



FACT SHEET

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ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORT COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE WESTERN BALKANS

2017 SIGNATURE OF A TRANSPORT COMMUNITY TREATY

Connecting Europe and Beyond

Connectivity is at the very heart of the European Commission's priority to reinforce the integration between the Western Balkans region and the EU. More specifically, connectivity means focusing investments that improve transport systems and their infrastructure, which in turn strengthens the countries' competitiveness. This also contributes to building bridges in the region, developing good neighbourly relations and promoting peace and reconciliation.

TRANSPORT COMMUNITY TREATY – KEY OBJECTIVES:



A deeper integration of the Western Balkan region with the EU transport market towards common standards, network efficiency and quality of service offered to citizens and businesses.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR WESTERN BALKAN STATES?

Bringing transport legislation in line with the EU's and need for modern transport operations and safety requirements ▼

- Early integration with the EU transport market
- Supporting the path of the Western Balkans for accession to the EU

Increased efficiency and connectivity of the transport system ▼

- Increased competitiveness of the transport sector
- Positive impact on the business community in the region
- Economic growth and tourism
- Increased attractiveness for investments in the region
- Reduced travel time and costs
- Facilitation of cross-border projects that enable smooth transport flow

WHAT'S IN IT FOR EU MEMBER STATES?

- Legal certainty means more investment possibilities for businesses
- Efficiency of transport systems and increased connectivity benefits economic growth
- EU citizens benefit from better safety on roads and better transport services when visiting the region

- BALTIC - ADRIATIC
- NORTH SEA - BALTIC
- MEDITERRANEAN
- ORIENT / EAST-MED
- SCANDINAVIAN - MEDITERRANEAN
- RHINE - ALPINE
- ATLANTIC
- NORTH SEA - MEDITERRANEAN
- RHINE - DANUBE

