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RAIL BALTICA –

Workpackage 1

“Definition of a common approach for the integration of spatial planning and regional development issues in infrastructure projects”

Stefan Elsing, 8th of June 2006, Frankfurt/ Oder



Activities under WP1 will define

- **a joint assessment approach** incorporating
- aspects of **regional development/spatial planning** into the overall Rail Baltica Feasibility Studies.

Strategic focus:

Harmonization of the assessment approach and development strategies in the participating countries.

Planned results:

- Conditions for successful railway development are clarified.
- A joint assessment approach for spatial planning and regional development issues and joint concepts to support Rail Baltica are defined.
- A common development strategy is elaborated.

Output:

- One document describing the common international approach for the integration of spatial planning and regional development in infrastructure projects.

- „Activities of the project include the definition of a **transnationally agreed** assessment approach and development strategy ...
- ... defining the scope of the analysis to be performed in terms of spatial planning and regional development as well as the scope of measures to be implemented to support the Rail Baltica railway link, ...
- .. to enhance the benefits of the railway link and the implementation of the assessment and strategy on national and regional levels.”



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Milestone 1 (until end of February 2006)

- Analysis of results of completed or ongoing national and trans-national studies and investment projects relevant for the project
- Result: Draft of list of characteristics of macro-region in terms
 - ▶ Of international cooperation and strategies,
 - ▶ national spatial planning / development policies, plans and programs,
 - ▶ legal prerequisites and existing legal preconditions,
 - ▶ national transportation programs,
 - ▶ previous studies: migration, tourism, environment, public awareness, economic development, socio-political implications, etc.





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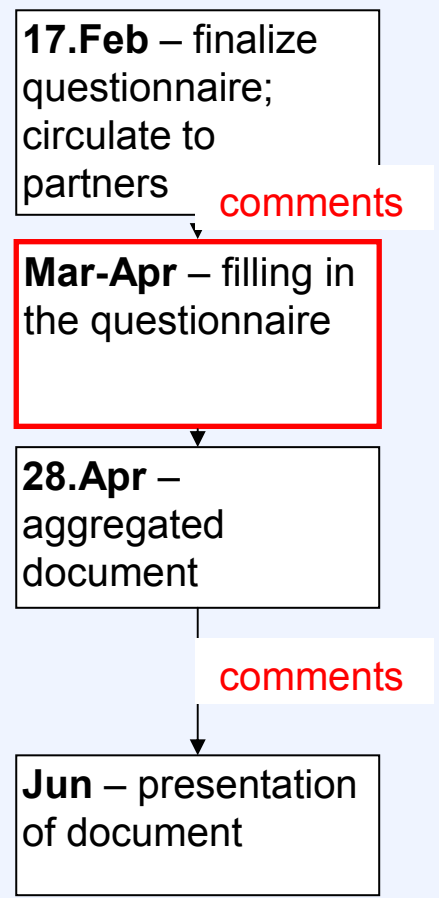
Results are the definition of spatial planning priorities regarding Rail Baltica for the macro-region Rail Baltica Zone.



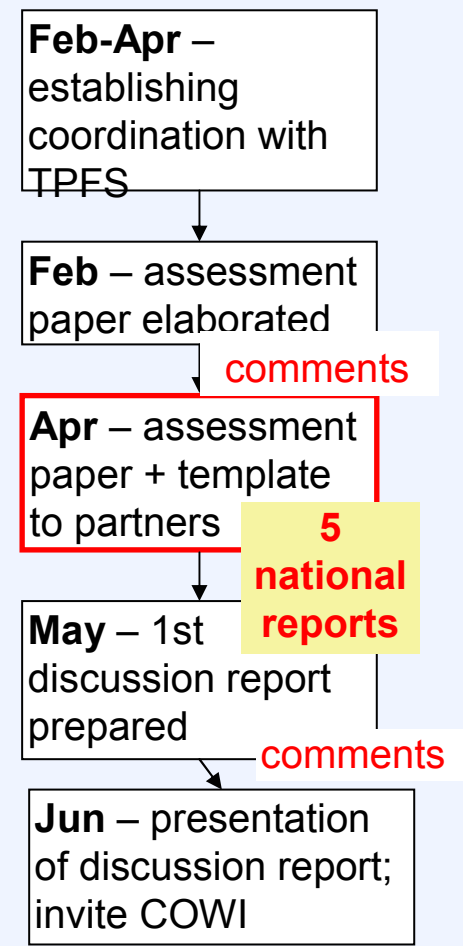
Milestone 2 (until end of June 2006)

- Assessment of national planning strategies and approaches in the involved countries
- Result: first draft of international development approach

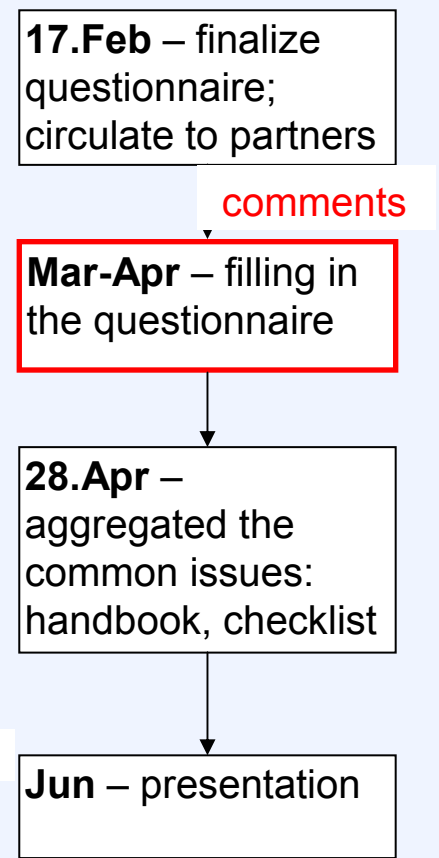
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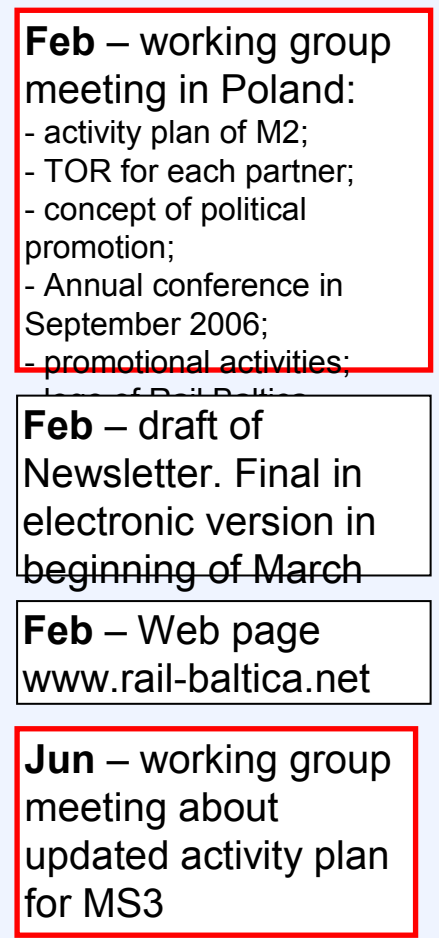
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WP3



WP4



The chosen approach

- develop a questionnaire for collecting the necessary information for working on WP1 to be filled in by national experts and/ or public servants in the fields of spatial planning as well as regional development.
- – not only the “official RAIL BALTICA Project Partners”
- – through the RAIL BALTICA international and national working groups.

- identify and analyse national specific information and list key national documents
- Since it will not be possible to translate all the various national documents of relevance into English the questions refer to their main stipulations and impacts
- The questions make direct reference to RAIL BALTICA and should be answered in light of the planning procedure for the route.

The first part of the questionnaire

- covers the whole complex of spatial planning and regional (development) planning
- at the different levels of the planning hierarchies in the participating countries,
- including aspects of mutual harmonisation of the planning processes and documents;

EU Regional and Spatial Development Policy in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR)

EU regional policy / spatial planning				
Legal basis: key laws, acts or policy regulations; Main EU regional/spatial policy instruments	1. ESDP	2. TEN	3. VASAB	... please copy & paste this table in order to add more columns

National Planning, main characteristics

Spatial patterns and development challenges

National regional policy / spatial planning			
Legal basis: key laws, acts or policy regulations, Main regional/spatial policy instruments (in national language/ English translation)	1. Spatial Plan	2. Regional Development Plan	3. Development perspectives ... *

Regional (Development) Planning

Regional / County development and planning	
Basic information about the region	

Development strategy of the region			
Legal basis: key laws, acts or policy regulations, Main regional/spatial policy instruments (in national language/ English translation)	1. Spatial Plan	2. Regional Development Plan	3. Development perspectives ... *

The second part of the questionnaire

- deals with concrete development projects, in particular rail transport projects in the project area (existing and planned),
- covers the assessment of the status of planning and development activities in the railway sector as well as specific (ongoing and planned) development projects.

It is divided into the assessment fields

- Status of Railway Planning and Development
- Infrastructure development projects
- Results / Impacts (on the region and on RAIL BALTICA)
- Status of the project

As in the first part of the questionnaire, the questions are related to the different horizontal levels: EU / BSR level, national level, regional level as well as “interregional level” in order to also cover aspects of cross-regional and cross-border cooperation.

It would be of advantage, if the project partners could provide us with

- **maps (!!!)**
- and any other relevant material (documents in English only) – *of course, electronic versions would be highly appreciated!*