

**REPORT OF THE
STEERING COMMITTEE
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA RING HIGHWAY**

Fifth Meeting

Istanbul, 31 March 2011

1. The Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) on the Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway (BSRH) was held in Istanbul, on 31 March 2011.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Stefan IVANOV POPOV, Chief Expert of the National Transport Policy Directorate of the Ministry of Transport, Information, Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Members of the Steering Committee of the BSRH:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The representatives of BSEC PERMIS and PABSEC also attended the Meeting.
5. The representative of IRU took part in the Meeting as a guest.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda is attached as Annex II.

APPOINTMENT OF PENDING NATIONAL COORDINATORS

7. The Steering Committee requested the countries which have not yet done so, to inform the JPTS about the nomination of their national coordinators. The list of National Coordinators is attached as Annex III.

ELABORATION OF THE MAIN ROUTE OF THE BSRH AND ITS CONNECTIONS

8. The Member States gave their positions about the main BSRH route passing through their territories. The positions are reflected in the map attached as Annex IV and described in the relevant technical report to be circulated by JPTS to all Member States.

9. Ukraine suggested to develop the main route in two directions:

- a) Odessa- Ukrainian - Romanian border (Orlivka – Isaccea) –(going to Constanta- Bucharest) and
- b) Odessa- going to Tiraspol- Chisinau and Bucharest

10. The Steering Committee has noted the intention of Ukraine to start negotiations with Romania and Moldova regarding the above mentioned proposal. Ukraine recalled the proposal for the connection between Odessa and the border of Moldova anticipating the results of the mentioned forthcoming negotiations.

11. The Presidency has called upon the Member States to confirm their approval of the final version of the main route before the next Meeting of the Steering Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. MODEL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE (MHI)

12. The Steering Committee took note of the presentation by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) on the Model Highway Initiative which is attached as Annex V.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13. The Russian Federation invited Member States to participate in the meeting of the Steering Committee which will be held in Rostov-on-Don in September 2011. The exact date will be circulated through JPTS to all Member States.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

14. The Steering Committee approved the above Report and requested the JPTS to circulate it to all the Parties involved.
