

**Memo of Technical Meeting
Struma Motorway Lot 3
07.07.2017**

Brussels, DG REGIO Room 02/059, Av. De Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

Objective

- Application Form for Struma Lot 3.1, 3.3 and Zheleznitsa tunnel

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Meeting Summary

Application Form for Struma Lot 3.1, 3.3 and Zheleznica tunnel

- The Commission informed the MA that the application form was reviewed and needs to be returned for modification.
- The main reason cited was the connectivity between Lots 3.1 and 3.2. In the application form the split of the motorway connecting Lot 3.1 to Lot 3.2 started from km 373+300. This was predetermining that Lot 3.2 would have to follow the 10.5 Eastern alternative, while both the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) procedures for Lot 3.2. are still on-going and there is no final decision on the selected alternative. Consequently, the Commission asked that the sections km 373+300 up to the end of Lot 3.1 at km 376+000 are removed from the scope of the application form. The same was asked for km 397+000 up to km 397+600 covered by Lot 3.3. The consensus was that those sections should be considered in the future application form covering Lot 3.2 after the alternative for Lot 3.2 has been selected.
- Other reasons for return of the application form included missing information in sections D.2.1 (iv), 'risks involved for each alternative' and D.2.1. (vi) 'the summary table containing all pros and cons for all options considered', missing parts in the quantitative risk analysis including 'lands costs higher than predicted', tolls collection lower than expected' and 'public opposition' and missing maps of alignment with Natura 2000.
- There are two options – to withdraw the AF or to interrupt the procedure for up to two months
- The Managing Authority took note of the comments and replied that they prefer interruption and that they will make the necessary modifications.

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Annex - List of participants, technical meeting on Struma 7th July 2017, Brussels

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