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### TRANS-EUROPEAN NORTH-SOUTH MOTORWAY (TEM)

#### Steering Committee

#### Sixtieth Session

11 - 12 October 2013, Bad Gastein, Austria

## REPORT

### PARTICIPATION

1. The 60th session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Bad Gastein, Austria on 11 and 12 October 2013. The representatives of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey as well as the representatives of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the TEM and TER Project Manager and the UNECE Consultant took part in the session. The list of participants is attached to this report as its Annex 1.

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. The past Chairperson of the Steering Committee, Ms. C. Amarazeanu (Romania) opened the session, welcoming at the same time its participants.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The agenda of the session, as amended, is attached as Annex 2 to this report.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. K. Nemeč (Austria) and Mr. S. Yılmaz (Turkey) were elected as Chairman and Rapporteur of the session, respectively.

### REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

5. Mr. H. Meelich presented his report on the development and achievements of the TEM Project as well as on his own activities in the reporting period from

the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the TEM Steering Committee held on 5 – 7 November 2012 in Geneva. He informed the session inter alia about the outcomes of the HEEP and TEMSTAT meetings held in Warsaw in June 2013, established contacts aimed at closer collaboration with the EU experts with respect to transport network development in the Balkan area and to the Danube Strategy to 2020. He also reported on the TEM Project involvement in closing the gaps between the motorway networks of Hungary and Romania as well as between Austria and the Czech Republic.

6. Regarding his personal position, he recalled the decisions of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the TEM Steering Committee with respect to the election of the TEM Project Manager for the period 2014 – 2015 and informed the session that no decision has been taken on this matter in the meantime. He expressed his expectations that the UNECE and Polish representatives would present their positions with regard to the selection of the Project Manager as well as to the future position of the TEM Project Central Office in Warsaw.

#### STATUS OF TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013

7. The UNECE representative, Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez reported on the status of the 2013 TEM Trust Fund contributions. She expressed her thanks to the 5 member countries which had already fulfilled their 2013 obligations towards the Fund and requested the remaining 7 member countries to follow suit at their earliest convenience.
8. According to the summary of expenditures and unencumbered balance sheets she presented (Annexes 3 and 4 to this report); the net Project expenditures in the period January – September 2013 amounted to USD 33,651 and the total TEM funds available at the end of this year may reach about USD 605,000.
9. Using this opportunity, she also informed the session that at the end of July this year, the Permanent Mission of Hungary in Geneva informed the Director of the UNECE Transport Division that the Hungarian Party wished to terminate its participation in the TEM and TER Projects as of 1 August 2013.

#### TEM COST PLAN FOR 2014

10. Mrs. Fouvez drew the attention of the participants in the session to the TEM Programme of Work and TEM budget for the period 2014 – 2016, adopted by the Committee in 2012 in the framework of the respective Attachment to the TEM Trust Fund Co-operation Agreement. For the next year, the Cost Plan should be based on the figures of this Attachment for 2014 i.e. be more or less identical with the one for 2013, following at the same time the adjustments reflecting the Project's development under the new Project Manager as well as the final Programme of Work
11. The Steering Committee expressed its agreement with the UNECE proposal.

## OTHER BUSINESS

12. All the National Coordinators present in the session expressed the great appreciation for the work of the Project Manager in developing the TEM Project and for his personal contribution to its achievements and outputs.

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

13. The report of the session was adopted.
14. The Steering Committee once again extended its thanks to the Project Manager, Mr. H. Meelich, for his devotion and great efforts related to the preparation of the session and to its successful organization and at the same time expressed its gratitude to the Chairman and Rapporteur for their able performances and to the Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology and to the Province of Salzburg for their kind hosting and contributions to the session.