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Reduction of Stopping Times at Bulgarian Railroad Border Crossings PN: 1998.0250.

Dear Mr. Chakarov,

we would like to use this letter as an opportunity to express our appreciation and complete satisfaction with the work accomplished by ITC in the years 2000 and 2001. Even under the sometimes difficult circumstances with the various partners involved in this project and moreover with relevant authorities from neighbouring countries ITC has provided excellent work.

The following activities have been executed:

- Analysis of the international freight and passenger traffic volume, transit times and stopping times for typical passenger and freight block trains passing the Bulgarian railroad border checkpoints.
- Analysis of the specific legislation in the field of border processing and its harmonization status with the relevant EU legislation.
- Review of the other national and international initiatives for shortening the trains' transit times and the results thereof.
- Organization and preparation of 12 quality circle meetings and regular intermediate workshops with all concerned parties from both sides of the border at Border crossing point with Romania (Rousse-Giurgiu) and Yugoslavia (Dragoman-Dimitrovgrad).
- Moderation of the 10 regular quality circle meetings and 17 workshops.
- Monitoring of the conformance with plan of operation.
- Dissemination, adaptation and practical implementation of a Monitoring system aimed to register the real border stopping times and the reasons for the delays; Analysis of the monitoring system implementation results.

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- Dissemination of the project aims, findings and experience gained (press releases, SECI meetings, International railway forum, official meetings with representatives of Romanian, Serbian and Turkish Ministries of Transport).
- Coordination of all activities with the implementing organization (Executive Agency "Railway Administration" within Bulgarian MoTC and National Company "Bulgarian State Railways"), international expert team and local authorities involved (National Service "Border Police", Customs Agency, National Service for Plant Protection, Quarantine and Agrochemistry, National Inspectorate for Veterinary Control and Quarantine, Hygiene and Epidemiology Inspectorate) as well as with the Romanian and Yugoslavian institution and authorities involved.
- Local backstopping, translation and interpretation services (from/to English, Romanian and Serbian languages).

We hope that we will have the opportunity to continue our cooperation in the oncoming regional project on railway border crossings.

Yours sincerely,



Helmut Gasteier



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