

During the last 9 months we are also facing in Greece the global economic crisis. Every day life in Athens -where we are based and operate is becoming more difficult- as the impacts of the crisis are added to the traffic congestion and other operational problems of a metropolis.

The size of the market in the sector of consulting engineers has declined during the recent years in Greece. The National Strategic Framework Programme 2007-2013 has been delayed, but slowly catches up and we base a lot of hopes for the revitalization of the market on it.

In the meantime we have based our efforts to projects acquisition abroad (EuropeAid etc), where, however, the competition is huge. In association with big and reliable international consulting firms we managed however to increase our presence in international markets.

During the last 6 months the new contracts acquired were not many due to delays caused by the economic crisis. The tenders and EoI submitted however were many and we are optimistic for the months that follow. From the on going projects we should mention the one in the framework of SEETO action plan (which is led by V. Evmolpidis, based in Belgrade), the Independent Engineer contracts for IKEA new developments at Larissa and Ioannina, the one for Egnatia Motorway and that for Erasineio Hospital in Greece.

Finally the processing of passenger surveys of Athens Metro is towards finishing, hopefully!

I wish every body to enjoy nice summer holidays as they are needed to get some rest and continue with more strength the joint efforts in autumn.

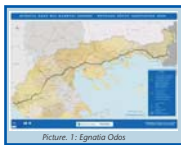
Editorial

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Have a Nice Summer

New Projects



Picture 1: Egnatia Odos

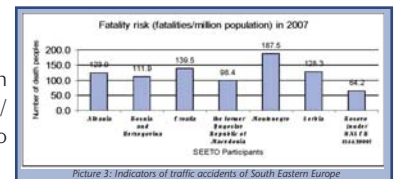


Picture 2: Railway Station in Romania

- Feasibility studies (CBA) for the whole Egnatia motorway and its 3 vertical axes (Picture 1).
- Technical Assistance for the preparation of some rehabilitation works for medium and small size railway stations in Romania (Lot1) (Picture 2).
- Technical Assistance for progress monitoring of Egnatia Motorway construction works.
- Expert consultancy services for rail electrification issues of ERGOSE projects.

Major Current Projects

- E.C. / EuropeAid: Support on the Implementation of Soft Measures for the Core Transport Network of South Eastern Europe in the frame of SEETO Multi-Annual Plan 2008 - 2012 (Railway Reform & Railway Border Crossing Facilitation / Road Safety Audit). In consortium with WYG, VIENNA Consult, TRL. (Picture 3). In the scope of the project two workshops were carried out for railway reform and more for road safety audit.



Picture 3: Indicators of traffic accidents of South Eastern Europe



Picture 4: Railway in Plovdiv - Svilengrad



Picture 5: Commercial Retail Center in Larissa

- E.C. / EuropeAid: Strengthening of Transport Training Institutions in NIS. In consortium with NEA, Wagener & Herbst, STC.
- E.C. / EuropeAid: Plovdiv - Svilengrad railway electrification and upgrading of Corridors IV and IX. Technical Assistance for the supervision (FIDIC Engineer) of the works for the whole line (151 km.). In consortium with TYPSA, SYSTRA, L. Berger, Rubicon. (Picture 4).
- MEPPPW: Technical Support for the Environmental impacts Assessment Study for the road connection of the new Airport of Heraklion at Kastelli with the northern road axis of Crete and Heraklion town. In consortium with A. Paraskevopoulos.
- Managing Authority of the Ministry of Transport and Works of Cyprus: Design and environmental impacts of Nicosia motorway by-pass. In consortium with DENCO, TEKEM, ASCE.
- Millennium Bank: Independent Engineer for the Development two Retail Parks in Larissa and Ioannina, Greece (Picture 5).

Training - Conferences - Seminars

E. Kontaxi has lectured in the "3rd International Seminar on Railway Operations Modelling and Analysis 2009" held in Zurich (Picture 6), in the 1st National Seminar on Railway Safety and Operations: "Current developments and prospects of research" held in Rome, in the 17th International Symposium EURO-ZEL 2009 "Increasing the Competitiveness of the European rail System" held in Slovakia. She has also participated in the seminar «How to Participate in Success in Contests of the World Bank Group», held on 30th June 2009, in Athens.

In the context of the participation of SEETO in the NSRF Monitoring Committee Affairs of the Ministry of Public Works, G. Emmanoulopoulos participated in the Transportation Working Group, organized by SEETO in bi-monthly meetings. He has also lectured in the annual conference of SEETO "Crisis: Implications And Prospects: The Role of the Technical Sector as a Lever for The Development", held in Porto-Heli Greece.

P. Pikrodimitris and K. Spathopoulos attended the «Conference on Improving Road Traffic Safety in South-Eastern Europe Setting Regional and national Road Traffic Casualty Reduction Targets" (organized by UNECE), held in Halkida Greece.



Picture 6: 3rd International Seminar in Zurich

ISO

On Jan. 29 an internal audit took place for the ISO2000-9001 which is being successfully implemented by the company. The external audit of our quality systems will be carried out by TUV Austria on July 2009.

TRADEMCO as of May 2009 created its Representative Office in Belgrade, in order to coordinate projects that concern the Western Balkan countries. Director of this office will initially be Vas. Evmolpidis, while in the meantime collaboration and cooperation with local experts is being pursued.

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