

**REPORT OF THE
STEERING COMMITTEE
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA RING HIGHWAY**

Sixth Meeting

Rostov-on-Don, 27 September 2011

1. The Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) on the Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway (BSRH) was held in Rostov-on-Don on 27 September 2011.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Stefan POPOV, Chief Expert of the National Transport Policy Directorate of the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Members of the Steering Committee of the BSRH:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The representatives of BSEC PERMIS and PABSEC also attended the Meeting.
5. The representatives of IRU and BSEC URTA took part in the Meeting as guests.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda is attached as Annex II.

APPOINTMENT OF PENDING NATIONAL COORDINATORS

7. The Steering Committee requested the countries which have not yet done so, to inform the JPTS about the nomination of their national coordinators. The list of National Coordinators is attached as Annex III.

ELABORATION OF THE MAIN ROUTE OF THE BSRH AND ITS CONNECTIONS

8. The Member States gave their positions about the main BSRH route passing through their territories. The delegations took note about consultations between Ukrainian and Moldavian authorities with regard to the BSRH main route passing through their territories.

9. The representative of JPTS made a presentation regarding each Member State's main route status according to the questionnaires provided by each Member State as per today. The presentation is attached as Annex IV. He also mentioned the necessity to establish a stable contact with the National Coordinators of each Member State in order to achieve better information regarding technical issues in the near future.

10. Following the Ukrainian suggestions from the previous meeting of the Steering Committee, the BSRH JPTS proposed the routing between Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Romania to have two main branches as follows:

- From Odessa - Izmail - Reni to Bucharest through Galati - Braila - Buzau and
- From Odessa through Chisinau to Bucharest.

11. It was proposed that the interested Member States consider this proposal and inform officially the Steering Committee about their decision via the BSRH JPTS by the end of October 2011.

12. Upon receiving the notification from the interested Member States that they accept the above mentioned proposals, the final version of the main route will be considered as adopted by the Steering Committee and circulated to all Member States through JPTS.

CONNECTION WITH IRU MODEL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE PROJECT

13. IRU and BSEC URTA presented latest information about the developments regarding the Model Highway Initiative (MHI) which should be considered as integral part in development of ancillary infrastructure along the BSRH. In this regard they informed about the outcome of meetings in Antalya on 7-10 September 2011 and in Yalta on 14 September 2011. The delegation of Romania informed about its experience and best practices in developing ancillary infrastructure.

14. The Steering Committee decided to:

- Include the issue of creating the Model Highway along the BSRH sections into the future project of the Master-Plan.
- Cooperate with IRU in preparing the Feasibility Study on the MHI project;

FUNDING PROCESS OF THE PROJECT

15. The representative of JPTS made a presentation regarding the funding process of a sample project. The Secretary General of BSEC mentioned the necessity of feasibility study preparation by each Member State in order to achieve better possibilities for funding. The presentation is attached as Annex V.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. No issues were raised under this Agenda Item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

17. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Steering Committee will be circulated through JPTS to all Member States.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

18. The Steering Committee approved the above Report and requested the JPTS to circulate it to all the Parties involved.
