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**IRU ACADEMY SOUTH EAST EUROPE WORKING GROUP MEETING
SEED PROJECT REGIONAL ATI MEETING
Skopje, 8 June 2017**

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Thursday, 8 June 2017

LIST OF DECISIONS AND REPORT

The list of participants is attached as Annexe 1

List of decisions and report of the meeting of the IRU Academy South East Europe Working Group / SEED Project Regional ATI Meeting, held in Skopje on 8 June 2017

LIST OF DECISIONS

The SEED Project was highly appreciated for the results and the implementation of the modular concept in IRU Academy training programmes. It was also a good basis for harmonisation of CPC Driver periodic training throughout the SEE region.

The produced CPC Driver periodic qualification training for truck drivers is fully compliant with both the applicable EU Regulation 2003/59/EC taking also into account its revision on the EU level and it ensures easy countries' compliance with the requirements of the ECMT Quality Charter. As such, it even contributes more to attaining the principal objective of starting the SEED Project, i.e. to ensure continued access of SEE road transport operators on the EU market after the mandatory entry into force of the ECMT Quality Charter through the use of the multilateral quotas of ECMT licences.

1. All IRU Academy ATIs from the SEE region are given the unique opportunity to obtain national recognition of the high quality training standards remitted to them by virtue of the IRU Academy accreditation the quality standards of which are officially recognised as benchmark in the ECMT Quality Charter itself. For this purpose, SEE ATIs were invited to refer them to the positive example of Albania in which the CPC Manager and CPC Driver training and examination are organised jointly by the ANALTIR Training Centre and the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and where the Ministry officially endorses the IRU Academy CPC Manager and CPC Driver certificates.
2. All IRU Academy ATIs from the SEE region are also invited to demonstrate the facilitation of the implementation of the ECMT Quality Charter on the national level through the official competent authorities' acceptance and endorsement of IRU Academy CPC Manager and CPC Driver training programmes and related certificates.

- 3.** All IRU Academy ATIs from the SEE region are invited to lobby their national competent authorities to ensure that the same high quality training standards in CPC Manager and CPC Driver training are observed as a part of the national authorisation of such training providers to ensure fair competition between authorised training centres and to provide same quality of training on the national level as the quality benchmarked in the ECMT Quality Charter.

- 4.** The IRU Academy took notice of the SEE WG interest to search for available funding of a future project aimed at developing a CPC Driver Periodic Qualification programme for bus and coach drivers and will inform the SEE WG on the existing alternatives by September 2017.

REPORT

I. SEED PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

IRU Academy SEE Accredited Training Institutes (ATI) Participants and SEED Project Partners all welcomed the achievements of the completed SEED Project. All SEED Project Partners appreciated the project coordination, cooperation between the partners, the knowledge acquired by their instructors through the Train-the-Trainer and Pilot Driver Workshops organised during the project, as well as the excellent trainees' results achieved after the Pilot Driver Workshops, proving the high quality of the training developed during the project and delivered by the partners' instructors.

Mrs Jelena Karamarković (CCIS-ATT) particularly appreciated the well-developed SEED pedagogical module.

Mrs Marijana Soldatović (POU) informed that both the Croatian Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs and the drivers who were trained in the Pilot Driver Workshop in Croatia appreciated the high quality training standards demonstrated throughout the project implementation and incorporated in the resulting CPC Driver Periodic Qualification programme for truck drivers.

All participants praised the outstanding improvement in drivers' knowledge based on pre and post Driver Pilot Workshop student evaluations.

Participants praised the achievement of the SEED Project objective – harmonisation of CPC Driver qualification throughout the SEE region.

II. IMPACT OF THE ECMT QUALITY CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION IN SEE

The ECMT Multilateral Quota of licences is of vital importance for the road transport industry in the SEE region. Access of SEE road transport professionals to the ECMT member countries' markets, in particular to the EU market, must be maintained after the entry into force of the ECMT Quality Charter on 1 January 2018.

The CPC Driver qualification programme developed as a result of the SEED Project and the IRU Academy CPC Manager offer an important facilitation in ensuring SEE countries' compliance with the requirements of the ECMT Quality Charter.

All SEE WG members should lobby their competent authorities for ensuring facilitated compliance with the requirements of the ECMT Quality Charter through the recognition of the high quality training standards observed by the IRU Academy ATIs and the endorsement of the related CPC Manager and CPC Driver certificates by the national competent authorities.

III. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECMT QUALITY CHARTER IN SEE

General remarks based on SEE countries' submitted applications to the International Transport Forum (ITF):

- No distinction of CPC qualification for goods and for passenger transport
- No defined training programmes and training duration for CPC Manager and CPC Driver (initial and periodic) training
- Absence of criteria for national authorisation of training centres
- Absence of defined examination requirements and procedures for CPC Manager and CPC Driver qualification
- Absence of enforcement mechanisms / regulations / designated bodies

During the roundtable with participants on their findings on the country's status of implementation of the ECMT Quality Charter the participating SEE WG members informed as follows:

Albania:

Completely complied with the requirements of the ECMT Quality Charter in June 2017. Very good cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, the compliance with the Quality Charter was greatly facilitated by the Ministry's official acceptance of the IRU Academy CPC Driver and CPC Manager programmes delivered by the ANALTIR Training Centre, an IRU Academy ATI, and by the Ministry's endorsement of IRU Academy CPC Manager and CPC Driver certificates.

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

The country has low share of ECMT Multilateral Quota licences. It has solidly defined CPC Manager and CPC Driver qualification regulations but there is a lack of implementation and enforcement regulations. CoB needs to lobby the Ministry of Communications and Transport to endorse CPC Manager and CPC Driver certificates issued by itself based on examination supervised by the Ministry and on the authorisation of CoB to deliver training conditioned by IRU Academy accreditations of CoB.

Croatia:

The country is an EU member state as of 2013 and is not monitored closely by the ITF for the compliance with the ECMT Quality Charter taking as granted that Croatia had ensured compliance with the EU legislation on CPC Manager and CPC Driver qualification. However, apart from implementing of 'Grandfather rights' for initial issuance of CPC Manager and CPC Driver (initial qualification) certificates, the manager and driver qualification is not enforced. Further regulation and enforcement is only expected in the next 5 years, when second wave of periodical trainings is due.

Macedonia:

Besides adjustments in the part of the regulations concerning CPC Manager and CPC Driver qualification (distinction of passenger and goods transport, training programmes and duration), the main problem is the absence on regulations on violations and enforcement of controls.

Montenegro:

Legislation is in the course of adoption, there exists only partial regulation on CPC Manager qualification as a part of the process of licencing of road transport operators. CPC Driver qualification will only be regulated with the new legislation, it is inexistent now.

Serbia:

New legislation aligned with EU regulations and with the requirements of the ECMT Quality Charter is in the course of adoption for CPC Driver qualification, CPC Manager qualification already regulated with the new, recently adopted 2 laws: Law on Road Transport of goods and Law on road transport of passengers. Implementation of inherited (Grandfather rights) CPC Manager qualification has started and an examination commission is established for CPC Manager qualification, in which the CCIS-ATT is participating with 2 representatives together with representatives of the Ministry of Transport. The examination commission has not started to work yet.

Kosovo:

Although not a participant in the ECMT Multilateral Quota of licences, Mr Krasniqi took the floor to add that the National Transport Law in Kosovo needs to be complemented introducing legal basis for the obligations of Kosovar carriers for international carriage of goods in Europe and beyond. Since Kosovo is not yet a member of ECMT, Mr Krasniqi asked for coordinated actions between the IRU Academy and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Kosovo to help greatly in raising of this issue to the member states of ECMT and to finally identify a solution for Kosovar carriers.

IV. NEW TRAINING TECHNOLOGIES – IRU ACADEMY INITIATIVES

SEE WG members were informed about the newly available IRU Academy programmes on Road Safety Management (e-learning course) and on the Taxi Drivers course, as well as on the upcoming Transport Security e-learning course. The modular concept under implementation of the new IRU Academy CPC Manager and CPC Driver training was also presented, which has also been fully integrated in the CPC Driver Periodic Qualification for Truck Drivers programme developed as a result of the SEED Project. SEE WG members showed appreciation for the flexibility offered by the modular concept in CPC Manager and CPC Driver training, as well as the use of e-learning training for candidates' self-training where CPC Manager or CPC Driver qualification required only mandatory examination. SEE WG members asked the IRU Academy to consider engaging into another internationally funded project similar to SEED for CPC Driver Periodic Qualification for bus and coach drivers.

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