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**Transport Planning
and Sustainable
Development in Bulgaria**

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Introduction

In June 2005, the European Council adopted a Declaration on Guiding Principles for Sustainable Development based on four key objectives:

1. Environmental protection;
2. Social equity and cohesion;
3. Economic prosperity; and
4. Meeting international responsibilities.


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Policies

1. Rehabilitation and development of the transport infrastructure;
2. Renovation of the vehicles, maritime, river and air fleet;
3. Legislation for stimulating of increasing the transport efficiency;
4. International co-operation and co-operation in particular with all the neighbouring countries.


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Practices – transport infrastructure

- Rehabilitation and development of the railways infrastructure;
- Rehabilitation and development of the road network;
- Rehabilitation and development of the ports and airports using concessionaires.


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Practices – renovation

- Renovation of the engines of the old diesel locomotives;
- Delivery of new diesel trains;
- Delivery of new electric trains;
- Renovation of the road vehicles – Euro 3, Euro 4, Euro 5;
- Renovation of the air fleet.


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Practices – legislation

- Further harmonization of the transport legislation with the European regulations and directives;
- National regulations in the scope of tax policy, concerning transport and energy efficiency.
- Further liberalization of the transport market.

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Practices – international co-operation

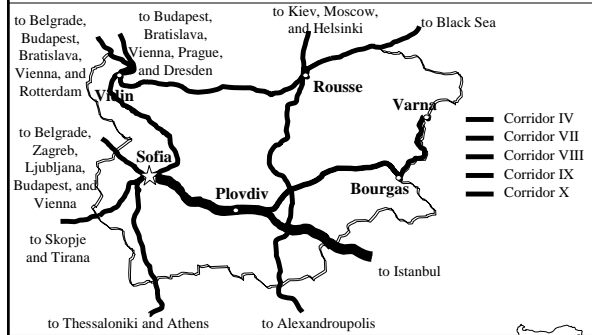
- Further collaboration and co-operation with the international transport organizations;
- Collaboration in the scope of operational exploitation of Pan-European transport corridors;
- Opening of additional border crossing points to our neighbours.

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Pan-European Transport Corridors



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Transport Priorities

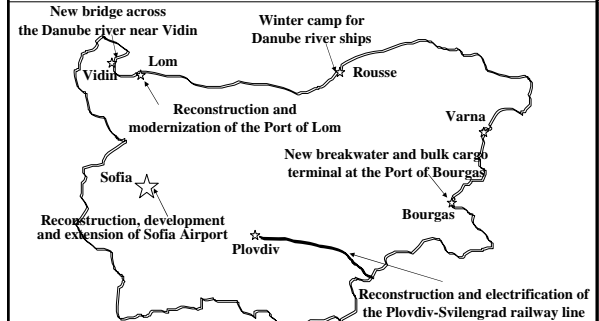
- **Successful completion of the main infrastructure projects**
 - Reconstruction, development and extension of Sofia Airport;
 - New bridge across the Danube river near Vidin;
 - Reconstruction and electrification of the Plovdiv-Svilengrad railway line;
 - New breakwater and bulk cargo terminal at the Port of Bourgas;
 - Building of a winter camp ("Zimovnik") for Danube river ships – 3 stage;
- **Concession procedures for modernization and upgrading of existing infrastructure**
 - Finalization of the concession procedures for the airports of Varna and Bourgas till the end of 2006;
 - The airports of Plovdiv, Gorna Oriahovitsa, Russe, Targovishte and Stara Zagora will be also offered for concession, if interest exists;
 - All the Bulgarian ports are going to be developed as concessions;
 - The central Sofia and Plovdiv's railway stations are going to be developed as concessions;
- **Modernization of the transport vehicles, maritime and air fleet**

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Major Infrastructure Projects



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Air Transport

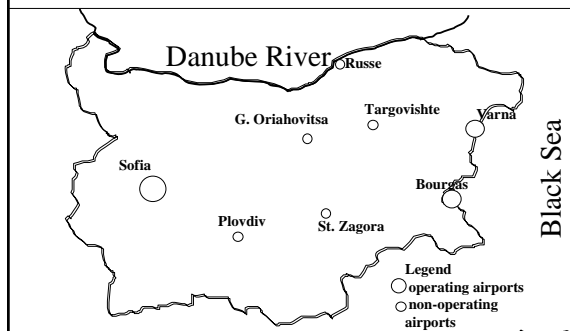
- **Concession procedures for Varna, Bourgas, Plovdiv, Gorna Oriahovitsa, Russe, Targovishte and Stara Zagora airports;**
- **Modernization of the fleet:**
 - January 2004 – 20 years average age;
 - January 2005 – 19.5 years average age;
 - January 2006 – 17.8 years average age;
- **Member of ICAO, ECAC, EUROCONTROL;**
- **CAA is a JAA-member since November 2004**

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Major Airports



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Reconstruction, development and extension of Sofia Airport

- **Deadline: 2006**
- **Budget: EUR 202.8 mln.**
 - State budget: EUR 51 mln.;
 - Grants: EUR 51.8 mln. (ISPA, PHARE);
 - Loans: EUR 60 mln. (EIB);
EUR 40 mln. (KFAED)
- **Results:**
 - 2.6 mln. passengers per annum;
 - 2 000 passengers per rush hour;
 - 26 000 tonnes cargo per annum;
 - 20 aircraft movements per rush hour



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Air Traffic Control Centre

- a new Common National Air Traffic Control Centre was put into operation at Sofia airport;
- the new centre is equipped with:
 - an automated ATC system compliant with the EUROCONTROL EATMP requirements;
 - state-of-the-art ground to air communication systems;
 - multi-radar tracking with ARTAS processing system.
- the new centre is spread at 38,000 square meters and consists:
 - houses all the departments of ATSA Headquarters;
 - operations room;
 - training centre;

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Maritime Transport

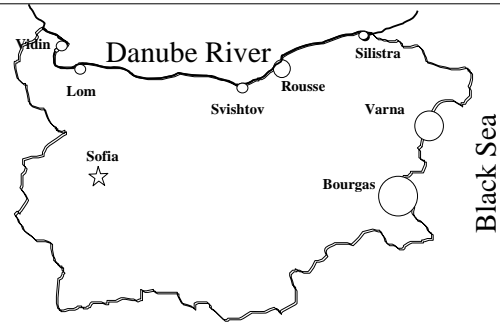
- **Further financial recovering of Navigation Maritime Bulgare**
- **Privatization of Navigation Maritime Bulgare**
- **Concession of Bulgarian ports**
- **Further development of ferry to Ukraine, Russia and Georgia**
- **ISPS Code**
- **TRACECA**

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Major Ports



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New breakwater and bulk cargo terminal at the Port of Bourgas

- **Deadline: 2007**
- **Budget: EUR 154.265 mln.**
 - State budget: EUR 53.51 mln.
 - Loans: EUR 100.755 mln. (JBIC)
- **Results:**
 - 4 berths;
 - 6 mln. tonnes bulk cargo



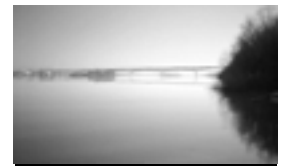
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New Bridge across the Danube river near Vidin

- **Deadline: 2009**
- **Budget: EUR 230 mln.**
 - State budget: EUR 65 mln.
 - Loans: EUR 70 mln. (EIB), EUR 18 mln. (KfW)
 - Grants: EUR 70 mln. (ISPA), EUR 5 mln. (AFD), EUR 2 mln. (KfW)
- **Results:**
 - The missing link of corridor IV will be built



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Building of a Winter Camp ("Zimovnik") for River Ships

- **Deadline:** 2007
- **Budget:** EUR 13.7 mln.
 - State budget: EUR 8.5 mln.
 - Grants: EUR 5.2 mln. (PHARE)
- **Results:**
 - 39 berths;
 - incomes from taxes;
 - increasing of efficiency and safety of transport

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Railways Network

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Reconstruction and electrification of Plovdiv-Svilengrad railway line

- **Deadline:** 2010
- **Budget:** EUR 340 mln.
 - State budget: EUR 37 mln.;
 - Loans: EUR 150 mln. (EIB);
 - Grants: EUR 153 mln. (ISPA)
- **Results:**
 - reconstruction of 151 km for 160-200 km/hour, on corridors IV and X;
 - electrification of the line;
 - automated safety and security system

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Road Network

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International Organizations

- International Maritime Organization
- International Labour Organization
- European Economic Commission of the UNO
- Central Commission for Navigation on Rein – observer status
- Danube Commission
- International Civil Aviation Organization
- European Civil Aviation Conference
- Eurocontrol
- Joint Aviation Authorities
- Common Bulgarian-Romanian commission for maintenance and development of the main navigational line in the Romanian part of the river
- INTERLIGHTER

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Border Crossings Points

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