

**Interregional Agreement
on Establishing
Central European Transport Corridor**

The Parties to the Agreement: Dolnośląskie Voivodship, Lubuskie Voivodship, Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship (Republic of Poland), Region Hradec Kralove (Czech Republic), Region Bratislava (Slovak Republic) Region Skåne (Kingdom of Sweden), represented by:

1. Henryk Golebiewski - Marshal of the Dolnośląskie Voivodship;
2. Andrzej Bocheński - Marshal of the Lubuskie Voivodship;
3. Zygmunt Meyer - Marshal of the Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship;
4. Pavel Bradik - President of Region Hradec Kralove;
5. Lubo Roman - President of Region Bratislava;
6. Uno Aldegren - President of the Regional Executive Board of Region Skåne

while implementing the decisions made in September 2001, regarding developing joint activities for establishing the Central European Transport Corridor north-south in Central Europe containing the main transport routes, including E-65, railways and waterways,

agreed as follows:

Article 1 Objective

This Agreement has been made with the objective to establish, through joint activities, favourable transport and development conditions for the Central European Transport Corridor, benefiting all regions – Parties to this Agreement – and their citizens.

Article 2 Name and membership

- § 1. This initiative of a cross border regional co-operation is called the Central European Transport Corridor denominated as CETC.
- § 2. The Parties to the Agreement include: Dolnośląskie Voivodship, Lubuskie Voivodship, Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship (Republic of Poland), Region Hradec Kralove (Czech Republic), Region Bratislava (Slovak Republic) Region Skåne (Kingdom of Sweden).
- § 3. Other interested regions may also join the CETC. A decision to accept other regions as CETC members shall require consent of the Parties.

Article 3 Interregional Steering Committee

- § 1. In order to ensure co-operation and co-ordination of activities among the partners, the Interregional Steering Committee to be denominated the Committee, shall be established, consisting of representatives of member regions. Each region shall appoint 2 members and 2 deputies to the Committee. Members of the Committee shall appoint their chairperson and 2 deputies, who will constitute the Presidium of the Committee. The Presidency in the CETC shall be assumed by the regions in the following order: Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship, Region Skåne, Lubuskie Voivodship, Region Hradec Kralove, Dolnośląskie Voivodship, and Region Bratislava.

- § 2. The Committee shall meet at least 2 times a year. The meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the Committee's Presidium. If needed, the Chairperson in agreement with other members of the Presidium or upon the motion of 1/3 committee members can convene additional meetings.
- § 3. Meetings of the Committee shall take place in the region holding the presidency.
- § 4. Details regarding rules of functioning of the Committee shall be established during meetings of the Committee.

Article 4 Rights and obligations of the Parties

- § 1. The Parties to this Agreement shall respect regulations in force in a given country and take into consideration legal conditions binding other partners.
- § 2. The Parties shall inform each other about facts and plans important for the co-operation under the CETC.
- § 3. The Parties shall have the right to submit motions, queries, and to present their own initiatives to the Chairperson.
- § 4. The official language of the CETC initiative is English.

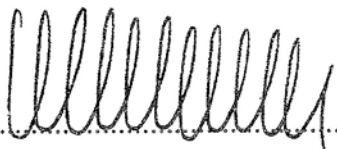
Article 5 Financing

- § 1. Each Party shall bear the cost of its participation in the CETC, especially:
 - travelling and accommodation cost of regional representatives participating in meetings of the Committee, training, workshops and symposia, if needed;
 - salaries of people involved in preparing and implementing activities under the CETC;
 - cost of elaboration and translation of documents.
- § 2. The cost of committee meetings shall be borne by the region holding the presidency.
- § 3. The Parties shall undertake to obtain financing for CETC and related activities.

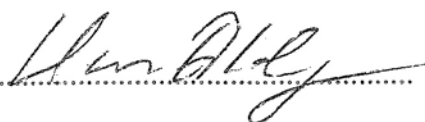
Article 6 Final provisions

- § 1. Any changes in the Agreement shall require the consent of the Committee. For their validity all changes shall be made in writing.
- § 2. The Agreement shall remain valid until the objective is reached. The term of the Agreement may be prolonged by the consent of the majority of the Parties.
- § 3. The Agreement shall become invalid should the majority of the Parties submit the motion to withdraw.
- § 4. The motion to withdraw from the CETC shall be submitted to the Committee at least 6 months prior to the withdrawal.
- § 5. In the above-mentioned cases the Committee shall accept motions to withdraw or decide about dissolution of the CETC and define the obligations of the Parties.
- § 6. The Agreement has been made on the day of 6. 04. 2004 in six identical copies in English and in the language of each of the Parties. All copies of the Agreement shall have equal legal power.
In case of differences of interpretation, the English text shall be considered as decisive.
- § 7. The Agreement shall become effective on the day is signed by all the Parties.


Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship

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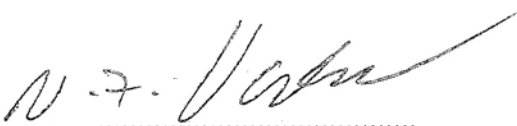
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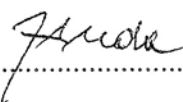
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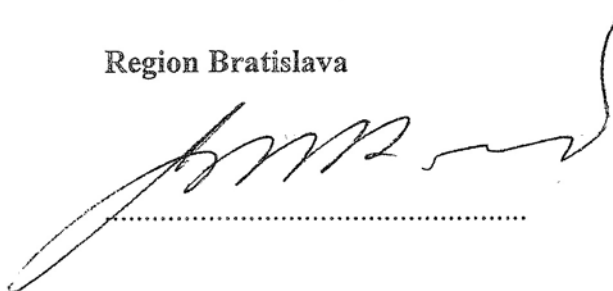
Region Hradec Kralove

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Dolnośląskie Voivodship

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Region Bratislava

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