

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND
TRANSPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport of the Hellenic Republic, hereinafter referred to as "Parties"

- Desiring to strengthen their bilateral relations in the fields of Infrastructure, Transport and Road Safety
- Desiring to develop co-ordinated joint efforts to design and implement intergovernmental actions in the field of transport, infrastructure and road safety,
- Acknowledging the benefits of improved connectivity, through the implementation of major infrastructure projects for the smooth running of road, rail and air transportation as well as their support systems to the society, the economy and the environment.
- Acknowledging that the Parties' cooperation on transport infrastructure and road safety will be mutually beneficial,
- Recognising the benefits of exchanging best practices and providing know-how and technical support when and where needed,
- Acknowledging that their cooperation in the field of transport will not affect the obligations of the Parties resulting from their participation in international, regional

organisations and the European Union, and that it will be conducted in accordance with the respective national laws of each Party

- Guided by the principles of mutual respect, trust and partnership aligned with the national legislation of the Parties
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Have agreed the following understanding:

Article 1

1. The Parties shall develop co-operation between their services and exchange information on the implementation and monitoring of the transport projects. The transfer of know-how shall be promoted and in particular the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport of the Hellenic Republic shall support the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of North Macedonia in the adoption of the European legislation (acquis communautaire), standards, specifications and procedures of the European Union in order to facilitate its upcoming accession process.
2. The Parties shall exchange know-how and provide technical support on various transport issues, including through entities supervised by each Party. The implementation of advisory services and technical support shall be formalised by separate agreements to be signed between the stakeholders.
3. An effort will be made to cooperate in preparation of proposals for joint participation in European programs and consequently to their implementation.

Article 2

The Parties shall establish thematic Working Groups to implement the provisions of this Memorandum and give priority to the establishment of a Working Group for the preparation of an Agreement on Road Freight and Passengers Transport.

Article 3

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent by the two Parties. Any modification will not affect any of the commitments and / or benefits arising from this Memorandum of Understanding prior to the entry into force of the relevant modification, unless the Parties decide otherwise in writing.

Article 4

Any differences between the Parties arising from the interpretation and / or implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved through negotiations and / or consultations between the Parties and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party.

Article 5

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of its signature.

Article 6

Any Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by notifying the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it. Termination will take effect six (6) months after the date of receipt of the written notification

by the other Party, or at a later date as may be specified in the notification. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the implementation of programs and actions decided upon by both Parties before its termination.

The Memorandum of Understanding is signed in two original copies, each in Macedonian, Greek and in English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

Signed in Skopje on 2 April 2019

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