

## MINUTES

### of the meeting held on 18 March 2004 in the premises of the Port Authority of Rijeka

#### The Meeting Agenda: **Public Consultation concerning construction of the road section Sv. Kuzam–Križišće of the state road D-8**

The meeting started at 12.00 hours.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public on the construction project of the road section Sv.Kuzam-Križišće of the state road D-8.

**Mr. Mikko Venermo**, the representative and an expert for environmental protection of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) opened the meeting and welcomed the present. He introduced other participants in the meeting and made a short presentation of EBRD. He informed all present about the reasons and purpose of the meeting. The EBRD policy is to participate only in the projects that do not have harmful environmental impact and are supported with all the documents and construction programs including all the measures for mitigation of any harmful changes in the environment. To satisfy itself that the environment-related requirements are satisfied, EBRD asked for a Report of the environmental impact assessment of construction of the Sv.Kuzam-Križišće bypass road section. The Report would address all the issues relating to the environment and the social and economic aspects of the Project. The purpose of the meeting is to collect all relevant information that might be used to identify the questions to be addressed in the Report to prevent harmful impact of the Project on the environment and to implement the efficient measures for mitigation of the impact.

**Mr. Branimir Pliskavac**, the representative of the Rijekaprojekt Company engaged for development of the project documentation for the road section, made a review of past activities and the state of the Project. He outlined briefly the documentation already developed and the documentation still under development. He also informed about basic technical elements of the road section under consideration laying stress upon the severe structural solutions (tunnels, viaducts).

**Ms. Ljiljana Doležal**, the representative of the Urbing Company and engaged by EBRD for the Report of the environmental impact assessment, has explained the working methods, informed about the data sources and the content of the Report.

**Mr. Mikko Venermo** has presented the Public Consultation plan for the Project, and Ms. Ljiljana Doležal gave a more in-depth explanation in this regard.

**Mr. Zvonimir Nagy**, the representative of the Croatian Roads, the company responsible for construction of the road section, presented the Project from the investor's point of view and briefly explained the reasons for constructing this section of the state road D-8.

After the introductory speeches and presentations, the meeting went on with discussion during which all present at the meeting could express their views and make comments on the subject.

### **Discussion**

**Mr. Vlatko Šuperina**, Institute for Development, Physical Planning and Environmental Protection in Rijeka, Primorsko-goranska County, argues in favour of a different name of the Project. Instead of Rijeka Bypass Road, he suggested that the name of Rijeka Transport Junction were used. He supported his argument by the fact that thirty years ago that road was a Rijeka Bypass but today all kind of traffic/transport (road, railway, and sea) interconnects on this road. This road has to be constructed together with the road D-3 because only in this way the town traffic network will be relieved from heavy traffic and left for the needs of the Rijeka City.

**Mr. Davor Gregorić**, the representative of the Croatian Waters – VGO Rijeka, said that the Croatian Waters had issued the water licence and the conditions stipulated in the licence had been observed during the development of documentation.

**Mr. Sladić Keserović**, the representative of the Organisation for Development of Ecology and Power Industry said that it had been done all that had to be done till now and he had no objection to that part. Whatever is done, it can always be done better but special attention should be paid to the responsibility during construction and the supervision of construction. He also finds that timely information to the public about the Project is vital.

**Mr. Vladimir Dročić**, Town of Kraljevica, promised to participate in making the Report and asked if the Report could stop the issuance of the building permit.

**Mr. Mikko Venermo** replied that the main goal of making the Report is to answer if the Project is environmentally friendly that is what should be done to become environmentally friendly. The main design documents, under progress, have to find the answers to all the environmental questions.

**Mr. Zvonimir Nagy** underlined that the main design would take into account all the facts, information, and data from the Report.

**Mr. Darko Martinec**, the representative of the Urbing Company, explained that there is an obligation to make a Study of Conservation for the needs of the Main Design. The Study would identify the issues of protecting the cultural heritage in the Project area.

**Mr. Vlatko Šuperina** underlined once again that the Traffic/Transport Junction embraced all aspects of traffic (road, railway, and sea) and there was no spatial alternative.

**Mr. Dragutin Has**, the representative of the Municipal Local Branch, pointed out that they were very much interested in the Project and had a look at the SUO document for Križišće – Žuta Lokva. They made well-meant comments to the Križišće interchange where several directions connect. He expressed his concern over the plant and animal habitats and wild animals coming from Gorski Kotar (the mountain region). He asked

for contacts to be made with the Town of Kraljevica when making the Report and the Town would then include also the municipal local branches in this process.

**Mr. Darko Martinec** has stressed that the Report would not solve all the problems. However, he finds it important because the problems would be addressed to the right place.

**Mr. Mikko Venermo** called the meeting off by thanking all present for coming to the meeting and asked for their future co-operation.

The meeting ended at 14.00 hours. A list of all the participants is attached to the minutes.

Notes of the meeting taken by: Ms. Ljiljana Doležal