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1. Project Proposal Information

Project Proposal Title	Sustainable Mobility Network Planning in WBC
Project Proposal Acronym	SuMMoN
Keywords	Strategic Planning, Sustainable Mobility, Core Regional Network, WBC
Abstract (Max. 2000 words)	<p>European Union (EU) considers regional cooperation of Western Balkans Countries (WBC) as one of pre-conditions for the successful integration. Therefore, by signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and establishment of South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO), EU has strongly supported the multimodal South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network (Core Network) concept. In October 2008, EU has started treaty negotiation on establishing a Transport Community with WBC, which should foster implementation of EU transport policy main goals in the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to improve and modernise the Core Network (for the sake of social and economic development), • to improve traffic on the Core Network (by improving interoperability, speeding up border crossing procedures, implementing new technologies etc.) and • to bring the WBC legislation in line with the transport acquis. <p>The Transport Community would provide legal certainty for the investors in the transport sector and stimulate economic development of WBC. Moreover, the transport efficiency would be improved, creating conditions for „fair modal share“ and by removal of recognized „bottlenecks“. So, the Transport Community establishment should allow WBC citizens to benefit from the EU accession process more rapidly. However, uncoordinated and fragmented planning without sound Projects (derived from the regional network based transport system) created as a result of strategic planning (respecting principles of sustainable mobility and strategic spatial planning), could make the previously defined goals hard to achieve. That is why a new approach for the Core Network planning, based on the regional network development concept, should be introduced, fostering regional development and EU integration.</p>

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	<p>The Regional Transport Network strategic planning should be based on functional classification of main links and nodes, putting in focus quality of service, but also respecting share of transit, goods and passengers. The future core network should provide optimal distance between (intermodal) logistic centers, and so enable use of the different transport modes in the best way. The future core network should also provide optimal accessibility for the most passengers travelling more than 50 kilometres. Finally, having in mind that we all live in an „informatics-communication era“, implementation of technologies and applications supporting sustainable mobility should be fully considered (e.g. ITS, ERTMS, SESAR, etc.). In the next stage, common indicators for comparison of different Projects on the cost benefits ratio basis should be defined (e.g. modified HEATCO could be applied in this stage). Upon the assessment, chosen projects should be approved by all stakeholders and published in a common paper, which should provide enough information (on each included Project) to the Investors.</p> <p>The Project objectives are taken from “Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on Transport policy in the Western Balkans” (presented as “Recommendations to the governments of the WBC”).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen regional cooperation in the field of transport policy and transport infrastructure; • Ensure efficient planning of public investment of regional interest in the transport sector and increase capacity-building in the transport sector; • Improve border management and increase the capacity of border crossings in order to speed up and improve the quality of transport at regional level; • Develop coherent policies at regional level that would encourage inter-modal transport and the deployment of intelligent transport systems (ITS); • Continue improving relations with neighbouring countries and resolve open issues in bilateral relations; • Involve the social partners, as well as representatives of other relevant civil society organisations in the process of developing regional transport policy and achieve convergence between employment policies and reforms.
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Project Description (Main Work Packages)	<p>The activities /Main WPs will be based on strong regional cooperation aimed to optimize future use of transport infrastructure (including terminals and border crossings) in WBC and enhance freight logistics and passenger co-modality (promoting more frequent use of energy efficient transport means). Deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems to improve transport, traffic and information management will also be considered. At last, but not the least, knowledge for common WBC transport policy making will not only include involvement of social partners and representatives of other relevant civil society organisations, but also assessments of the Community transport policy measures and trans-European networks policy and planned priority projects.</p> <p>Main WPs will be more detaily defined in cooperation with the Project Partners!</p>
Current Consortium (Partners, Organisation Types)	IPSA
Deadline for Responses	30/06/2011 (provisional)

2. Profile of the Partners Sought

Organisation Type	Universities, Institutes/Research Centres, SMEs, Ministries
Required Skills and Expertise	Transport Policy / Strategy development, High Level Planning
Role in the project	The Project Leader, as well as The Project Partners from EU and WBC
Other Requirements	Experience in CSA (for the Project Leader)

3. Project Proposer Information

Name of the Organisation	IPSA Institute LCC
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Organisation Type	Consulting Company
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Previous FP Projects Participated	

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