

Eighth Corridor Forum Meeting

27th September 2016, Brussels (BE)

Minutes of Meeting

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- End of the meeting, around 12:30

Venue of the Meeting

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

Minuted by Uwe Sondermann (KombiConsult)

1 Opening and welcome

The European Coordinator Pat Cox opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. The aim of the 8th Corridor Forum Meeting was to present the present stage of the corridor study and the CEF calls as well as the integration of meetings performed with respect to the 2nd generation work plan of the Coordinator.

Pat Cox highlighted the agreement between the stakeholders of the two large border crossing infrastructure projects Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link and Brenner Basetunnel which was signed during the Fehmarnbelt Days in Hamburg last week.

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

2 Tour de table

Participants introduced themselves briefly with names and functions.

3 Adoption of the Minutes of Meeting of the 7th Corridor Forum Meeting

The minutes of meeting of the 7th corridor forum meeting were unanimously adopted.

4 Report by INEA on the results of the CEF Call 2015 (by INEA)

Isabel Royo Pla, INEA, presented the results of the CEF Call 2015 with respect to the ScanMed Corridor. In total 86% of the CEF Transport Budget was awarded after the 2014 and 2015 Calls. With the 2015 Call investments of €6.7bn in 195 projects with high EU added value were selected for funding (subject to conclusion of grant agreements). Within the general call (cohesion + non-cohesion countries) the focus was on decarbonisation and digitalisation of transport, where SESAR has the highest share. Further priorities were environmental friendly transport modes and cross border infrastructure projects. 16 of 195 projects are assigned to the ScanMed Corridor and nominated sections thereof. Two of them worth €19.8m are located only on ScanMed while 14 worth €142.2m are shared with other corridors.

5 Information on the Call 2016 (by DG MOVE B4)

Antongiulio Marin, DG MOVE B4, presented the information available for the CEF Call 2016. His presentation attached to the minutes of this meeting has been updated compared with the one used in the meeting. The indicative budget is splitted into the multi-annual Work Programme (MAP) of which €650m are for the general envelope and €849.6m for cohesion, and the annual Work Programme (AWP) of which €190m are for the general and €250m for the cohesion envelope. The allocation to different priorities of the general envelope which is relevant for ScanMed (despite Malta which is subject to Cohesion) is in the MAP: ERTMS (€70m), new technologies and innovation (€80m), SESAR (€300m), ITS (€120m), MoS (€40)

and nodes, including urban nodes (€40m). Whereas the AWP foresees €110m for cross-border infrastructure projects in the comprehensive network and in the core network which are NOT pre-identified in Annex I of the CEF Regulation, €40m for cross-border neighbouring countries, €20m freight transport services and €20m for actions to reduce rail freight noise (retrofitting existing rolling stock). Subject to approval of the Work Programme the Call is to be published on the 13.10.2016 with a deadline for submission on 07.02.2016. Mr. Marin also announced the CEF synergy call (transport and energy) with a budget of €40m which is published on 28.09.2016 with a deadline already on 13.12.2016.

In addition Mr. Marin presented the Commission's new "investment package" and CEF blending call 2016 which combined the "classical" grant funding with innovative financing such as loans of the EIB and other finance. The political ambition is to mobilize additional financial sources for transport projects through blending and to develop a pipeline of projects that are worth for such finance. Examples for projects are listed in the presentation.

6 Short reporting about the TEN-T Days in Rotterdam (by DG MOVE B1)

Leo Huberts, DG MOVE, presented the main results of the TEN-T Days in Rotterdam in June 2016 which demonstrated a strong interest of public and private sector stakeholders. They delivered the "Rotterdam Declaration" in which EU Ministers took stock of the major developments and endorsed key messages for transport infrastructure policy. The Work Plans of the European Coordinators were presented in corridor meetings as well as the Issues Papers. A high-level agreement on maps with neighbouring countries was reached and ministerial memoranda of understanding were signed for the Danube, Rail Baltica and OEM corridor.

7 Presentation on the state of play of the study (by Contractor Consortium):

Uwe Sondermann, KombiConsult, presented the Final Report on the Project List, the preliminary report on elements of the work plan, conclusions from the ideas laboratory on rail Road Terminals and the joint subjects with the Rail Freight Corridor ScanMed.

The key performance indicators (KPI) which were jointly agreed across corridors show already a high performance with even some progress since the adoption of the TEN-T Regulation with respect to clean fuels in Ports and rail connection to airports. The requirement that the infrastructure should allow at least freight trains of 740m length is not yet fulfilled and also the terminal and last mile infrastructure needs to be improved accordingly. Critical issues which are most likely to remain in the year 2030 even with all known projects (from the project list) implemented were mentioned by mode of transport. The results have been summarised in a preliminary report on elements of the work plan which was handed over to DG MOVE in July 2016.

8 Feedback from the Forum members

Upon request of the stakeholders Commission and Consultants confirmed that both the analysis of the infrastructure and the project list will be updated in the year 2017 with the involvement of the stakeholders (see also “Next Steps”).

Horst Sauer, Berlin-Brandenburg, informed that the Scandria(R)2Act project, which is co-financed from Interreg programme, will deliver a series of workshops and a conference on the interaction of urban nodes and core network corridors. The next workshop for regional stakeholders will take place on 6.10.2016 in Potsdam.

9 Preparation of the 2nd generation Work Plan (by European Coordinator)

Pat Cox presented his political priorities of the 2nd generation Work Plan which was drafted by the consultants based on the technical assessment, improved by the commission services and completed by the Coordinator. It was sent to the Member States for comment, will be agreed upon in autumn and sent to the Ministers of Transport for approval during the second half of October 2016.

The political objectives include, in particular, the integration of urban nodes, the dimension of smarter and greener transport, the coherence of the corridor in operational terms, the agreement on accompanying measures, the mobilization of different sources of finance and the exchange of cross border permits for large scale infrastructure projects.

The importance of sustainability was also highlighted by a statement from Finland.

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

Pat Cox announced that the next Corridor Forum Meeting will take place in Brussels on 06.12.2016.

Mr. Mazzolo of the European Social and Economic Committee announced the EESC conference “shaping the future of European Core network corridors” which will take place in Milan on 24/25.10.2016.

Uwe Sondermann summarized the other meetings and next steps which are:

- EESC corridor conference in Milano on 24/25.10.2016
- Meeting CNC lead consultants and DG MOVE in Brussels on 26.10.2016
- Meeting Coordinators with Commissioner Bulc in Brussels on 27.10.2016
- Oslo-Gothenburg cooperation on ScanMed in Brussels on 15.11.2016
- Coordinators' seminar in Belgium on 15&16.11.2016
- Inclusion of Rail Freight Corridor ScanMed performance indicators, when available
- Wider Elements of the Work Plan (innovation, resilience, environmental impact) according to jointly agreed methodology
- Working Group/Ideas Labs on „Urban Nodes“(invited participants) in November 2016
- St. Barbara Day celebration and CIG meeting in Innsbruck on 4/5.12.2016

- 9th Corridor Forum Meeting in Brussels (invited participants) on 06.12.2016
- 2017 Update of the Project List with improvements regarding project description, completion of data (contribution to KPI, maturity, costs, finance, timing) with possibility for stakeholders to contribute

11 Any other business

Nils Gottlieb, Danish Road Directorate, presented the stage of the Storstrøm Bridge which will be part of the northern access to the Fehmarn Belt fixed link.

Kasper Bekker, Femern A/S, presented the state of the Fehmarn Belt fixed link where the preparatory activities on the Danish side up to the award of construction companies have been completed. The critical path is the permitting in Germany where the public consultation has taken place and the expressed objections need to be replied to, now.

Sandro Francesconi, BBT SE, presented the state of the Brenner Base Tunnel where all mayor construction lots have been awarded, now, and the excavation of the tunnel system is progressing. Also on the Italian side the Court of Auditors and the CIPE-Commission have agreed to the financing. "Open door"-days are organised on 18.09. and 23.10.2016 to engage with civil society.

Reiner Nagelkrämer, BMVI, was invited to present the Federal Transport Masterplan (Bundesverkehrswegeplan – BVWP 2030) which is the guideline of transport infrastructure development in the responsibility of the federal state until 2030 and which was approved by the government after a lengthy consultation, now. The plan covers – subject to detailed finance laws – total investments of €264.5bn of which €130.7bn are for trunk roads, €109.3bn for federal railways and €24.5bn for federal waterways. A large proportion of the budget (around 53%) is assigned to replacement/maintenance and only a smaller share for upgrading/new construction of which €25.2bn are for ongoing and €38.4bn for new projects. The plan covers also the road and rail projects included in the ScanMed List of Projects.

Federica Polce asked clarification on the approval process for the 2nd generation Work Plan and wondered why the stakeholders were not involved until now. Pat Cox and Leo Huberts replied that the Work Plan is to be approved by the Member States and that they may involve their national stakeholders before sending their comments or final agreement to the Commission. The Commission will sent the latest version of the Work Plan – with comments received so far incorporated in it – to the Member States by the end of September. The MS will then be asked to reply by mid October.

12 Conclusions / wrap-up (European Coordinator)

Pat Cox thanked the presenters and stakeholders for their contributions, concluded the meeting and reminded that the session restricted to the MS will continue after a small break.

Annexes:

- List of participants
- Presentations on
 - Agenda item 1 and 7-10: General Presentation by the Consultants
 - Agenda item 4: Call 2015 Report by INEA
 - Agenda item 5: Call 2016 information by MOVE
 - Agenda item 6: Rotterdam by DG MOVE
 - Agenda item 11: Presentations Storstrøm Bridge and BVWP 2030, respectively