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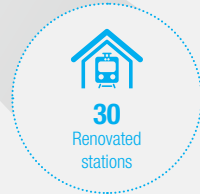
SAKA Exclusive Introductory Issue

TOP

“Rails are laid down”
history awakens...



SAMSUN-KALIN RAILWAY LINE



38 Number of renovated bridges

42 Number of restored bridges



Samsun

Amasya

Turhal (Tokat)

Kalın (Sivas)

“ **Our march towards to achieve immense goals in transport is in progress** ”



Ahmet ARSLAN

Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications

For the last 15 years, the Republic of Turkey has been taking giant steps for achieving a world class transport. We endeavor to rank Turkey at the top of world transport league with a versatile and planned approach including visionary predictions.

We spread on effort to ensure Turkish people making use of a faster, safer and more comfortable transport. These efforts sure have an economic aspect, as well. Each investment in transport, maritime and communications which fall into our Ministry's area of responsibility, deeply influences the economy, commercial affairs, social and cultural life, education, health, daily life and all related practices.

We will continue our march towards 2023 targets and beyond vigorously and decisively by improving the infrastructure of transport and logistics

which are the vital elements of economy; thus, increasing the competitiveness of our country.

I have no doubt that our colleagues of more than a hundred thousand will keep their devoted and diligent work in order to continue the success of our Ministry.

Significant projects are carried out with dedicated efforts of Ministry's Directorate General for Foreign Relations and European Union Affairs, Department for European Union Investments. These efforts have focused on the rehabilitation of railway infrastructure during IPA-I period. Conducting together with EU, the integration of Turkish railway with Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) is one of our national transport goals.

And we will continue to head towards this goal devotedly.



Meşeli Düz Location (Samsun)

“ **We are working for a more balanced, safer and efficient transport system** ”



Erdem DİREKLER

*Director General for Foreign Relations and European Union Affairs
Head of Operating Structure*

While facilitating the harmonization process of the Republic of Turkey with EU transport policies, Transport Operational Programme also plays a supportive role in the integration of Turkey's railways with Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T).

We are working to provide a more balanced, safer, comfortable and more efficient passenger and freight transport; and to continuously challenge ourselves and raise the bar higher. We have worked and will continue working in a rigorous manner with the same enthusiasm on every issue that falls into our Ministry's area of responsibility.

In each step we take, we prioritize our people, commit ourselves for providing a sustainable and increasing welfare for our nation, and we truly embrace the

responsibility of the future we will leave to posterity. Financial fund of about 574 million Euros provided by the European Union as part of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Financial Assistance IPA-I covering the period of 2007-2013, has aimed to support our works towards these goals. In transport, IPA-I has focused primarily on supporting the railway infrastructure and technical assistance. I would like to thank all my colleagues who had added value to these projects for their hard and devoted work.

We are determined to continue our works for a transport sector in which all transport alternatives are used in a balanced way and our services towards the integration of Turkey's renewed transport infrastructure with the EU transport network.



Meşeli Düz Location (Samsun)

“**Modernisation of Samsun-Kalın Railway Line Project, which was tendered in compliance with the EU tender rules and is being managed according to FIDIC contract rules, has a total budget of 264 million 800 thousand Euro, 225 million of which is EU grant.**”



Nedim YEŞİL
Head of Department for European Union Investments

During the IPA-I Period of Turkey-EU financial cooperation, which covers the years 2007-2013, railway infrastructure has constituted the primary priority area of transport sector.

574 million Euro, amounting to 96% of the total fund allocated to our Ministry for this period, was used for the improvement of the railway infrastructure.

In this manner, Modernisation of Samsun-Kalın Railway Line Project was initiated in 2015 and is still in progress.

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This project, as the first investment project carried out by our Department, has contributed greatly to gaining experience through the problems

encountered, the solutions brought to these problems, and the information obtained.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all my colleagues in my Department who put their great effort into this project; our senior Ministry officials who provide their continuous support in our works, and our colleagues in the Delegation of the EU to Turkey with whom we cooperate.

I believe the works we will undertake during the IPA-II period will bring new achievements thanks to the great support provided by our Ministry and this team spirit.



*“Rails are laid down
history awakens...”*

While the Samsun-Kalin Railway Line is being restored with the financial assistance of the European Union, 41 historical bridges are being prepared within the framework of the project.. With a budget of 264.8 million Euros, 1,350 people will work for the largest works project ever carried is financed by the EU outside its borders.



PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name Modernisation of Samsun-Kalın Railway Line Project

End Recipient TCDD (Turkish State Railways)

Works Contract

Contractor Company Çelikler Taahhüt İnşaat ve Sanayi A.Ş. in consortium with Gülermak Ağır Sanayi İnşaat ve Taahhüt A.Ş. and AZD Praha s.r.o Joint Venture

Date of Contract 12.06.2015

Service Contract

Consultant Company UBM Uluslararası Birleşmiş Müşavirler Müşavirlik Hizmetleri A.Ş. in consortium with Ingenieria y Economía del Transporte S.A. (INECO), Mott MacDonald Limited

Date of Contract 04.09.2015

MODERNISATION OF SAMSUN-KALIN RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

Samsun Kalın Railway Line, which interconnects the two symbol provinces of the War of Independence - Samsun and Sivas - had been put into service in the year 1932. Thus, as the Irmak-Karabük-Zonguldak line, this line was also one of the big dreams and projects of the Young Turkish Republic, carried out in the area of transport. This line, which has a length of 378 kilometers, has been started to be renewed in



Meşeli Düz Location (Samsun)



SAKA Field Visit



the year 2015 with the financial assistance of the European Union in the context of the Transport Operational Program. Modernisation of Samsun-Kalın Railway Line Project will have a total cost of 264.8 million Euros. The project, carried out by the Çelikler Company, Gülermak and AZD Praha joint venture is still under construction.





Big Publicity for the TOP in Samsun

Promotional films and photos regarding the Transport Operational Programme (TOP) and the works projects within the TOP were exhibited to tens of thousands of people at Samsun Meydan Shopping Mall...



Samsun was the last stop for the publicity activities regarding the Transport Operational Programme (TOP) and the works projects as part of this programme.

The TOP Photo Exhibition in the old Tekel Square, a thoroughfare for thousands of people each day, continued for three days. Citizens of Samsun who will be using the SAKA line after its completion, visited the exhibition and obtained information about the infrastructure projects carried out as part of the TOP. The TOP promotional materials were distributed to the public while the films were being displayed on the screens.

During the exhibition, detailed information on "Modernisation of Samsun-Kalın Railway Line Project" was provided to local media and the stakeholders.

Being serviced to media by 2 news agencies, the news of the exhibition was covered by 1 national newspaper (Posta), 9 local newspapers and 28 online outlets.



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Tracks are laid, history is reviving Samsun.

Samsun-Kafiri Railway Line, while being renewed with the European Union financial support, dozens of historic bridges are being repaired within the scope of the project...

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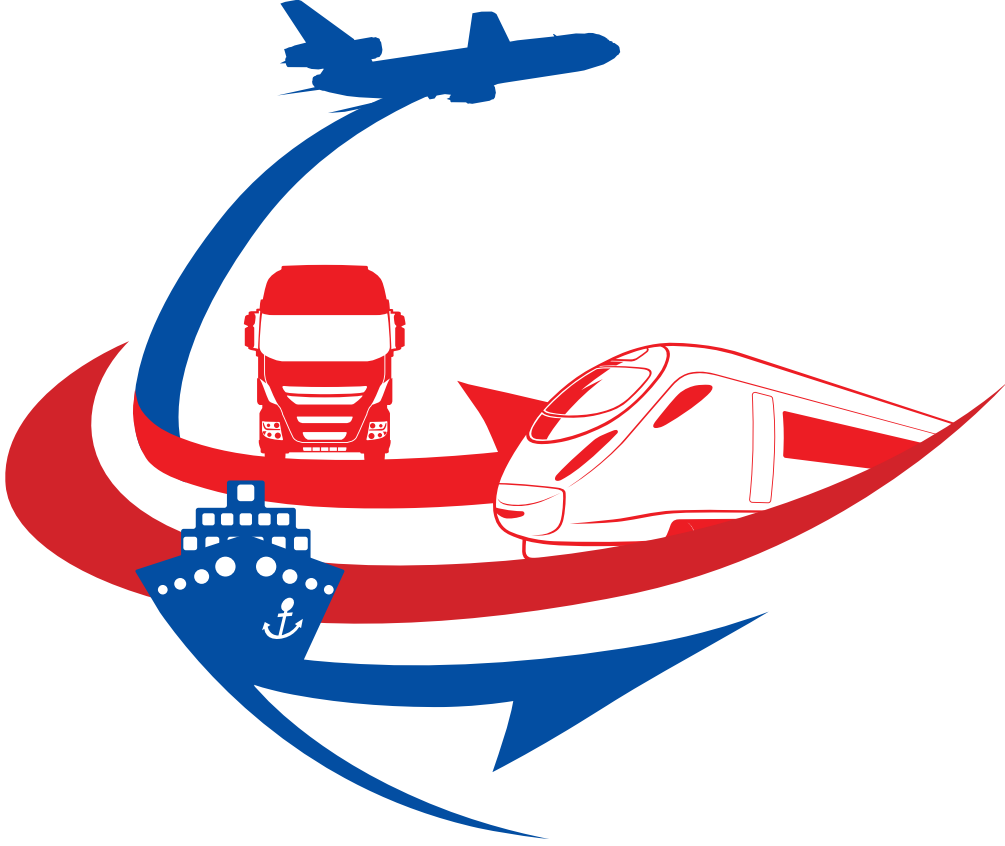
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