



WORKGROUP ON TRANSPORTS

FINAL DOCUMENT

Introduction

The workgroup on transports, coordinated by Cedomir Milic, president of the Assembly of the Montenegro Chamber of Economy, has profitably worked, developing an interesting and lively debate.

All the participants appreciated for the, by now traditional, presentation of the results of the **Observatory on Sea Traffics** in the Adriatic and Ionian area which show an overall positive trend (2% growth in the sea traffics and 3.4% in passenger traffic) even if there are different dynamics in each port.

According with the decision of the last year final document, the Observatory has extended its analysis field even at the monitoring of the main developing lines of the European politics for transports and infrastructures, which were exhaustively illustrated during the workgroup activities.

It was highlighted the importance that the Observatory continues its activity applying the analysis also for the next years. This would allow having always an update map of traffics, infrastructures facilities and perspectives of development.

Proposals

The debate was focused on the EU transports policy in the area, with reference to the **Sea Motorways**, the **Bar-Belgrade corridor**, the **Adriatic-Ionian motorway** and to the forms of supporting these projects within the EU. In this respect some proposals have come out (summed up in the following conclusions) during a prolonged and articulated discussion.

Conclusions (agreed initiatives)

First item

- Particular attention was dedicated to the **Sea Motorways** program, that has to be hardly supported considering also its extension at non EU ports like BAR, RIJEKA, DURRES and as an instrument of cohesion and integration for the countries of the Euro-Adriatic region;
- Through the participation of all main ports of the two shores of the Adriatic, the program can become an important way to give back centrality at the Euro-Adriatic region in the field of the future development of European and Mediterranean politics for transports and infrastructures.



Second item

- It was raised once again the problem of the **auto transport intergovernmental license containment** between the Croatia and the EU countries. On this subject the workgroup expresses the hope that the integration process of Croatia in the EU can proceed without problems in the scheduled times, involving definitely the overtaking of the question.

Third item

- Beside the support of the Pan European Corridor V and VIII and the TEN-T projects scheduled by the extension of the countries bordering on the EU, the workgroup believes that is necessary to continue the support of the **Bar-Belgrade corridor** project as an opportunity of development for the Montenegro's area, in order that this project can obtain the adequate visibility in the international institutions.

Fourth item

- Finally, the workgroup renewed the invitation to support the project of the **Adriatic-Ionian motorway** at the EU, so that the same can be included between the priority projects of strategic importance for the Adriatic-Ionian region.