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## **Final SEETAC Ministerial Conference to take place in Bled on 29 August 2012**

TRIESTE, 24 August 2012 – On August 29th, 2012 SEETAC's (South East European Transport Axis Cooperation Project) 4th and Final Ministerial Conference will take place at the Grand Hotel Toplice, in Bled, Slovenia. The event is organized by the Slovene Ministry of Transport and Spatial Planning in cooperation with the Central European Initiative (CEI), as Project Lead Partner. The main focus is placed on SEETAC outcomes and results accomplished over three years of cooperation among SEETAC partners, observers, European Commission and other external actors. The conference consists of three sessions dedicated to SEETAC international transport cooperation, transport system in the region in light of the European common transport system and project progress in the light of TEN-T policy, EU Cohesion policy and Transport strategy.

The Conference will be attended by all SEETAC ministries of transport and infrastructure (Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia), Italian Ministry of Environment, Sea and Land Protection, SEETO, EURAC, INFORMEST, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Office of the President of the Republic of Serbia. Furthermore, the conference foresees the participation of international organizations and actors, European Commission, DG Mobility and Transport and South East Europe Joint Technical Secretariat.

The SEETAC Project is co-financed by the EU through the South East Europe Cooperation Programme with a total budget of 2.38 million EUR. The project aims at analysing a possible integration between the Western Balkans (WB) and the EU transport systems in order to generate transport continuity and infrastructure development in the European area and beyond, thus implicitly leading to a rising competitiveness and economic development with the ultimate objective of integrating the WB countries in the European single market. The aim is to reach the EU's objectives of (i) transparency and information reliability; (ii) a harmonised and efficient institutional framework and; (iii) a rapid implementation of the transport priority projects.

The project officially started on April 1, 2009 and will last for 42 months, until 30 September 2012..

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