

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME "Accessibility Improvement"

1. INTRODUCTION

The Operational Programme "**Accessibility Improvement**" 2007-2013 (OP-AI) includes interventions that contribute to the modernisation of organic infrastructure facilities and related services of the transportation system, with the purpose of essentially improving the accessibility of the regions of the country and its international and trans-European interconnections.

EPEP encompasses interventions/actions that fall under the Transportation sector and concern all the transportation subsystems of the sector: road, railway and combined transport, sea, airborne and urban transportation. The main categories of interventions concern the development of transportation infrastructure, as well as the improvement of transportation safety and services.

2. BUDGET

The **Total Co-funded Budget** from the E.U. amounts to **EUR 4,976,191,728**, of which **EUR 3,700,160,864** is from **Community Resources** and **EUR 1,276,030,864** from **National Resources**.

In addition to this amount, it is estimated that **National Resources amounting to EUR 2,424,130,000** will be earmarked to cover the cost of projects that are not co-funded by the E.U., such as expropriations, (larger than a certain percentage of the project's cost) anticipated earnings, etc. **Private Funding amounting to EUR 3,628,542,000** is also expected to be earmarked for the realisation of these projects.

The **total** sum is estimated to reach **EUR 11,028,863,728**.

3. THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR PERIOD 2007-2013

The main objective of this OP is the development and modernization of the physical infrastructure and relevant services of the country's transport system.

For the implementation of the OP's strategy, the priority axes are as follows:

- *ERDF Funding (pure Objective 1 Regions)*

Axis 1 relates to road transport – road network

Axis 2 relates to rail and combined transport

Axis 3 relates to sea transport and ports

Axis 4 relates to air transport

Axis 5 relates to horizontal actions

Axis 6 relates to technical support of OP implementation

- *CF Funding (entire country)*

The first four axes of the ERDF are repeated in the Cohesion Fund, which includes two more axes (urban development - metro construction, urban transport).

The OP will focus on implementing interventions as follows:

In the road transport sector emphasis will be on continuing construction of the PATHE and Egnatia motorways and on new actions for the implementation of the Trans-European Network for Motorways, for the improvement of the Regional Road Network and interconnections of transport networks as well as for the promotion of combined transport.

In the rail transport sector emphasis will be on continuing and new actions for the implementation of the railway axis PATHE/P, and on new actions for the interconnection of transport networks and the promotion of combined transport.

In the sea transport sector emphasis will be on continuing actions for the development of main ports network and infrastructure as well, and their interconnection with other Trans-European Networks. New actions will be implemented for the improvement of the existing and the development of new port infrastructure, mainly for ports with high passenger traffic, as well as for the management of sea traffic to improve sea transport safety, search and rescue.

In the air transport sector emphasis will be on new actions for the upgrade of the country's major regional airports, of regional airports, on the promotion of new connections with outlying regions and lastly on aeronautical actions for the improvement of air transport safety.

In the urban transport sector emphasis will be on continuing actions for the completion of the Metro and on new actions for the development of the urban railway network and of "clean" urban transport and finally on the improvement of the urban transport network.