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PRELIMINARY WORKING NOTE

STATUS OF SOUTHEAST EUROPE CORE REGIONAL TRANSPORT NETWORK PROJECTS

Introductory remark

The purpose of SEETO is, among others, to monitor the progress in improving the core regional transport network throughout the region. Before SEETO establishes its own data base and up-dating procedures through its GIS, a conventional up-date of transport infrastructure projects identified so far in earlier studies is carried out. These comprise 139 short-term projects ready for follow-up and additional 35 long term projects where progress is not envisaged before the next 3 to 5 years. The current status of that exercise is compiled in the following tables, showing the REBIS¹ 2003 short-term and long-term investment projects. The projects are listed according to country and per corridor. The SEETO participant countries' contribution to that up-date is not yet complete (Serbia and Montenegro are still missing).

The up-date is carried out in collaboration with the seven SEETO National Coordinators.

General conclusions on project status

The total listing of (short-term) projects comprises 139 projects, equivalent to 3.8 bill € investment cost. Pending the status information from Serbia and Montenegro, many of the projects of the short term investment plan as defined in the REBIS 2003 study are now finalised or close to finalisation (25 out of 139, i.e. 18%). However for many projects the overall, generalized status of the project progress is unchanged (37), among these 29 so called "new" projects with apparently little preparatory work done so far. In financial terms the completed or close to completion projects sum up to about 500 Mill €, the unchanged "new" projects reflect a total investment amount of roughly 1.000 Mill €.

New Projects

Additional new projects are identified so far by Bosnia and Hercegovina and Kosovo with detailed information still to be provided. These projects are related in the road sector to the Corridor Vc, the core network route number 6 and 7 and are listed here for information purposes only under the heading "long-term" projects.

First conclusions on procedures

The establishment of the SEETO National Coordinators positions proved already with this first and preliminary up-date exercise as advantageous for a functioning information flow. However, with respect to status information, the complexity of the projects can hardly be reflected consistently in simple project listings as used so far; in terms of progress monitoring, the need for a (GIS) project data base is again evident.

The next monitoring report will be included in the SEETO 5 year.

Annex: 2 tables Up-date Projects inventory short-term/long-term projects

¹ REBIS Regional Balkans Infrastructure Study 2003