

**Conclusions of the  
RTAP Monitoring National Coordinators Internal Meeting**

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1. National Coordinators (NCs) welcome the work carried out by the EuroMed Transport Project – Main Contract - for specifying the RTAP and establishing a monitoring framework.
2. The National Coordinators expressed concern regarding the setting up of new task forces such as those proposed for road/rail. Since the NCs are the main point of contact between the project and the national administrations in the MEDA countries, the letter of invitation to the Mediterranean countries regarding these task forces should be revised: it should be addressed directly to the National Coordinators and request nominations for road/rail experts as necessary for the meetings.
3. Any future task forces to be agreed upon by the Working Groups. Task forces should also subsume their work under that of working groups. Thus the work of the task forces for road/rail is subsumed to that of the Working Group 'Infrastructure and Regulatory Issues'.
4. The majority of NCs (exception Turkey) noted their concern with the increase of various parallel sub-structures and decision bodies in relation to the implementation of the RTAP and called for more simplicity. They underlined once again the need to consider the establishment of a permanent secretariat – for the West Mediterranean countries but also for Eastern Mediterranean. For the latter they recommended the GTZ.
5. The NCs would like to see the approach/methodology followed by MoS Project also applied to inland transport for better addressing regulatory reform.
6. The NCs call for MoS to complete the list of Pilot Projects.
7. The NCs call for the swift establishment of a follow-up project to the EuroMed Transport Project - Main Contract - in order to ensure that countries receive technical assistance as required. In this respect, the NCs would like to point out that they are satisfied with the work of the current contractors and would like to see this extended.