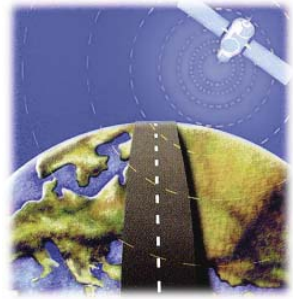




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**GREEK CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
FOR PAN-EUROPEAN CORRIDOR X**

**NEW WORK PROGRAMME
(3/2004-3/2007)**

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NEW WORK PROGRAMME: ITEMS 1 – 2

1. Studies

Action 1.1: Maintenance and continuous update of the archive of studies. Evaluation of recently elaborated studies or studies under elaboration, concerning Corridor X's sections or its general area of influence.

Action 1.2: Definition of the needs for new studies (supplementary surveys, feasibility or other technical studies) for the documentation of the development of Corridor X. Examination of conditions providing interoperability.

2. Financing

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

Action 2.1: Technical support to the participating countries for studies and projects, to attract IFI's financing.

Action 2.2: Following of the implementation of Hi.P.E.R.B., concerning the development of transport infrastructure in Serbia, Bulgaria and F.Y.R.O.M.

Action 2.3: Presentation of experiences of Public-Private Partnerships.

Action 2.4: Cooperation with financial consultants, in case of their involvement.

NEW WORK PROGRAMME: ITEMS 3 – 4

3. Improvement, updating and management of information system

Objective: Organization, updating and management of the already established Data Base and Geographic Information System.

Action 3.1: Improvement of the Data Base and the Geographic Information System with elements evolving by the continuous study-analysis of the Corridor.

Action 3.2: Continuous update with new data.

4. Border crossings and custom procedures

Objective: Optimization of the procedures at border crossings and custom controls. Facilitation of improved access conditions to Corridor X.

Action 4.1: Cooperation with the SECI Project Group on Trade and Transport Facilitation.

Action 4.2: Technical support to the Working Group for improvement of border crossings, that will review all possible ways for improving the situation at borders for road and rail traffic by analyzing the characteristics of border stations along the Corridor with similar needs of improvement concerning the level and the quality of service provided and by presenting examples and solutions given along other Pan-European Corridors and conclusions and guidelines for the optimization of the border station structures and procedures (short-term measures).

NEW WORK PROGRAMME: ITEMS 5 – 6

5. Follow-up of the implementation process of Corridor X

Objective: Continuous and systematic monitoring of any procedure affecting, 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 (Transport Policy, financing, technical standards) affecting the development of Corridor X.

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: Initiatives for the enhancement of the cooperation between neighboring countries. Definition and coordination of common actions with other Pan-European Corridors for the optimization of the development of the Pan-European Networks.

Action 6.2: Cooperation with the Infrastructure Steering Group of the European Commission (EUROAid – DG TREN – WB) and with the, under its aegis, Southeastern Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO).

Contribution to the implementation of the Transport Core Network in SEE.

NEW WORK PROGRAMME: ITEMS 7 – 8

7. Dissemination of information

Publicity actions of the work of the Steering Committee and the Technical Secretariat of Corridor X: Update of the established website with new data and results of the analysis made (new studies, surveys, observations etc.). Initiatives for the promotion of the Corridor: Publications, participation in international conferences and meetings.

8. Secretarial support to 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 a time schedule, according to the signed Memorandum of Understanding for the Corridor X.

- *Preparation of the agenda and all necessary documents of the Steering Committee's and the special Working Groups' meetings. Proceedings of the meetings.*
- *Mail exchange with the participating countries and communication with relevant national and international organizations.*
- *Legal documentation of all the actions of the Steering Committee and the Technical Secretariat.*
- *Participation and contribution to the meetings of the Coordination Group of Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas meetings, of the Infrastructure Steering Group and of other international bodies for the development of the Pan-European Networks.*