# Minutes from the meeting of the Sector Working Group for Transport

Date: November 25, 2013

Venue: SEIO

Time: 14:00-15:30

1. **Optimal Strategic Framework in Transport sector**

*The purpose of this topic was to discuss optimal strategic framework per sector based on the discussion paper “Moving to strategic frameworks for each sector in 2014-2020” prepared by SEIO. The paper sets the proposal for a coherent and comprehensive strategic framework that concentrates assistance, maximises impact and takes into account the cross-sector synergies.*

**Comments**

Participants from ministries:

* Transport sector has one strategy and one general transport master plan
* The railway action plan is in the process of development
* Strategy for safety in road transportation is under preparation

SEIO:

* General transport master plan should be periodically updated, which is currently not the case
* Economic situation, territorial impact, trends related to freight and passengers transport etc.should be taken into account when revising the master plan
* Updated master plan priority list, together with the list of priority projects derived from the Methodology for selection and prioritisation of infrastructure project should be the basis for programinig
* The list of strategically relevant projects should be revised on annual basis
* Single project pipeline would be helpful for defining adequate financing sources and modalities for project implementation for infrastructure projects preparation.
1. **CSP, Other Donor Plans and Prioritisation for Further Assistance**

*The purpose of this topic was to discuss the most efficient way on how to make prioritisation based on the existing programming documents – Country Strategy Paper and NAD (“Priorities for International Assistance in the period 2014-2017 with the projections until 2020”). The short presentation of the CSP was envisaged by the EC, since the document was delivered to the Serbian administration only few days before the SWG meetings.*

**2.1. The CSP**

**Comments**

Participants from ministries:

* The CSP does not mention the Sava river
* Railway reform process should better elaborated targeting concrete issues which needs to be addressed
* Better interconnectivity and urban planningas preconditions for transport development should be more emphasized
* The list of projects contained in the CSP should be more elaborated and it should include output of projects.

**2.2. Prioritisation for Further Assistance**

* Meeting with the line ministry is necessary to determine focus of the assistance in the coming period.
* Close cooperation between Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour and Social affairs and JSC Railways of Serbia is needed concerning the Railway reform process and mentioned institutions should start cooperating in that respect as soon as possible.
* Focus on the PE restructuring and better strategic planning, law enforcement and management.
* Construction of strategically relevant infrastructure projects for which documentation is ready and supported from EU assistance (i.e intermodal terminal in the vicinity of Belgrade)
1. **Evaluation Findings and Recommendations**

*The purpose of this topic was to discuss the evaluation findings made for the transport sector in order to improve upcoming programming process by providing inputs for the first stage of the new cycle. The purpose of evaluation process is to contribute to the design of interventions, including political priorities, to assist in efficient allocation of resources, improve the quality, and to report on the achievements of overall development assistance.*

* Process of evaluations and methodology of preparing of follow-up recommendations were presented on the meeting. SWG members were invited to continue process of defining follow-up actions on selected recommendations. It was requested that those institutions which didn’t delivered activities and/or those who intend to make further improvements provide them until 10th December 2013.
* It is agreed to finalize List of follow-up activities by the end of December 2013, and after that, list will be distributed to all SWG members with invitation to make maximum effort to implement these activities so that recommendations are fulfilled.
* Follow up on evaluation recommendations will be done through the work of the Sectoral Monitoring Sub-Committees (SMSCs) for IPA under Decentralised Menagement, in the first quarter of 2014.