

SEESARI – Declaration of Intent

Declaration on Intent of establishment of **SEESARI – South East Europe Alliance for Rail Innovation**

Article 1 - THE PURPOSE AND AIM OF SEESARI

The purpose and aim of the SEESARI is to develop, update, link and to innovate the transportation network in South Eastern Europe (SEE) with a specific focus on rail in close cooperation and collaboration, involving all stakeholders:

With the signature of this document the partners are expressing their commitment to:

- Join the SEESARI - South East Europe Alliance for Rail Innovation, established with the support of the International Union of Railways - UIC.
- Strengthen the exchange of knowledge, information and experiences gained within SEESARI network and support dissemination of information on activities, achievements and results of the SEESARI network in South East Europe region.
- Contribute and support the development of the transport and especially the railway in South East Europe while identifying and realizing innovative ideas/solutions/projects for railway development and transport.
- Demonstrate the principles of a comprehensive SEESARI approach on sustainable transport and railway through their mutual cooperation and cooperation with other stakeholders, public and media in partners' countries.
- Enable and support the dialogue on sustainable transport and mobility between the representative of the cities, the European Commission, responsible ministries, public and private R&D institutions, interests associations and non-profit public servicing NGOs as well as interested individuals in partners' countries with an emphasis on common challenges in the field of sustainable transport and mobility.

Article 2 - ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK

In order to achieve the above described goals and objectives the members will cooperate on their own strength and where possible supported by external funding sources such as possibly those of the European Commission and others to carry out following activities:

- Identification, preparation and launching new projects and solutions for transport and railway development.
- Identification of funding opportunities for new projects from local, regional, national and European and other funds.
- Organization of SEESARI events (seminars, workshops, guided study tours, benchmarking and inspection of best practises etc.), in order to enable dissemination of the results of the SEESARI initiative, presentation of performed and implemented SEESARI projects in South East Europe area (SEE area), and to enhance the dialogue on issues and challenges of sustainable transport between members of the network in SEE area.

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- Participation in events and activities of choice, dedicated to sustainable (rail) transport and sustainable mobility that will be organised in SEE area by third parties in order to disseminate results of the SEESARI initiative, contribute to an extension of SEESARI initiative and its promotion and to exchange new project ideas.
- Disseminating of information in members' languages on the activities and the results of the SEESARI alliance as well as activities and achievements of its members and of the SEESARI initiative in general.
- Publishing of e-news in partners' languages aiming to provide actual information on the activities of the alliance and its members in the field of sustainable transport and mobility as well as actual news on SEESARI activities in general.
- Publishing of information on the activities of the network on the SEESARI website in partnership with the SEESARI Secretariat and use of the web site as the main information channel for an EU wide dissemination of the information on the activities of the SEESARI network.

Article 3 - BASIC PRINCIPLES AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NETWORK

- The membership is in principle voluntary. The members may be transport operators, infrastructure managers, manufacturers and suppliers of technical equipment, financial institutions, research institutions, associations and interest groups connected with (rail) transport, national and regional authorities, NGOs and other institutions and administrations from a wide range of interested stakeholders from SEE area (countries from SEE area in alphabetic order: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia (FYROM), Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey) as well as countries with transport corridors connected to these SEE countries.
- Other interested stakeholders from outside the SEE area can also become members of the SEESARI network with the status of observer.
- The Strategy Document of SEESARI and its corresponding Action Plan will be the main guiding documents of the SEESARI alliance.
- In pursuing the goals and objectives of the SEESARI alliance the members will strive to assure - based on their own or common activities - the (co)financing of the activities of the network and/or its individual members from the local, the regional, the national and the EU budgets as well as from grants, donations and sponsorships of the above mentioned and other third parties.
- The detailed rules on operation and management of SEESARI will be defined in Rules of Procedures of SEESARI.
- The members of the alliance will seek to avoid unnecessary conflicts and to solve eventual conflicts in a spirit of the mutual respect and the basic principles of the European cooperation.

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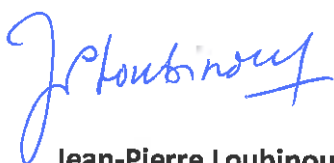
Article 4 – CONSTITUTION AND DECISIONS

The SEESARI consists of:

- General Assembly
 - Steering Committee
 - Secretariat
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- The activities of the Alliance will be managed and lead by the General Assembly, which will meet once a year. General Assembly consists of all the signatories of the Memorandum.
 - The General Assembly is represented by Chairman, who is selected by the members of General Assembly.
 - The General Assembly establishes the SEESARI Steering Committee. Steering Committee is the executive working group that manages the work of SEESARI and its Secretariat. The detailed rules of Steering Committee will be defined in Rules of Procedures of the SEESARI.
 - The Secretariat is the operational authority that carries out coordination and organizational tasks.
 - The organizational and coordination activities will be provided and carried out by the SEESARI Secretariat.

Belgrade, 27th January 2016

UIC Observer*



Jean-Pierre Loubinoux
Director General

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Director

* UIC signs this Declaration as observer showing moral support for this Declaration.
Pending ratification of the UIC GA.

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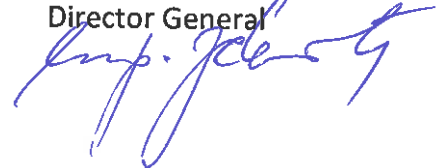
«Serbia Cargo» JSC

Jugoslav Jović
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Country: _____

Signature

Date

Name of Signatory

Position in organization