



TRANS EUROPEAN RAILWAY (TER)
PROJECT CENTRAL OFFICE

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Steering Committee
46th session, 06 February 2019
Belgrade, Serbia

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REPORT

The 46th session of the TER Steering Committee was held on 6 February 2019 in Belgrade, Serbia.

PARTICIPATION

The countries that participated in the session were: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. Representatives of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division (Mr. Francesco Dionori and Mr. Nenad Nikolic), Mr. G. Bessonov, the TER Project Manager, Mr. Andreas Zimmer, assistant of TER Manager attended the session. List of participants is attached (Annex 1). Serbia has been presented by the representative from the ministry responsible for transport while its national coordinator was not present.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The TER Project Manager welcomed the members of the Steering Committee in Belgrade and opened the session.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda of the previous 45th session was approved as submitted (Annex 2).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The participants in the Steering Committee elected as its officers Mr. Igor Princic (Chairman, Slovenia) and Mr. Radek Cech (Rapporteur, Czech Republic).

3. HIGH SPEED RAIL MASTERPLAN PHASE II

The selection committee nominated at the 45th session of the Steering Committee rated all candidates according to the agreed selection criteria at the separate session. Mr. Jan Raczynski achieved the highest amount of points and was suggested to the Steering Committee. The Report of the Selection Committee and the rating table with the scores are attached as Annex 3.

The TER Steering Committee has taken the decision, that Mr. Raczynski will be the consultant selected to elaborate the second phase of TER High Speed Masterplan.

UNECE Sustainable Transport Division will set all necessary steps to prepare the contract with Mr. Raczynski in order to be able to start the elaboration of the expected accomplishment.

During the evaluation process SC confirmed that Italy is not TER member due its absence, inactivity and missing contribution fees.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT WITH SERBIA FOR 2019 – 2020

The UNECE representative, Mr. Nenad Nikolic informed the Steering Committee that the UNECE and the Serbian Government have signed a new Host Country Agreement for TER PCO until 9.3.2021.

b. TER MANAGERS' CONTRACTS

Mr. Genady Bessonov will be the TER Project Manager for 2019 and 2020. All documents and procedures were finalised successfully.

With regard to continuation of the Deputy Project Manager, Mr. Andreas Zimmer, no letter of the Austrian Government, which is necessary, has arrived. TER Steering Committee expressed its severe concern and UNECE will inform the Austrian National Coordinator that the official letter is still missing and should be sent asap to UNECE in order to define the formal position of Austrian Government in this respect. From January 1st, 2019, Mr. A. Zimmer is not recognised as a TER Deputy Project Manager. There is a need to discuss formally among the TER Member States whether there is a need of a Deputy Project position for the project. In a nearby past there was a time when within both, the TER and TEM projects, there was the one Project Manager position only.

c. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE SESSION

The forthcoming 47th TER Steering Committee Session will take place on 24. April 2019 in Brno, Czech Republic. Back to back with TER Workshop taking place on 25. April 2019.

5. ADOPTION OF MAIN DECISIONS

The TER Steering Committee has taken the decision, that Mr. Jan Raczynski will be the consultant selected to elaborate the second phase of TER High Speed Masterplan

The Steering Committee has taken the decision to have the report of 46th TER SC Session sent out by Friday, 8.2.2019 in order to finalise to contract for the consultant selected to elaborate the TER HSR Masterplan Phase II.

The TER Steering Committee has taken the decision that a message shall be sent to the Austrian National Coordinator regarding the missing letter for the extension of TER Deputy Manager (Mr. Zimmer).

The 47th TER Steering Committee Session will take place on 24. April 2019 in Brno, Czech Republic.

The TER Workshop will take place on 25. April 2019 in Brno, Czech Republic.

The report on the 46th session of the Steering Committee was approved. (Annex 4)

The Steering Committee extended its thanks to the Republic of Serbia for hosting this session, to the Project Management for its organisation and to the Chairman and Rapporteur for their able performances.