



**TRANS EUROPEAN RAILWAY (TER)
PROJECT CENTRAL OFFICE**

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Steering Committee Meeting
29th Session, 14, 15 and 19 November 2010
Baden, Austria**

REPORT

1. 29th Session of the TER Steering Committee was held on 14, 15 and 19 November 2010 in Baden, Austria.

PARTICIPATION

2. The countries that participated in the meeting were: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey. Representatives of UNECE, TER PCO and its consultants on the TER Master Plan Revision also attended the meeting. List of participants is attached (ANNEX I).

OPENING OF THE SESSION

3. The session was opened by Mr. H. Meelich, TER Project Manager.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The Agenda (ANNEX II) of the session was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. The participants in the Steering Committee elected as its officers Mr. S. Tabak (Chairman, Turkey) and Mr. M. Radl (Rapporteur, Austria).

REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

6. In his report, the Project Manager briefed the session about TER PCO's as well as about his own activities in the reporting period. In this context, he drew the attention of the participants to the fact that his contract terminates at the end of next year and asked the National Coordinators present to consider the possibility to make the Deputy Project Manager available as soon as possible to maintain

the continuity of the management of the Project in 2012. His report was endorsed by the session.

REVISION OF THE TER MASTER PLAN – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

7. Mr. P. Pospisil, the TER consultant, presented the draft final report on the Revision of the TER Master Plan, the text of which was sent to all the participating countries in advance in September 2010. He also introduced maps and Annexes related to it and answered the questions posed by the participants.
8. The Steering Committee took note of the draft final report and approved the following timetable of steps needed to conclude the elaboration of the document:
9. The TER Project Central Office will distribute all the related maps and newly elaborated Annexes to all participating countries as soon as possible, but by 26 November at the latest.
10. The countries will communicate their comments and corrections to the draft final report, Annexes and maps by e-mail to the TER PCO with a copy to the consultant (776066331@seznam.cz) by 15 December 2010. The comments and corrections received after this date will not be taken into account.
11. The final report with all the maps and annexes will be sent by the PCO to all participating countries by e-mail on 3 January 2011 for final check in order to make sure that all the comments and corrections have been properly dealt with.
12. The participating countries will inform the TER PCO and the consultant about the results of their final check up by 11 January 2011 at the latest. Any such communication received after this date will not be taken into account.
13. The final report together with all maps and Annexes will be sent to the UNECE Transport Division by the TER PCO on 17 January 2010 at the latest for submission to the next session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee.
14. Mr. R. Galbenu, the TER consultant, distributed to the participants a CD-ROM with the TER Master Plan Revision maps in the jpg. and bmp. formats and introduced the GIS application aimed at presentation of the Revision results on the UNECE website. The Steering Committee took note of this proposal with satisfaction.

LONG TERM STRATEGY OF TER DEVELOPMENT

15. THE Project Manager presented the main items of the TER Project development long-term strategy. He underlined especially that the follow up of the 2010 Master Plan Revision must represent an integral part of this strategy for the period of the forthcoming 5 years. The Steering Committee took note of the presentation and asked the Project Manager to prepare a respective report and submit it to the next session of the Committee.

TER CO-OPERATION TRUST FUND AGREEMENT FOR 2011 – 2015

16. The UNECE representative, Mr. M. Pesut presented the draft document, elaborated by the UNECE Transport Division. The Steering Committee approved its draft text as amended in accordance with the results of the discussion. The UNECE will send the amended text including the revised map and list of TER network sections to all National Coordinators and submit it at the same time for comments to its legal advisers. Upon receipt of these comments, the UNECE will organize the meeting of representatives of the countries and of their missions at Geneva to verify whether the proposed changes in the document require the new approval procedure within the countries at their government level or not.

STATUS OF TER TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2010

17. Mr. M. Pesut, the UNECE representative, reported on the financial position of the Project as well as on the status of the 2010 Trust Fund contributions. At the same time, he asked the countries which did not transfer their 2010 payments to the Fund yet to do so at their earliest convenience.
18. He also promised to send the requests for the 2011 Trust Fund contributions amounting to USD 10,000 to all the participating countries early next year.

TER PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2011

19. The TER Project Manager presented and explained the draft TER Programme of Work for 2011.
20. Following his answers to the questions raised by the participants, the Committee approved the Programme proposed by the PCO as amended in accordance with the results of the discussion.

TER COST PLAN FOR 2011

21. The UNECE representative and the TER Project Manager introduced the 2011 TER cost plan containing also the corresponding resource requirements, underlining the fact that more than half of these resources would be earmarked for the Group Training. The cost plan was approved by the Steering Committee.
22. The Steering Committee requested the Project Manager to inform it in advance about the intended engagement of TER consultants including the objectives and methodology of their work envisaged. Upon termination of their contracts, the Project Manager will inform the Steering Committee about the results of their work.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The report on the 29th session of the Steering Committee was adopted.
24. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Austrian Government and to the Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology for hosting the session and to the organizing TEM led by the Project Manager for its outstanding organization.