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**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
NEW WORK PROGRAMME
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAN-EUROPEAN CORRIDOR X**

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ITEM 1: Studies

Objective 1: Monitoring and continuous update of the archive of studies. Evaluation of studies recently elaborated or studies under elaboration.

Action 1.1: The Technical Secretariat searches for new studies concerning the Corridor X (those recently elaborate, under elaboration or will be elaborated).

Duration: 31 months

Action 1.2: The Technical Secretariat presents and comments the results and conclusions of the new studies.

Duration: 31 months

Objective 2: Determination of the necessity for the elaboration of supplementary studies for the documentation of the development of Corridor X.

Action 1.3: The Technical Secretariat defines the necessity for the elaboration of supplementary researches, technical studies and feasibility-obtainability studies, for the documentation of the development of Corridor X. In each case, the Technical Secretariat introduces the need for elaboration of new studies for discussion and approval by the Steering Committee.

Duration: 31 months

Action 1.4: Examination, through the cooperation with international organizations (Coordination Group of Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas, IRF, UIC, ASECAP, DG-TREN, UN/ECE), of the conditions providing interoperability of Corridor X in the framework of Pan-European Networks.

Duration: 31 months

ITEM 2: Financing

Objective: Contribution to the creation of favorable conditions – from technical point of view – for the involvement of International Financial Institutions in the development of Corridor X.

Action 2.1: Provision of technical support to the countries of Corridor X for the financing of studies and projects concerning the development of the Corridor by International Financial Institutions.

Duration: 31 months

Action 2.2: Presentation for the exploitation of the experience of cooperation between public and private sector (PPP) for the promotion of the development of Corridor X.

Duration: 12 months

Action 2.3: Cooperation with financial consultants, in case of their involvement for the indagation of financial resources for the development of Corridor X.

Duration: 31 months

ITEM 3: Improvement, updating and management of information system

Objective: Organization, updating and management of a user friendly Data Base – Geographic Information System.

Action 3.1: Improvement of the Data Base and the Geographic Information System, in order to enable them with direct utilization by anyone interested. Edition of a User's guide. Enrichment of the Data Base with respective fields to parameters – indicators, which conclude by the continuous study and analysis of the physical and operational characteristics of Corridor X (e.g. traffic forecasting).

Duration: 18 months

Action 3.2: Continuous update of the information system with new data concluded by the improvement of the physical and operational features of Corridor X. For this action, a usage of various researching means (i.e. questionnaires, on-site expertise visits) is possible.

Duration: 31 months

ITEM 4: Border and custom procedures

Objective: Optimization of the procedures of border and custom controls. Provision of improved conditions for access to Corridor X.

Action 4.1: Exploitation of the relative work already done by the SECI Project Group, considering the simplification of procedures (e.g. introduction of the SAD – Community Single Administrative Document) and improvement of the infrastructure and their equipment at the border and custom stations.

Duration: 31 months

Action 4.2: On-site observation – Registration research of the border-crossing procedures and the required transit times of various types of vehicles. The on-site visit will be combined by the completion of a properly made questionnaire or interviews taken from appositives of the border-crossing stations and transportation companies. This action preconditions the cooperation of the respective authorities in each country border stations.

Duration: 12 months

Action 4.3: Analysis of the characteristics of border stations along the Corridor X with similar needs of improvement concerning the level and the quality of service provided. Exploitation of examples and solutions given along other Pan-European Corridors. Formulation of conclusions and guidelines for the optimization of the border station structures and procedures (short-term measures).

Duration: 18 months

ITEM 5: Follow-up of the process of Corridor X implementation

Objective: Continuous and systematic observation of any procedure concerning directly or indirectly the development of Corridor X.

Action 5.1: Continuous observation of the activities per country concerning the development of Corridor X. Continuous and systematic observation of procedures and activities of International Organizations (Transportation Policy, financing, technical standards) affecting the development of Corridor X.

Duration: 31 months

ITEM 6: International cooperation for the development of Corridor X

Objective: Development of cooperation between the countries of Corridor X and other Pan-European Corridors.

Action 6.1: Assumption of initiatives by the Technical Secretariat for the systemization of the cooperation between neighboring, mainly, countries and for the common confrontation of issues concerning Corridor X. Assumption of common actions with other Pan-European Corridors for the confrontation of similar issues and problems, with common methodology – if possible, contributing to the optimization (coordination) of actions for the development of the Pan-European Networks.

Duration: 31 months

ITEM 7: Dissemination of information

Objective: Publication of the activities of the Steering Committee and the technical Secretariat of Corridor X.

Action 7.1: The Technical Secretariat tactically updates its website with new data and results of the analysis made (new studies, surveys, observations etc.). The Technical Secretariat takes on initiatives for the promotion of the necessity of the development of the operation of the Corridor, through the syntax of informative material, participation in international conferences and meetings with relative techno-economic and politic interest.

Duration: 31 months

ITEM 8: Secretarial support of the Steering Committee

Objective: Ensuring of a permanent structure for the support of the Steering Committee.

Action 8.1: Elaboration of the work programme of the Steering Committee and definition of an activities' time schedule, according to the signed Memorandum of Understanding for the Corridor X.

- Preparation of the agenda of the Steering Committee meetings.
- Preparation of the necessary documents for the Steering Committee meetings.
- Proceedings' keeping during the Steering Committee meetings.
- Mail exchange with the participating countries, and communication with every organization in the framework of the successive completion of the scientific and technical duties and tasks of the Technical Secretariat.
- Preparation and participation in the meetings Coordination Group of Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas meetings and other international bodies for the development of the Pan-European Networks.

Duration: 31 months