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Second Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management (Directive 2008/96/EC)

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Second International Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management, co-organized by the ACE BiH (Association of Consulting Engineers of Bosnia and Herzegovina) and RCC (Regional Cooperation Council) Secretariat, under the auspices of Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, was held on 20 April 2011 in Sarajevo.

The Conference was opened by:

- Minister of Communications and Transport, Mr. Rudo Vidovic
- Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council, Mrs. Jelica Minic
- Director General of the European Road Federation, Mr. Christophe Nicodeme
- President of BiH ACE, Mr. Esref Gacanin

The aim of the Conference was to exchange experiences and achievements in implementation of the EU Directive 2008/96 on Road Infrastructure Safety Management.

Representatives of the following countries and regional organization participated at the Conference:

- Albania
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Croatia
 - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 - Montenegro
 - The Netherlands
 - Romania
 - Serbia
 - Slovenia
 - Sweden
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- SEETO (South East Europe Transport Observatory)

20 presentations were delivered addressing the implementation of Directive 2008/96 in their own fields of expertise.

The Conference adopted the following conclusions:

1. Following the SEETO Regional Road Safety Study, most of the RCC members from SEE have already accepted the Directive 2008/96 as their national law, while others will do so as soon as possible.
 2. Based on the shared experiences of countries present at the Conference and SEETO guidelines, a basic ROAD MAP will be proposed in May 2011, as per provision of Article 10 of the Directive, with the aim of efficient and feasible Directive implementation.
 3. The assistance and support of the European Road Federation (ERF) will be used in various aspects of acceptance of the Directive.
 4. SEETO and RCC will support ROAD MAP for implementation of the Directive and join capacities to timely launch the mentioned initiative.
 5. Establishment of a regional training center for auditors and inspectors in Sarajevo, with the support of BiH Ministry of Communications and Transport and Regional Cooperation Council, is proposed with participation of educators from the RCC members from SEE and in organisation of ACE BiH.
 6. The Third International Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management will be held in April 2012 in Sarajevo and will present improvement levels in road traffic safety for the period April 2011 – April 2012 as well as new ideas as regards implementation of Directive 2008/96.
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