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# Technical Assistance to Connectivity in the Western Balkans

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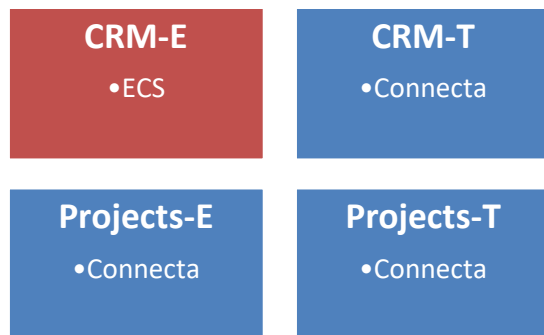
**Short Status and Prospects**

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**CONNECTA** is a **special technical assistance facility for transport and energy project preparation** as well as for support to connectivity reform measures **in transport**.



CRM – Connectivity Reform Measures

- 4 year programme with initial budget of 7 MEUR. Budget to be increased late 2018;
- CONNECTA serves as a "**rapid reaction force**", to finalize usually smaller remaining parts of Technical Assistance to quickly mature a project so that it can apply for an investment grant from the WBIF;
- Applications for assistance are sent directly to CONNECTA and after consultation with the stakeholders, the decision for CONNECTA involvement is made by DG NEAR;
- For applications please contact [chris.germanacos@connecta-ta.eu](mailto:chris.germanacos@connecta-ta.eu), tel: +381 69 2045552.

# CONNECTA regional Connectivity Transport Reform Measures – scope and progress status (1/2)

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*Regional CONNECTA assignments support WB6 in reaching Connectivity Agenda targets for 2020. They work solely on SEETO core/comprehensive transport networks in the WB6 (indicative TEN-T extensions)*

## ➤ **Preparation of Road Safety Inspection (RSI) and Audit (RSA) Plans and Pilots (580km RSI and 6 projects RSA)**

✓ 6/2017 – 6/2018 completed

✓ Submitted 24 RSI and 6 RSA pilot reports and final reports on RSI and RSA Plans and on Road Map for establishing system for crash data collection-analysis

## ➤ **Preparation of 5-year Road and Rail Maintenance Plans**

✓ 6/2017 – 11/2018 ongoing – almost complete

✓ Submitted 8 interim reports of which 4 for roads, 4 for railways and draft final report

# CONNECTA regional Connectivity Transport Reform Measures – scope and progress status (2/2)

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## ➤ **Strategic Framework for implementation of Intelligent Transport Systems covering all transport modes**

- ✓ 6/2017 – 11/2018 ongoing – almost complete
- ✓ Submitted all 4 interim reports and draft final report

## ➤ **Feasibility Study for border crossing facilitation and improvement of cross-border road transport - one stop shops and e-QMS (for reducing queuing time) in specific locations**

- ✓ 11/2017 – 4/2019 ongoing
- ✓ Submitted: fact finding report and draft feasibility study - cost benefit analysis reports are due later in November 2018

# Obligations to 2020 under Connectivity Transport Reform Measures – CONNECTA regional perspective (1/2)

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- **Preparation of 3-year RSI Plan and pilot high accident sections**
- ✓ CONNECTA conducted pilots for 580km and prepared 3-year RSI Plan for each Regional Participant (RP)
- **Carry out RSA (in line with 2008/96/EC) in all projects under preparation**
- ✓ CONNECTA conducted 6 RSA pilots and prepared 3-year RSA Plan for each RP
- **Establish national system for continuous road crash data collection-analysis**
- ✓ CONNECTA has drafted road map for establishing such a system in line with CADaS requirements
- **Establish maintenance system ensuring no section in poor/very poor condition**
- ✓ CONNECTA provided diagnosis, needs assessment, analysis, methodology and recommendations

# Obligations to 2020 under Connectivity Transport Reform Measures – CONNECTA regional perspective (2/2)

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- **Adopt 5- year Maintenance Plan for roads and railways**
- ✓ CONNECTA drafted respective Plans (2019-2023) and budgets for each Regional Participant
- **Establish strategic framework for Intelligent Transport Systems implementation**
- ✓ CONNECTA drafted respective strategy and deployment plan at regional level
- **Effective cross-border road transport**
- ✓ CONNECTA completed fact finding mission including meetings and site visits at all 32 points as well as diagnosis, SWOT analysis, preliminary prioritization of measures, action plan and feasibility analysis

# Transport sub-projects related to Connectivity Transport Reform Measures at national level – scope and progress status

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## ➤ Preparation of project documentation for replacement of Guardrails along Corridor X in Macedonia (Ministry of Transport and Communication, PESR)

- Road safety related – concerns project preparation
- 6/2018 – 6/2019 ongoing
- Submitted: inception report, memo on new Rulebook assessment

## ➤ Review of project documentation for implementation of Intelligent Transport Systems along road Corridor X in MKD (MoTC, PESR)

- Intelligent Transport Systems related – concerns review
- 6/2018 – 11/2018 ongoing – almost complete
- Submitted: inception report, memo on technical specs used, draft review report

# CONNECTA - prospects for additional support to WB6 related to CTRMs – potential sub-projects (1/2)

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## ➤ Priorities of DG NEAR and DG MOVE

- Road safety and Intelligent Transport Systems as related to transport safety
- Border crossing facilitation

## ➤ Regional perspective

- Study on network resilience for railway network (for roads contracted by the WB) – *SEETO initiative*
- Others, for example: development of platform for Intelligent Transport Systems, development of action plan for implementing EC 2008/96 (roads), development of road safety indicators – *CONNECTA suggestions as a result of regional Connectivity Transport Reform Measures*



# CONNECTA - prospects for additional support to WB6 related to CTRMs – potential sub-projects (2/2)

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- **Potential at national level and as per SEETO Regional Participant (RP)**
  - Assistance in preparation of project documentation, especially filling gaps in implementation (either designs, missing studies, reviews, etc)
  - Further tailored assistance in Connectivity Transport Reform Measures including support for preparation-review of/guidance on strategies/plans/systems and so forth. Supporting capacity building and institutional reforms.
    - Intelligent Transport Systems strategies/action plans including support for transposition of 2010/40/EU
    - revision of design standards for road safety and of rulebooks/standards for road/rail maintenance,
    - support for preparation of CADaS related crash accidents Database/collection system.
- ❖ ***CONNECTA prepared a “dynamic” list of potential assignments, submitted to SEETO and other stakeholders***

# Transport and Energy Infrastructure Projects

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In total 57 requests for CONNECTA assistance have been registered to end October 2018 of which 22 have potential and 6 have led to projects. For the 22 projects with potential, further information is needed from beneficiaries before formal applications are submitted by Connecta to DG NEAR.

## Ongoing Transport Assignments:

- **Preliminary design for Budva road bypass in Montenegro**
  - 09/2017 – 11/2018 on going – almost complete
  - ✓ Cost Estimates for critical 8.5 km completed
  - ✓ Submitted: draft final report
- **Full project cycle (excluding the construction phase) for access road at the Macedonian border station at Tabanovce**
  - 6/2018 – 03/2019 on going
  - ✓ Submitted: Inception report and Option Analysis

# CONNECTA energy sector – scope and progress status

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## Regional CONNECTA energy sub-projects are supporting Contracting Parties in the Energy Community in two ways:

- ❖ Development of project documentation to close gaps for implementation of planned gas and power infrastructure projects in the Western Balkans;
  - ❖ Assistance to Contracting Parties to fulfil obligations in accordance with the Energy Efficiency Directive;
- **Preparation of a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) for the South Gas Interconnector Bosnia Herzegovina - Croatia**
- ✓ 7/2017 – 5/2018 completed
- **Preparation of a Scoping Report for a Building Stock Study for the Public Sector in WB6**
- ✓ 4/2018 – 12/2018.
  - ✓ Submitted: Inception report.

# CONNECTA - prospects for additional support to WB6 in the transport and energy infrastructure sectors – potential assignments

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## Regional Infrastructure - Transport

❖ Completion of missing technical documentation for section Crveni Krst – Pantelej, which is part of Niš Railway Bypass.

## Regional Infrastructure - Energy

❖ Preparation of Cost Benefit Analysis, Environmental Social Impact Assessment and Preliminary Design for the Gas Interconnector Macedonia – Greece (Gas\_04B in the preliminary Energy Community Secretariat PMI/PECI 2018 list, ranked No 2). JSC MER, Ministry of Environment and EIB initiative.

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# Thank you for Connecting

