

Finalised Master Plan for Transportation in Serbia

As the sole local partner in the international consortium that has completed this project, IIPP expert team helped define a document that determines investment in the road, railways, waterways and air traffic industry in the next 15 years.

The overall objective of the General Master Plan for Transport in Serbia (GMTS) was to contribute to expanded, improved and safer transport networks, which will attract new investments to the poorer regions, improve the quality of regional life, promote trade and contribute to the improvement of relations with neighboring countries.

The contract for the development of the document was signed with the Delegation of European Commission to the Republic of Serbia, and the work was entrusted to an international consortium Italferr (Italy), NEA (the Netherlands), Witteveen + Bos (Holland) and the Institute IIPP (Serbia). The purpose of this contract was to provide a comprehensive infrastructure Master Plan for transport in accordance with transport policy and as such, today it is a tool for the design and implementation of transport schemes that meet the needs of all types of traffic.

The Master Plan is economically and technically reasonable, practical and comprehensive, and its result is an investment program for transport sector during the period until 2027.

Official presentation of the Master Plan for Transportation in Serbia was organized in June 2010. Serbian Minister for infrastructure, Milutin Mrkonjić, presented this first Master Plan for Transportation in Serbia. On that occasion he stated that 22.2 billion euros were foreseen for investment in a complete road, rail, water and air infrastructure till 2027, with the completion of the motorway Novi Sad - Horgoš on Corridor X by year's end as a priority.

From the overall 33 projects, the top five priorities are: construction of highways Novi Sad – Horgoš, Pojate - Preljina and Kragujevac - Batočina, modernization of the airport in Belgrade and Niš, and the construction of railways Stara Pazova - Subotica. These and others recommended projects will be financed through pre-access and access European funds, credit lines of European investment banks and republic budget.

