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Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Railway Infrastructure Managers
of Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Bulgaria**

to establish

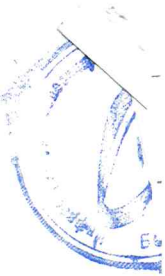
**the Management Board of the
Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor**

**"Salzburg - Villach – Ljubljana –/
Wels / Linz – Graz – Maribor –
Zagreb – Vinkovci /Vukovar - Tovarnik –Beograd –Sofia – Svilengrad (Bulgarian-Turkish
border)"**

hereinafter referred to as "Management Board"

in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 913/2010

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

to hereby establish the Management Board
of the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor

on the route

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border)"

agreed between:

ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG

A-1020 Wien, Praterstern 3, Republik Österreich

Court of registration and registration no. of the organization: *FN 71396w HG Wien |
DVR 0063533 UID ATU 16210507*

Represented by Ms. Mag. Silvia ANGELO, Member of the Management Board and
Mr. KR Ing. Franz SEISER, Member of the Management Board

SŽ-Infrastruktura, d.o.o.

Kolodvorska ulica 11, SI - 1000 Ljubljana, Republika Slovenija

Court of registration and registration no. of the organization: *County Court in Ljubljana, 60171770000*

Represented by Mr. Matjaž KRANJC, Director

HŽ INFRASTRUKTURA d.o.o.

10 000 Zagreb, Mihanovićeve 12, Republika Hrvatska

Court of Registration and registration no. of the organisation: *Zagreb Commercial Court,
MBS 080590485*

Represented by Mr. Ivan KRŠIĆ, President of the Management Board





Infrastruktura železnice Srbije a.d.

11000 Beograd, Nemanjina 6, Republika Srbija

Court of Registration and registration no. of the organisation: Agencija za privredne registre Beograd, number 21127094

Represented by Mr. Miroljub JEVTIĆ PhD, Director General

National Railway Infrastructure Company

1233 Sofia, 110, Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd, Republic Bulgaria

Court of Registration and registration no. of the organisation: Trade register number 130823243

Represented by Mr. Krasimir PAPUKCHIYSKI, Director General

hereinafter: "Party or Parties"

1. Background

- 1.1. Having regard to the Letter of Intent concerning the establishment of the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor signed by the Ministers in 2015 which clearly expressed the political will of the sides to establish the "Alpine-Western Balkan" Rail Freight Corridor;
- 1.2. Having regard to the ministerial Letter of Intent (LoI) of the respective Ministries of Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Bulgaria signed on 7th of November 2017 by the State Secretaries of the Member States of the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor on the route

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- 1.3. Having regard to the adoption of the Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulation") by the European Parliament and the Council on 22 September 2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight, entered into force on 9 November 2010, amended by the Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013;
- 1.4. Having regard to the definition of "freight corridor" laid down in the Regulation;
- 1.5. Having regard to the provisions of the Regulation for the selection of further freight corridors;
- 1.6. Having regard to the necessity of coordinated development of the networks;
- 1.7. Having regard to the responsibilities of the Management Board, as described in the Regulation;
- 1.8. Having regard to the perspective of the rail transport system as the sustainable transport system in Central and South Eastern Europe;





- 1.9 Having regard to the importance of advance transport infrastructure interconnections between EU Member States and their neighbouring countries, in particular the connections of EU Member States crossing the territories of neighbouring countries that are candidates for the accession to the European Union.

2. Establishment of the Management Board

- 2.1. The Parties hereby establish the Management Board of the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor as defined by the Regulation (EU) 913/2010:
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Zagreb - Vinkovci / Vukovar - Tovarnik - Beograd - Sofia - Svilengrad (Bulgarian-Turkish border);
- 2.2. Each Party shall appoint, by the Letter of Appointment, one representative as well as a deputy representative for the Management Board not later than three months after the adoption of the MoU by all involved parties.

3. Objectives and principles of the Management Board

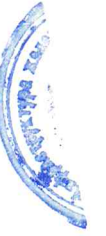
The Management Board has to operate the corridor as defined in Regulation (EU) 913/2010. This shall include, among others, the following tasks:

- 3.1. Creating the organizational, technical and operational conditions to make the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor operational according to Article 5(7) of the Regulation;
- 3.2. Developing the attractiveness of the corridor in terms of performance, traffic management, quality and Marketing promotion, all backed by a "market oriented" approach;
- 3.3. Committing to cooperate at a high level to fulfil the requirements of the Regulation, in particular:
- Defining the organizational structure and working and decision-making procedures of the Management Board;
 - Setting up the Advisory Groups as prescribed in the Regulation;
 - Setting up the Corridor One-Stop-Shop (C-OSS);
 - Determining its legal status.

4. Organization and decision making process of the Management Board

- 4.1. The Management Board consists of designated representatives of the following Infrastructure Managers: ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG, SŽ-Infrastruktura, d.o.o., HŽ INFRASTRUKTURA d.o.o., Infrastruktura železnice Srbije a.d. and National Railway Infrastructure Company;
- 4.2. Each Party may appoint one permanent member of the Management Board with a standing delegation of power and one substitute member, who shall act as a replacement for the permanent representative;
- 4.3. Each Party has a right to change its designated representative to the Management Board. Appointment of a new member results in the termination of the mandate of the previously appointed representative of the Party, with immediate effect;

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- 4.4. The Management Board of the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor shall decide on all issues of common interest concerning the implementation of the Rail Freight Corridor in accordance with the Regulation;
- 4.5. The Management Board of the Alpine-Western Balkan Rail Freight Corridor shall take all its decisions on the basis of mutual consent of its members.

5. Final provisions

- 5.1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon its signature by the authorized representatives of all Parties and shall remain in force for an indefinite time period;
- 5.2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified, amended or supplemented only on the basis of mutual consent of the Parties. Any changes shall be made in an Annex to this Memorandum and shall function as an integral part of the Memorandum of Understanding;
- 5.3. This Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up in 6 original counterparts, of which each Party receives 1 original document and 1 is kept by the Secretariat/PMO together with 5 original Letters of Appointment.



Signatories

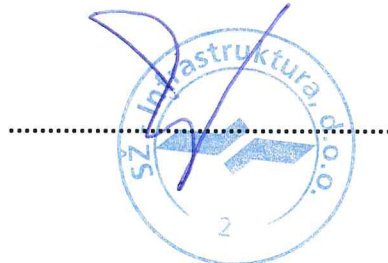
On behalf of ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG (Austria)
ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG
Geschäftsbereich Marktmanagement
und Kommunikation
1020 Wien, Praterstern 3

(Place), *Vienna, 26-4-2018* 2018



On behalf of SŽ-Infrastruktura, d.o.o. (Slovenia)

(Place), *Ljubljana, 14.6.* 2018



On behalf of HŽ INFRASTRUKTURA d.o.o. (Croatia)

(Place), *Zagreb, 07.06.* 2018



On behalf of Infrastruktura železnice Srbije a.d. (Serbia)

(Place), *Beograd, 12.06.* 2018



On behalf of National Railway Infrastructure Company (Bulgaria)

(Place), *Sofia, 13.05.* 2018



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