

## **RISEE Conference & Korridor X PLUS Highlights of the Week**



**While the RISEE Conference was already in progress, the members of the Association Korridor X PLUS met in Zagreb on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to hold their General Assembly at Croatian Railways.**

In the course of the Rail Investment South-East Europe (RISEE) Conference 2009 in Zagreb the Vice-President of the Association Korridor X PLUS, Mr. Marijan Klarić, hosted the General Assembly, which took place on July 1<sup>st</sup> in the premises of Croatian Railways (Hrvatske Željeznice). The presentations held at the Conference attracted a great deal of the participants' attention. Their reaction was more than positive showing plenty of interest. This time even almost all observers of the Association participated: Mr. Narcis Džumhur – Director General of the Railways of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Marios Miliadiou - expert of the Steering Committee of the Pan-European Corridor X - and Mr. Dušan Spremo – Head of the Division for Transport of the Railways of Republic Srpska - were very actively involved in the discussions and emphasized that they will work together with us more closely. President Arnold Schiefer presented a funding concept of the European Investment Bank EIB, on which the General Assembly decided to define suitable infrastructure projects in order to gain access to a budget of 0.5 – 1.0 billion Euros. Furthermore, it was reported that the realization of EUROPTIRAILS on Corridor X is progressing. While in Slovenia the implementation is almost finalized, Croatia is well on its way and first preparations are made in Serbia as well as in Bulgaria.

Owing to the fact that the economic crisis didn't stop in front of Corridor X the members agreed upon a number of activities to stay prepared for the future.