



II CEI – Bukovina Workshop “Sustainable Development of Transport System in zone of the new EU eastern border”

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FINAL CONCLUSIONS

The CEI Workshop was held on 15 – 16 November 2007 in Bukovina (Euroregion “Upper Prut”) under the support of Chernivtsi (Ukraine), and Suceava (Romania) Regional Authorities, Ukrainian and Romanian Governments.

The Regions should take actions by themselves to develop transport infrastructure in their own territories, based on approved EU standards and principle of subsidiarity. CEI Workshop stemmed from peculiar geopolitical status of Bukovina located on a crossroad between the path “from Varangians to Greeks”, bypassing Carpathians, and the “Silk Way” through them. For many centuries it was the shortest & safest way from the Baltic and East to Mediterranean and Black Seas. It corresponds to the CEI Plan of Action pertaining to Promotion of Landbridges Connections as well as to handling of the first meeting of Ukrainian-Romanian Presidential Commission held in Bucharest on 30-31 October 2007.

Representatives of **8 CEI Member States:** Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Ukraine, CEI Executive Secretariat and Alpine Convention Coordination Unit have discussed on this Workshop:

- ✓ ***Nowadays Challenges and Perspectives of Transit Potential and Transport along and across the EU States border with Eastern Neighbours (North-South and East-West)***
- ✓ ***Further development of Border Infrastructure in Conformity with the Demands of Realization of Transit Potential of the Regions***
- ✓ ***Local Transfrontier Transit and Spatial Development***
- ✓ ***Sustainable Transfrontier Development in the light of the Trans-European Transit Potential: First lessons of collaboration between the Carpathian and Alpine Conventions***

During the Workshop the participants have expressed the following main opinions:

- the necessity to encourage political commitment of local self-government and central authorities as well as closer collaboration between current ENPI, EGTC and Carpathian Convention to harmonise Trans-European and Local Communications, Cargo and Energy Transit and Border Infrastructure Modernisation accordingly to Sustainable Spatial & Socio-Economic Development provisions;
- they welcomed the initiative of Ukrainian and Romanian Regions supported by their States on linking local regional transport networks to European Corridors in line with Concept of European Transport Axes, which enable the definition of additional links thus facilitating the transit flows.