



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
between
the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA
and
the Organization for Co-operation between Railways

The Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (hereinafter referred to as the PS IGC TRACECA) and the Organization for Co-operation between Railways (hereinafter referred to as the OSJD), hereinafter individually referred to as the “Party” and jointly as the “Participants”,

Based on intention to promote the further development of trade and economic links in the Eurasian space in order to simplify trade procedures by improving transportation along transport routes,

Taking into account the accumulated experience in working with railway companies, carriers and transport and logistics operators, ports and other international organizations to ensure the competitiveness of transportation, as well as common interests in increasing cargo flows along transport corridors,

Given the mutual desire to develop cooperation in order to further develop and improve railway traffic, as well as with the participation of other modes of transport, in the Eurasian space along the TRACECA corridor routes, without detriment to other transport routes,

Following the principles of mutual respect and mutually beneficial business cooperation,

have reached understanding on the following issues:

Paragraph 1
General provisions

1. The objective of the Memorandum is to provide a framework for cooperation, facilitate and strengthen cooperation between the Participants in areas of common interest.

2. Cooperation between the PS IGC TRACECA and the OSJD will be carried out in accordance with their existing provisions and documents, as well as in compliance with the rights and international obligations of the Participants.

3. Cooperation between the Participants may be carried out by the PS IGC TRACECA and the OSJD Committee taking into account the membership of the states of the Participants in other international organizations in the field of railway transport.

Paragraph 2

Areas of cooperation

1. The Participants intend to cooperate, within their competence, in the field of railway transport, as well as in the field of combined and multimodal transport in the following areas:

- interaction within the framework of the development of international railway traffic, including transport corridors in the Eurasian space that pass along the TRACECA corridor routes;

- cooperation with a view to exchanging experience and using best practices;

- organization of joint events, preparation of joint publications, development of proposals and recommendations on issues of mutual interest;

- promoting further improvement of information exchange between the Participants, which leads to a broader understanding of common problems and provides wider access to existing knowledge and experience, and the search for new solutions to development problems;

- supporting the facilitation of experience exchange between the Participants in order to strengthen regional and international cooperation;

2. The Participants may propose topics for cooperation and joint work with a proposal of its form and content (tasks). The decision to include the proposed topic in the cooperation programme is made by the competent bodies of the PS IGC TRACECA and the OSJD.

The Participants will act on the basis of principles of mutually beneficial cooperation and do not aim to promote the specific transport corridors with discrimination of alternative routes.

3. The areas of cooperation referred to in subparagraph 1 of this Paragraph may be amended and supplemented at the proposal of the Participants and by consent, as well as will be drawn up in accordance with Paragraph 8 of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 3

Modalities of Cooperation

The PS IGC TRACECA and the OSJD agree on the implementation of the following modalities of cooperation:

- by consent of the Participants, the information exchange;

- participation in meetings and events of mutual interest;

- creation of joint PS IGC TRACECA/OSJD working groups, if necessary;

- joint organization of workshops, conferences, round tables and other events;

- preparation of joint activities, recommendations, decisions and monitoring of their implementation.

Paragraph 4
Participation in meetings

1. Representatives of the Participants may mutually participate in meetings of the governing bodies of both organizations by invitation.

2. The Participants are interested in cooperation at the expert level between the Participants. Participation in meetings of working bodies and experts of both Participants is determined by consent and on the basis of invitations.

3. A delegation of one Party may participate in meetings of the working bodies of the other Party.

4. All costs for participation in meetings will be covered by the sending Party.

Paragraph 5
Joint work

1. To implement the objectives specified in subparagraph 1 of Paragraph 2 of this Memorandum, for the study and development of issues of mutual interest, the Participants may establish joint working (expert) groups.

2. The joint working (expert) group will work on the basis of the approved Regulations of Work, which define its objectives and methods of work. The Regulations of Work will be approved by Participants in accordance with the internal rules.

3. The composition, structure, work plan and schedule of the Joint Working Group will be determined by a subsequent understanding between the Participants.

Paragraph 6
Information Exchange

1. The Participants will exchange information regarding the areas of cooperation on a voluntary basis.

2. The Participants will exchange plans of meetings for the coming year.

Paragraph 7
Languages of communication

1. When participating in meetings by invitation, the organizer of the meeting will provide, by agreement, in each individual case, interpretation into one of the working languages of the invited Party.

2. The Participants will provide each other with the materials specified in Paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Memorandum in one of the official languages of the Participants.

Paragraph 8
Final Provisions

1. This Memorandum is not an international agreement and does not create rights and obligations regulated by international law. This Memorandum does not impose any financial obligations on the Participants.

2. This Memorandum will be valid for an indefinite period and may be terminated by each of the Parties after 1 (one) month from the date of receipt by the other Party of the appropriate written notification.

3. In case of issues related to the implementation of this Memorandum or the interpretation of its certain provisions, they will be resolved through negotiations between representatives of the Participants.

4. This Memorandum comes into force upon its signing by both Participants, having the appropriate authority.

5. This Memorandum is drawn up in two copies in the Russian and English languages, one for each of the Parties.

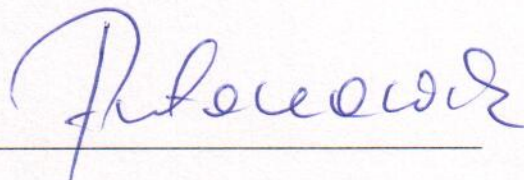
Signed on June "20", 2024 in Warsaw, Republic of Poland.

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