

## Seventh Corridor Forum Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Brussels (BE)

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Participant List

See Annex.

#### Agenda

- 1 Opening and welcome (*Pat Cox, European Coordinator*)
  - 2 Adoption of the Minutes of Meeting of the 6th Corridor Forum Meeting
  - 3 Presentation by Contractor Consortium:
    - Conclusions of the first ideas lab on Ports
    - Final set of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)
    - Draft project list and draft report on actions accomplished
    - Way towards update of the Work Plan
  - 4 Feedback from the Forum members
  - 5 Presentation by DG MOVE:
    - Information about issues papers prepared by the Commission
    - Information about TEN-T days in Rotterdam in June 2016
  - 6 Presentation of future communication activities (mc Group)
  - 7 Further steps: next Corridor Forum meetings, ad hoc working groups, missions, conferences on the Corridor, involvement of stakeholders (European Coordinator)
  - 8 Any other business
  - 9 Conclusions / wrap-up (European Coordinator)
- End of the meeting, around 12:00

## **Venue of the Meeting**

1040 Brussels, Rue Froissart 36, Centre Albert Borschette, Room CCAB 1A

Minuted by Hendrik Meyer (Uniconsult) and Uwe Sondermann (KombiConsult)

## **1 Opening and welcome**

The European Coordinator Pat Cox opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. The aim of the 7th Corridor Forum Meeting was to present the work in progress on the project list and to inform about several issues by DG MOVE.

The initially foreseen presentation by EIB can not take place, but the EIB has created an Investment Advisory Hub (see for more information: <http://www.eib.org/efsi/eiah-lowlight.htm?lang=en>) which may be consulted by stakeholders with respect to exploitation of EIBs funding opportunities, in particular EFSI.

The study on “Motorways of the Sea (MoS)” has been started and will lead to a MoS Implementation Plan presented by the MoS-Coordinator Brian Simpson by June 2016.

Pat Cox reminded that the migration crisis has brought “border crossing” back on the agenda as he could experience himself on the Danish-Swedish border controls in Kastrup airport and train station.

The agenda was unanimously adopted. Participants introduced themselves briefly with names and functions.

## **2 Adoption of the Minutes of Meeting of the 6th Corridor Forum Meeting**

The minutes of meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> corridor forum meeting were unanimously adopted.

## **3 Presentation by Contractor Consortium**

Rikard Engström of Trafikverket supports the consortium with organising ideas labs and presented the conclusions of the first ideas lab on ports which took place in the port of Copenhagen-Malmö on 08.02.2016. Focusing on the topics “cooperation and completion” as well as “environment and modal shift” it brought the majority of ScanMed ports on the table. For details see his presentation in annex.

Federica Polce, Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, informs that the subjects treated in the ideas lab will also be integrated in the MoS-Study. Therefore any findings should be included in the MoS Implementation Plan.

Pat Cox reminded that although ports are competitors, there are opportunities for cooperation in establishing a joint access to finance.

Theresa Gutberlet (Prognos) reported on the final set of harmonised Key Performance Indicators (KPI) which has been defined for each mode of transport, across corridors, completed by baseline data for the ScanMed Corridor and supplemented by indicators resulting from the specific objectives set in the 2014 Work Plan. She also explained the chosen calculation methods for modal share assessment. KPI of Rail Freight Corridor ScanMed will be quoted once available from RFC ScanMed.

Uwe Sondermann reminded that – after completing this initial work – the main purpose of the KPI is to measure the progress on each of the indicators over time (2013/2030)

Uwe Sondermann (KombiConsult) presented the work in progress on the project list. The draft list of 29.02.2016 includes:

- more than 670 lines of project data, including double and triple entries after the four different sources have been integrated
- 564 projects are selected after deactivating the double entries. The list – currently – includes 43% or 170 projects more than the year 2014 list.
- 35% of the projects are on “rail”, 19% on “road”, 29% on “maritime and MoS”, 10% on “airports” and 7% on other categories.
- The total cost of the projects which provide for that information cumulates to Euro 178 billion.
- 56 projects were accomplished since the adoption of the TEN-T Regulation in December 2013.

Different ways of analysis were possible if more and more accurate data were provided by the project promoters in the relevant parameter fields.

In order to do that it was discussed – and finally agreed upon by the Member States and the Commission – to send the present list to all stakeholders involved in the Corridor Forum Meeting for comment. Mr. Sondermann explained by presenting some examples and guidelines, that “commenting” means completing the data on parameters of projects already included and adding or fine-tuning of projects. The deadline for receiving such feedback is the 22.04.2016.

The information will then be integrated into an overall list of the corridor, shared with the other corridor as regards overlapping projects, agreed upon with the Member States (and Norway) as well as the Commission services.

#### **4 Feedback from the Forum members**

The first feedback from Member States Finland, Denmark and Italy were used to explain that the present list is a draft list which can be commented by the stakeholders and that the time and way of final consent by the Member States will be discussed in the TEN-T Committee meeting with the Commission. This means that stakeholders can send in projects which are relevant for achieving the TEN-T-Regulation priorities and for which they are responsible themselves even without Member State agreement. Member States are not committed to financing of other

projects than those presented by themselves. Pat Cox explained that the project list should not be considered as a "shopping list". The list is meant for stock taking. It is not an eligibility list.

Federica Polce, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Italy announced that the list will also be commented by the newly introduced special unit on strategic investment in Italy

Horst Sauer, Gemeinsame Landesplanung Berlin-Brandenburg, recommended that the entire list shall be sent to each stakeholder. Uwe Sondermann, explained the pros and cons of that approach compared with dedicated list per country, mode or stakeholder and that it will be discussed with the Member States.

## **5 Presentations by DG MOVE**

- Information about issues papers prepared by the Commission

Leo Huberts (EC DG MOVE) informed about five "issues papers" on multi-modality for enhanced transport services, intelligent transport systems (ITS), new technologies and innovation for TEN-T, urban nodes /TEN-T and urban mobility and co-operation with third countries, which have been drafted and circulated for a first feedback. The feedback was discussed with the Coordinators and now the Commission is drafting a further version that will be circulated for comments in a second stakeholder consultation round in April 2016. The papers will be presented at the TEN-T days in June 2016. The papers' recommendations will be included in an official Declaration.

- TEN-T Days in Rotterdam in June 2016

Leo Huberts (EC DG MOVE) informed about the date, venue and timing of the TEN-T days in Rotterdam. The Corridor meeting, which is not a formal Corridor Forum Meeting since it may involve further stakeholders and the public, will take place on 21.06.2016 at 14:00. In addition to that "speed dating with Coordinator" will be organized. A special session will be dedicated to the Brenner Action Plan 2016, which will be presented as an Annex to a new Memorandum of Understanding on the Brenner Corridor. This MoU will be signed by the designated signatory institutions. The website for registration at the TEN-T days shall be available in these days.

## **6 Presentation of Future communication activities on corridor development**

Stefanie Brüning of MC-Group presented the communication activities which have been contracted by DG MOVE to support the corridor implementation.

- 9 Core Network Corridors and 2 horizontal priorities will get dedicated webpages
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- Newsletter will be set up (will be sent to all members of the forum)
- Information Kits will be assembled
- Design examples for logo and slogan " "Connecting Europe" was proposed

In accordance with the Commission, the PR agency will ask the consultants to get contact information for the corridor stakeholders in order to inform them directly in a letter about the next steps on communication.

## **7 Further steps: next Corridor Forum meetings, ad hoc working groups, missions, conferences on the Corridor, involvement of stakeholders (European Coordinator)**

- Pat Cox informed about the current activities which were about a meeting with European Transport Organisations in Brussels that takes place once a year, the meeting with Brenner Corridor Platform in Franzensfeste/Fortezza and the further meetings (see consultants main presentation).
- He specifically mentioned the next working group meeting organised in the form of an ideas lab on rail road terminals in Verona on 19/20 April 2016. The meeting will be hosted by Consorzio ZAI, the operator of the Interporto of Verona.
- Stefan Back, European Economic and Social Committee, which represents the civil society in the Forum meetings, recapitulated that they have had one meeting in Malmö in May 2015 and that they will organise a second one, in association with RFI, the Lombardian government and DG MOVE, most likely in Milano in October 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to dialogue with stakeholders and the civil society.
- Horst Sauer, joint planning department Berlin – Brandenburg, announced that a meeting on urban nodes will take place in Verona on 20.04.2016 as part of the Interreg project which they and other partner are running for three years now.
- Ulrike Krumsee-Budde, Bremen, asks for further information the next calls for proposals and it was replied by Leo Huberts that the 2015-Call was closed in February 2016 and the results are currently evaluated by INEA with the support of external evaluators. Later this year a smaller call on synergies between transport and energy will be organised. At the mid-term review of the present budgetary period, in 2017-2018 it might be observed that projects did not spend all the budget reserved for them and another call might be published to spend these resources in the transport sector (use it or lose it).
- Pat Cox confirmed that little room for manoeuvring exist since the budget will stay in the margins of the CEF transport budget.
- Mr Krumsee-Budde asked for the next budgetary period after 2020 and it was confirmed by Pat Cox that negotiations between Parliament, Commission and Council on the next multi-annual financial framework will start soon. He expects that a higher share of funding will be awarded by innovative financial instruments rather than classical grant agreements. He also noted that in the future, project-financing shall be subject to blending (e.g. of grants and loans) or even pooling of projects.
- Isabel Royo-Pla, INEA, confirmed the activities and timing of the evaluation of the 2015 Call: more than 400 projects were handed in, are analysed for their eligibility, are evaluated by experts individually, will be assessed in consensus meeting after Eastern and will be presented in June.

## **8 Any other business**

- Upon request of Pat Cox Ajs Dam of Femern AS provided a short overview of the state of play on Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link. Mr. Dam explained that the planning permission on the Danish side is valid, that they received some offers for the construction phase which are higher than expected but under negotiation currently with the ambition to get the contracts final in May 2016. On the German side the plan approval decision is pending and two scenarios are possible: It is envisaged to get it by 2017 or by 2019, if the legal redress at the administrative court in Leipzig will be asked for.
- Mr. Matteuzzi representing Dr. Monti, the President of the Italian ports Association and President of the Port Authority of Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, gave a short overview on the status of the Italian port reform which has brought a reduction of port authorities (by

regional clustering of ports) and the better integration with other modes of transport. The reform has been agreed upon by the Ministers, and needs to be debated and approved by the Parliament, the Council of State and the regions within one month.

The next Corridor meeting is foreseen to be held during the TEN-T days in Rotterdam (22nd of June 2016, 14:00).

In the 8th Corridor Forum Meeting to be held in Brussels on **27th September 2016**, results of the project list (task 2), and progress on the work plan (task 3) will be presented by the consultants.

## **9 Conclusions / wrap-up (European Coordinator)**

Mr. Cox concluded that there are quite some challenges ahead, the elaboration of the project list is a key output of the next phase and that the stakeholders need to exchange about smart measures for the improvement of the Corridor. He closed the meeting and thanked all participants for their active contributions.

### Annexes:

- List of participants
- Presentations on
  - Agenda item 3: Rikard Engström presentation of conclusions from the first ideas lab
  - Agenda item 3: Consultants work with respect to, KPI framework (Theresa Guthberlet), project list (Uwe Sondermann and other elements of the assignment (Uwe Sondermann)
  - Agenda item 5: DG MOVE (Leo Huberts) presentations on
    - Issues papers
    - TEN-T Days Rotterdam
  - Agenda item 6: mc Group (Stefanie Brüning) presentation of communication concept