

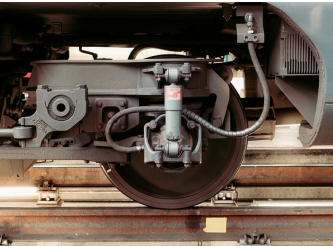


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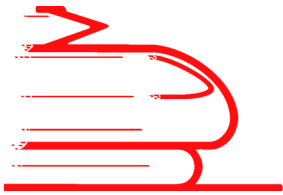
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Editor's opinion:

First „SEE Mobility 2017“ fair in Belgrade showed a large interest in intensifying regional cooperation

Dear readers, members and friends of Railway Cluster for Southeastern Europe (RCSEE),



Within the fair all exhibitors presented the activities of their companies, as well as new technological solutions. Greatest attention was caused by international conference “Current projects and challenges on SEE railways” on which participants spoke about current projects in the region, as well as problems that accompanied their implementation.

Main message that was sent to the public from this fair was that together we – associations, high education institutions, institutes, national railways, private sector and state institutions in our branch from the entire region, can and must cooperate much more if we wish a faster positive move toward the revitalization, professionalization and modernization of railway infrastructure in the region.

In this issue we bring, as always, overview of news and event announcements in the region.



Kindest regards,

Milan Vučković

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Why is the condition in B&H railways bad and how to make it better?

October, Sarajevo, B&H: Association of consulting engineers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ACE BIH) is organizing fourth B&H congress on Railways that will be held on 27th and 28th October 2017 in Sarajevo. The event is sponsored by the Ministry of communications and transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This Congress is held in the moment of search for optimal role of railways in the transport of cargo and passengers.

This international congress is an excellent opportunity for the exchange of good and bad experiences of railway operators, infrastructure companies, producers of equipment, logistic companies and all other actors in railway transport.

The topics of congress are:

- Railway reorganization and management;
- Railway transport policy and its implementation;
- Interoperability;
- Railway infrastructure;
- Transport safety;

Organizers expect participation of governmental and financial sector and presentation of their activities.



Zagreb: Conference “Railway - Growth Generator? Yes or No?”

Zagreb, 9th May 2017: In Zagreb Faculty of Transport Sciences (Borongaj Campus) a conference “Railway – growth generator? Yes or no?” was organized by Pro Rail Alliance, Faculty of Transport, Croatian Chamber of Economy and Croatian Counties Assembly.

The purpose of this conference was to raise awareness and actualization of the topic of railways, and to incentivize decision-makers for strategic planning and active work on issues related to railways. Also, the goal is to bring attention to the importance of entire railway

system and accompanying industry that is losing the battle with necessary modernization of infrastructure and adaptation to the new liberalized market.



Numerous Dismissals due to Millions of Debt

April 2017, Podgorica: 14 directors of four Montenegro railway companies has been dismissed by the decision of the Government of Montenegro! This „cleanup“ followed catastrophic business results – accumulated losses, millions of debt for taxes and social security contributions of the employees and many other unfulfilled obligations amounting to almost ten million Euros! The only company that has positive results without tax debt is “**Montekargo**”, but the dismissals affected it as well, even though this company finished the previous year with 12,800 EUR profit and without any tax debt.

In the “**Railway Infrastructure**” company the only “surviving” director is Ljubomir Sošić, while the former president of the board of directors Žarko Šturanović resigned, and Spaso Popović, Biljana Šofranac and Predrag Lutovac were dismissed due to the end of mandate.

The company owes the employees 1.4 million EUR for transport expenses, that were not paid from 2008 to 2013. This is the most populous company with over 800 employees that finished 2016 with a loss of 3.5 million EUR.

Similar events unfolded in „**Railway transport**“, and the only remaining member of board of directors is Valjon Mehmedović.

These two companies received 29 million EUR of state guarantees six years ago, despite bad results. Also, in the past few days Railway infrastructure received a 20 million credit, with government guarantees, for reconstruction of the railways.



Railway sections Vranjska Banja – Ristovac and Vinarce - Đorđevo reconstructed

Leskovac, March-April 2017: Section of reconstructed railway Vranjska Banja – Ristovac, 17.7 km in length, was ceremoniously opened for traffic in the beginning of March. On this section, trains will be able to develop speeds up to 120 km/h instead of previous 50 km/h.

On this occasion Prime Minister of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, said that his government is “beginning to return trust of citizens in Serbian railways”.

Month later, another section Vinarce - Đorđevo was

opened for traffic in the south of Serbia

Through modernization and reconstruction of that section of railway in total length of 15 kilometers all three „southern“ sections were finished, in a total length of 46.5 kilometers, on international railway Corridor 10 between Niš and Preševo, financed by Russian credit.

Works on Vinarce-Đorđevo section were finished before the expected deadline, and their total cost is approximately 9.5 million USD. Works on all three sections, a total value of 30.4 million USD, were performed by a national Russian railway company „RZD International“, with domestic subcontractors.

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FIRST REGIONAL FAIR “SEE MOBILITY 2017” HELD IN BELGRADE

With 26 exhibitors from 11 countries

The first regional and international fair SEE MOBILITY 2017 was held in Belgrade on April 26th and 27th, organized by the Business Support Network (BSN), in partnership with Rail Cluster for Southeast Europe, and with the presence of 26 exhibitors from 11 countries.



Companies from Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria, Germany, Italy, Finland, Netherlands, Hungary, Ukraine and Taiwan, fair exhibitors, presented interesting and innovative technology, their products and services from the mobility industry.



Prof. Nebojša Bojović

Fair was opened by Professor **Nebojša Bojović**, Dean of Faculty of Transport and the President of the Assembly of Railway Infrastructure of Serbia, **Volker Drenkhahn** from AEBT company from Germany, Platinum sponsor of the fair, **Milan Vučković**, Director of

RCSEE and **Dragoljub Rajić**, Partner in BSN.

On the first day of the fair, an interesting conference was held titled “Infrastructure projects and challenges in the SEE railways”, on which the participants spoke openly about the issues, among them **Vladko Sazdov**, from Macedonian Railway Infrastructure, **Vladimir Simić**,



Volker Drenkhahn, AEBT

Vice-Director General of CIP Institute of Transportation, **Volker Drenkhahn** from German company AEBT and **Ante Klečina** from Pro Rail Alliance from Croatia. Moderator was **Milan Vučković** from RCSEE.

During both fair days all exhibitors held interesting presentations of their activities.

Next SEE MOBILITY fair will be held in two years in Belgrade.



Milan Vučković, RCSEE

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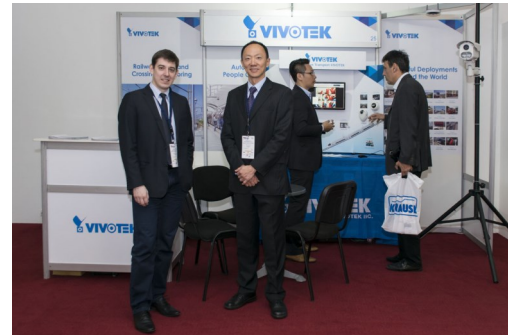
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Cooperation Agreement Between RCSEE and Pro Rail Alliance

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Basic goal of the Agreement is joint work on promotion and improvement of trade and economic cooperation in the region, as well as specifically between Croatia and Serbia. Both organizations will cooperate closely in the future through organization of conferences, brochures and other publications, research, exchange of information, etc.

During signing of the Agreement, president of Pro Rail Alliance **Zoran Maršić** said that this is a very important step toward a more significant cooperation among the railway industry in the SEE region. Signatory on the behalf of Cluster, **Dragoljub Rajić**, welcomed the signing of the Agreement and expressed a desire to start with concrete activities in the upcoming days.

At the same time, this is an excellent possibility for intensifying the cooperation of numerous members of both organization (in this moment around 90).



Zoran Maršić, SZŽ



Dragoljub Rajić, RCSEE

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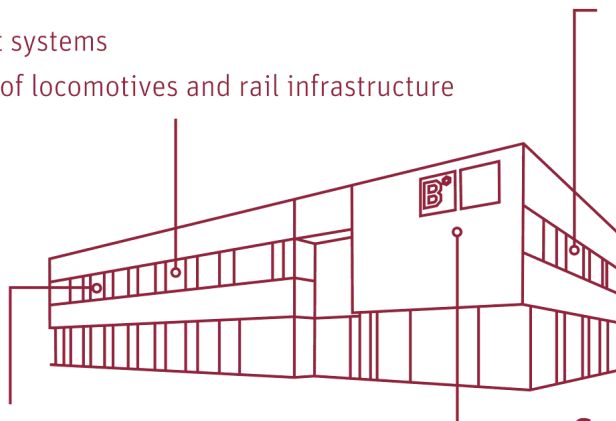
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