

Progress Report at the General Assembly of ARGE Korridor X held on May 27th, 2008

Topic Groups:

(1) Market

- 8 pairs of trains already put into operation or projected in the years 2007 and 2008 at the Corridor X on the routes (each in both directions) Turkey-Germany, Slovenia-Germany, Slovenia-Benelux, Turkey-Austria, Serbia-Austria, Slovenia-Greece and Germany-Greece
- Preparation and publication of a Corridor X network access description and a Corridor X product catalogue; both, however, need to be supplemented with contents by some AKX members
- Preparation of a sound Corridor X capacity profile, which takes into account all relevant conditions (such as actually drivable speeds taking into consideration all lines subject to speed restrictions and particularities)
- AKX market project workshops in Vienna 30th – 31st May 2007 and 30th – 31st January 2008 as well as in Ljubljana 6th – 7th February 2008
- AKX participation in the international WMPS Timetable Conference in Split 11th – 15th February 2008

(2) Public relations

- Further development of the AKX action programme
- Promotion tour of the AKX President A. Schiefer (among other places in Belgrade 11th – 12th October 2007, Sofia 5th – 6th November 2007, Ljubljana 13th November 2007, Brussels 30th January 2008, Zagreb 20th February 2008)
- AKX presidency with AKX presentation at the internationally renowned RISEE¹ Conference in Ljubljana 6th – 7th September 2007
- Close contact with the Slovenian EU Council Presidency in the 1st half of 2008 – also with active support of the AKX member SŽ
- The innovations on the AKX homepage www.arge-kx.com as well as its visitor frequency in the year 2007; in this period, the homepage had 7267 visitors and 8046 downloads were effected

¹ RISEE = Rail Investment – South-East Europe

(3) Cooperations

- Pan-European Transport Corridor [PETC] X: participation in its SC meeting on 15th June 2007 in Graz, where it was agreed to further enhance the exchange of information and the good cooperation; on 24th November 2007, all PETC chairpersons were invited to a report at the European Commission in Brussels, where the PETC X emphasised and explicitly praised AKX's commitment
- European Investment Bank [EIB]: AKX successfully campaigned with EIB for financial assistance of projects along the Corridor X; EIB guaranteed its assistance as soon as technically mature projects worthy of assistance would be presented
- South-East Europe Transport Observatory [SEETO]: close cooperation with different issues (among others Network Statement, infrastructure charges, stopovers at borders, rolling stock); participation in the conference in Sarajevo 7th – 8th April 2008
- Knowledge exchange between the AKX member railways: 2 young staff members each of HŽ and ŽS visited ÖBB-Infrastruktur Betrieb AG in Vienna for one week in June 2007
- Preparation of a work and cooperation agreement between the AKX members NRIC and ÖBB-Infrastruktur Betrieb AG
- Intensification of the exchange of information and the cooperation with ÖBB-Technische Services GmbH (particularly concerning workshops along the Corridor X)

(4) Miscellaneous

- High ranking meeting of representatives of the AKX member railways within the scope of the celebrations for <170 Years of Railways in Austria> on 30th November 2007 in Vienna
- International demonstration trial within the scope of the EU Project <Catiemon>, in which AKX is involved, from Villach to Dobova (Slovenia) and back on 14th November 2007
- Preparations for the establishment of a successor organisation of the AKX Ges. b. R.