



25th EXPERT MEETING OF THE GTMO 5+5

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Report on GTMO 5+5 Activities 2014-2018 Period Portuguese Presidency

Introduction

Objective: Validation the report on GTMO 5+5 activities carried out by the group during the term of the Portuguese Presidency (October 2014 to December 2018).

The report on the Portuguese Presidency activities will be **presented during the 9th GTMO 5+5 Ministerial Conference** to be held in Nouakchott on 12 December 2018. Furthermore, it will be included in the ministers dossier for this conference.

The activities report is structured by the four major lines of action of the GTMO 5+5 work programme for this period:

- A. Institutional cooperation;
- B. The GTMO 5+5 multimodal network and analytical tools;
- C. Priority projects of the GTMO 5+5 multimodal network; and,
- D. Industry-specific actions.

The main results of the term of the Portuguese Presidency and the lessons learned for the future are summarised here.

A. Institutional cooperation

Monitoring the Initiatives of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum (ETF): **Participation** in the national coordinator **meetings** and working groups of ETF, as well as the meetings of thematic projects. The EC and the UfMS considers that the technical exercise of the TMN-T is completed and that its approval is in a political level.

Future: To follow developments on UfM-isation of Euro-Mediterranean Transport Cooperation. To help the physical execution of the TMN-T should be a new step on the Euro-Mediterranean transport cooperation

Collaboration with the European Commission (EC): **Improvement of the relation** with the EC, through a better knowledge of the projects and programmes developed by the EC.

Future: To continue the exchange of information.

Collaboration with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM): **Strengthen relations** with the UfM through its Secretariat, thanks to the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding and the joint work.

Future: To continue the exchange of information.

Collaboration with the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU): Occasional **exchange of information** and institutional visit .

Future: To have greater knowledge on the activities developed.

Collaboration with the European Investment Bank (EIB): Development of **Logismed Soft** project.

Future: To maintain relations with EIB and explore possibilities to open cooperation with other financial institutions.

A. Institutional cooperation

Relations with Other Groups on 5+5 Dialogue: Complementary relationships have not been established. However, CETMO participated in the launch of **Med Think 5+5**, a think tank network that encourages dialogue and research on promoting regional integration and cooperation in the Western Mediterranean.

Future: To increase awareness about the activities done within the GTMO 5+5.

Strengthened Cooperation: It was not possible to implement specific cooperation. However, **topics to be analysed were identified.**

Future: Area of work that will remain open, defined as variable geometry activities.

Internal Organization of the GTMO 5+5: **5 expert meetings**

Future: To continue to hold expert meetings regularly.

B. The GTMO 5+5 Multimodal Network and Analytical Tools

The GTMO 5+5 Multimodal Network: Regularly **updating of the GTMO 5+5 Multimodal Network** and inclusion of the multimodal logistics platforms. This updating work has been done regularly to guarantee the high standard and reality of any network-based studies .

Identification of **Trans-Maghreb Multimodal Corridor** as the backbone of the Maghreb transport system.

Future: To continue the updating work.

Analytical Tools of the GTMO 5+5 Multimodal Network: **Databases were updated** and logistics component were defined. The performance of the GIS was also improved and the freight flow-forecasting model was updated. The network analytical tools, especially the databases, represent added value for the GTMO 5+5.

Future: To maintain and strengthen the cooperation between the countries and the secretariat to a regular updating of analytical tools. To strengthen the dissemination of the tools among the interested actors and the general public as well.

C. Priority projects of the GTMO 5+5 multimodal network

Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis: Monitoring of two **segments in the study phase**. Despite the initial objective of labelling Mauritanian and Libyan segments of the axis, no new projects were finally presented to the UfM Secretariat for assessment.

Future: To enhance the promotion on the completion of the Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis among the countries and the multilateral cooperation frameworks.

Other Projects of the GTMO 5+5 Core Multimodal Network: Study presenting the **situation of the GTMO 5+5 Core Multimodal Network infrastructures** and participation in different international forums. Promotion of the importance of the Trans-Maghreb Multimodal Corridor in the region.

Future: To continue promoting priority projects within the GTMO 5+5.

Financing Opportunities for Priority Projects: Study on the **cost necessary to complete the GTMO 5+5 Core Multimodal Network, detailed by projects**, and dissemination of the results in different forums with the participation of International Financial Institutions.

Future: To be aware of funding opportunities.

D. Industry-specific actions

Action Plan of Horizontal Measures of the Trans-Maghreb Motorway Axis: In terms of trade facilitation, **flows and their evolution were analysed** and a follow of regulatory matters was done. In terms of multimodality, the design of the **Observatory of the Trans-Maghreb Multimodal Corridor** was proposed. In road safety, the EIB begun the process to carry out an **audit of the motorway axis**. Different actors are interested in compiling data on road safety in the region. With regard to pricing and financing, the planned activities were not carried out.

Future: The launch of the Observatory of the Trans-Maghreb Multimodal Corridor and be aware when the audit of the trans-Maghreb motorway axis starts and of any initiatives linked to compiling data on road safety.

Rail Transport: A framework study was prepared on a **plan of horizontal measures for the Trans-Maghreb rail axis** like the one for the trans-Maghreb motorway axis. But the activity was then suspended, given the lack of key support in the region

Future: Activity in stand-by

VTS/VTMIS: No advances were made in the coastal VTS project in the Tunisian waters of the Strait of Sicily or in the risk analysis study in the Mauritanian waters of the Banc d'Arguin.

A **meeting** was organized **with the national experts on VTMIS** and different levels of development were identified on this topic.

Future: To follow Safemed programme that develops activities on this topic

D. Industry-specific actions

Air Transport: The study **Status of Cooperation between Air Navigation Services Providers in Western Mediterranean** was carried out. The study, prepared by the ANSPs in the region under France's coordination within the AEFMP group, presented the situation of cooperation in air navigation in the Western Mediterranean.

Future: This work was very positive and the experts consider that this line of work is finalised.

Logistics: Logismed Soft project made it possible to **share good practices** in the design and implementation of logistics platforms within the GTMO 5+5.

Future: Logistics has been identified as a topic of interest. The relations established through the Logismed Soft project can help with the transfer of knowledge and good practices between the GTMO 5+5 countries.

Training and Research: A **workshop** was held on **PPPs and other modes of financing**. Although more workshops of this kind were planned, holding the first one gave a clear picture of the countries' interest in this kind of activity, where experiences and good practices can be shared between experts.

Future: Activities on sharing experiences are of interest to be develop during the Mauritanian Presidency. First discussions were held to choose topics.

Thank you for your attention

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