
SEETO TRANSPORT INVESTMENT CONFERENCE - TRINCON 2011

*Hotel Holiday Inn, Sarajevo,
April 19th, 2011*

Background

Developing transport infrastructure in the Western Balkans is vital both for the local economies and for the entire EU. A glance at a map of Europe shows the Western Balkans lying at the heart of some of the most potentially vibrant and dynamic transit links between southern and northern Europe and western and Eastern Europe.

In parallel with the EU's on-going review of its overall Trans European Network for Transport (TEN-T), the Western Balkan countries are examining their core transport network and preparing the priority investments that will serve to strengthen both the transport network in the region and ensure crucial connections with the EU network.

This process is being conducted under the auspices of the South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO), the regional transport organization established by the Memorandum of Understanding for the development of the Core Regional Transport Network signed in June 11th, 2004 by the Governments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the European Commission. See www.seetoint.org for further information.

Objectives of the conference

The overall objective of this event is to demonstrate strong commitment of the Regional Participants to enhance the regional cooperation in order to expedite the development of a high quality pipeline of top priority investments in the transport sector that can subsequently be realised jointly by governments and investors.

This high-level conference, that is organised by SEETO in cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will provide International Financial Institutions (IFIs), private investors, transport related companies and the EC, a "**One Stop Shop**" style opportunity to review with officials from the Regional Participants' governments, the status of the top priority transport infrastructure investments under preparation in the region. Given the SEETO's unique regional and EU accession perspective, Regional Participants have used this common regional platform to mutually agree and select three main priority projects to present in front of the potential investors, which will assess them in terms of their overall contribution to regional and EU transport networks, and in terms of the possibility to be considered under the Western Balkan Investment Framework (WBIF).

The three top regional priority projects that will be jointly presented during the Conference are as follows:

- **Sava River project** (presentation will be made by Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia)
- **Construction of the road Corridor VIII and Route 6** (presentation will be made by Albania, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/99)
- **Construction of the railway Route 4** (presentation will be made by Montenegro and Serbia)

In addition, the regional conference will provide opportunities for all Participants to underline their willingness to remove non-physical barriers and bottlenecks and commit towards more efficient transport system in the Western Balkans region.

The Conference will be an interactive event that will allow potential investors to highlight to governments, the fundamental elements that they require in any project for it to be considered as "bankable" and thus worth pursuing. It will also provide excellent opportunities for networking with the main stakeholders in the development of the transport network in the Western Balkans within a "networking village", where in addition to the previously mentioned main three projects; other mature projects are going to be presented to possible investors from both public and private sector.

Participants

- High level representatives and senior ministry officials responsible for transport and finance
- International Financial Institutions and Investment Banks
- European Commission officials
- Transport Operators
- Freight and Logistics Companies
- Construction/Civil Engineering companies
- Project Management and Transport Consultancy companies
- Regional development agencies and regional institutions
- Transport organisations/associations

Fee: Participation to the Conference is free of charge.

Hotel arrangements: Please note that hotel accommodation is to be booked by participants personally. More information on the hotels in Sarajevo can be found on the following links:

Hotel Europe- www.hoteleurope.ba,

Hotel Central - <http://www.hotelcentral.ba/>,

Hotel Holiday Inn - www.holidayinn.com/Sarajevo

Deadline for confirmation of participation: April 4th, 2011

Please fill the Conference registration form attached and return to Ms. Jordana Ficovic:

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Networking village:

Networking Village is scheduled after the end of the panels, general statement and conference conclusions. The SEETO Regional Participants would be broken up in 7 different areas/corners where they will have the possibility for further networking with interested parties, to present in more details other specific projects of regional interest, plans, reforms or information. Each appointment will last 10-15 minutes, while the whole event will last 2 hours.

If you are interested in taking part to the Networking village, please fill the Networking village registration form and return to Ms. Jordana Ficovic.