

## IN FOCUS

### Working towards attractive TRACECA services

> During eight months since the commencement of the LOGMOS project, the regional approach has been pursued to bridge the interests of the TRACECA Countries in the context of development of modern logistics and motorways of the sea initiatives.

Following this concept, within the period from October 2011-January 2012 the LOGMOS team organized a number of regional events with participation of beneficiaries and stakeholders.

The Caspian Ferry Committee Meeting was held on 15-16 December 2011 in Tbilisi and was attended by the Councils of Directors for Joint Operation of ferry lines Varna-Ilyichevsk, Varna-Poti / Batumi-Ilyichevsk. The meeting brought together the management and key executives of Ukrzaliznytsia, Shipping Company Ukrferry, ports of Ilyichevsk, Varna, Batumi, and Georgian Railways to tackle the issues of joint operation of the ferry lines.

The meeting discussed the existing technical and administrative bottlenecks to the smooth ferry communication and elaborated recommendations on minimizing those problems. In conclusion, the participants adopted the Protocol of the meeting and agreed to meet in the second quarter of 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria. It was also agreed that the Councils would every six months participate in the LOGMOS meetings for the sake of monitoring the environment and increasing the competitiveness of railway ferry transportation.

A Working Group meeting on implementation of the Pilot Project "Black Sea 1 Overseas Traffic between Varna – Ilyichevsk-Kerch-Poti-Batumi" (BSAP1) was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in Kiev. Participants from Ukrzaliznytsia,



Georgian Railways and South-Caucasus Railways open issues to be jointly addressed by the Railway Companies in order to ensure the implementation of intermodal door-to-door / through tariffs in a more transparent and commercially efficient way. The LOGMOS team proposed and coordinated with the participants improved procedures for loading operations and information supply for import cargoes with the ultimate goal to eliminate the vessels' delays at ports.

The second meeting of the LOGMOS Working Group in Ukraine was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in Kiev. The WG discussed the three pilot projects of "Black Sea 1", Euroterminal dry port, and International Logistics Center at the Borispol Airport. Participants adopted the methodology proposed by the LOGMOS team in the action plans for the projects, and agreed to re-establish the dialogue with the shipping lines, railway administrations and port authorities of the involved countries on the issues of competitiveness of the TRACECA ferry lines. The participants discussed *inter alia* aspects of the tariff policy, trends in container transportation, involvement of private operators, etc.

The LOGMOS team is preparing two next events: LOGMOS Working Group meeting in Kazakhstan scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Astana, and the LOGMOS TRACECA Regional Workshop to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> February

2012 in Brussels.

The LOGMOS team has prepared the Danube Case Study with the outlook for exploiting TRACECA Inland Waterways. The case study includes a detailed analysis of infrastructure, legal framework, possible directions for traffic flows, and recommendations on the set of legislative, administrative and infrastructural reforms meant to improve the inland waterway transportation.

### In this issue:

Caspian Ferry Committee has gathered to discuss the aspects of ferry communication in the direction Varna-Ilyichevsk, Varna-Poti / Batumi - Ilyichevsk

Regional Working Group meeting on BSAP 1 and LOGMOS Working Group in Ukraine were held in December 2011 and January 2012

Events in pipeline: LOGMOS Working Group in Meeting in Kazakhstan, and LOGMOS TRACECA Regional Workshop will take place in February 2012

The LOGMOS team prepared a study on the improvement of TRACECA Inland Waterways

