

WHAT ?

The Transport Operational Programme (TOP) has been prepared by the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications with the objective of managing the funds provided to the infrastructure investments in framework of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Financial Assistance (IPA I) Funds, under the Regional Development component. The European Commission approved the related Programme on 7th December 2007. The TOP assumes an important role during the accession period for a full membership of Turkey to the European Union in order to diversify the transport services in the country and to implement a more stable, safe, efficient and rational transport system.

WHY ?

While targeting to integrate with the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), the TOP aims to provide the following benefits to the Republic of Turkey with the projects and works carried out:

- Reduction of the negative consequences of road traffic, such as traffic accidents, traffic density and environmental pollution,
- Reduction of travel and freight transport times,
- Reduction of travel and freight transport costs,
- Enhancement of travel and freight transport safety,
- Enhancement of travel comfort.

HOW ?

In the framework of the harmonization works to be realised by Turkey for becoming a full member of the European Union, the TOP projects, covering the period 2007-2013, are being implemented on two major areas. One of those areas comprises of infrastructure investments while the other one comprises technical assistance works.

IPA I has given priority to the strengthening of the railway infrastructure, as well as to the technical assistance works. In the framework of these priorities, new construction and rehabilitation works in the existing and future TEN-T railway lines are envisaged.

WHERE ?

The Programme covers Turkey as a whole. The investment projects realised during the IPA I period have been concentrated on three infrastructure projects. These projects are the Rehabilitation and Signalization of Irmak-Karabük-Zonguldak Railway Line Project (415 km), Modernization of Samsun-Kalin Railway Line Project (378 km) and Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the Köseköy-Gebeze Section of the Ankara-Istanbul High-Speed Train Project (56 km) between Ankara and Istanbul.

WHEN ?

The Transport Operational Programme was approved on the 7th December 2007 and it has been decided that the Programme shall cover the years between 2007 and 2013. The programme would be accomplished by the end of the year 2017 and the IPA II funds would be ready to use for the TRANSPORT SECTORAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME, covering the years 2014-2020.

WHO ?

The Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications has been designated as the Operating Structure in the framework of IPA. The Directorate General of Foreign Relations and EU Affairs has been established within the Ministry with the Statutory Decree dated 1 November 2011 and numbered 655. The "IPA Coordination and Implementation Unit" has taken the name "Department for European Union Investments" under the related Directorate General according to the Ministerial Approval dated 5th December 2011.

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729.166.000 €

Total TOP Budget

The total budget of Works and Supervision Projects 704.812.000 Euro
The total budget of Technical Assistance Projects 24.354.000 Euro

2.572

Number of workers on sites

849

The length of tracked railway line (km)

105

The total number of stations and stops

229

The total number of renovated bridges and tunnels



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TRANSPORT OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME



*"Priority is the highway
we are carrying Turkey..."*

*"Rails are laid down
history awakens..."*

*"Ankara Istanbul
are closer now..."*

REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF
THE KÖSEKÖY-GEBZE SECTION OF
THE ANKARA-İSTANBUL HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT

MODERNIZATION OF SAMSUN - KALIN
RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

REHABILITATION AND SIGNALIZATION OF
IRMAK-KARABÜK-ZONGULDAK RAILWAY LINE PROJECT