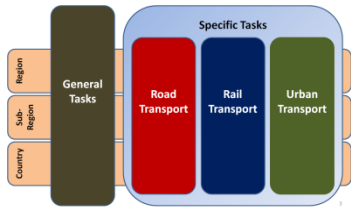


Specific Tasks Rail Transport

- Establishment of cooperation activities with **ERA, UIC, CIT, OTIF, UNECE, SNCF** and **ETCR**
- **TA** to Tunisia, Israel, Jordan on rail safety

- **Country experts trained on railway safety (Brussels Nov'12)**
- **Surveys for rail passenger satisfaction in Tunisia**
- **Quality manual for rail passenger transport in Tunisia**
- **Guidelines for accidents investigation and recommendations on rail level crossings in Jordan**
- **Safety regulations for electrification, Israel**
- **Awareness raising workshops about the benefits of CIM**
- **Study tours on rail safety (France SNCF, Finland FTA & VR)**
- **Regional Training of rail officers at ETCR annual seminars (Bruges)**





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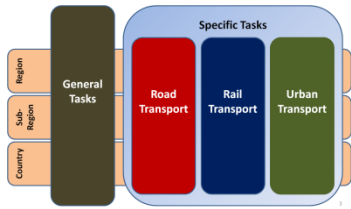
Urban Transport

- **Co-organization of the CIVITAS Forum 2014**, in Casablanca, Morocco, and dissemination of the EuroMed RRU activities: First time that CIVITAS Forum hosted by a non-European country/city.



- **Participation of experts in CIVITAS Forum 2012**, Spain, 2013 France, CIVITAS 2MOVE2 Workshop, Tel Aviv
- **Workshops on:** Integration of transport and urban planning-Sustainable Urban Transport and Land Transport : Israel, Tunisia and Palestine
- **TA on urban mobility:** Roadmap on development of an integrated fare system in Casablanca public transport network; Organization and regulation of taxi fleets
- Brochure on EC Horizon 2020 Financing





Concluding remarks

Promotion of harmonization & facilitation of road transport based on UNECE legal instruments

- Awareness on importance of UNECE Agreements
- AETR and the digital Tachograph
- Road Safety Professional drivers
- Transport of Dangerous goods
- Transport of perishable foodstuffs
- TIR and Harmonization Conventions
- Further TA required
- Two years extension of the project

Grateful to UNECE and IRU for their active participation and invaluable contribution

Problems encountered

- Sub-regional problems continue hindering the development of international transport by road
- AETR not open to non UNECE member countries
- Application of TIR and Harmonization Conventions is hindered by subregional problems
- No activity in Egypt yet (due to the political changes)
- Syria and Libya





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