



## **BRUSSELS DECLARATION ON VIA CARPATHIA**

We the undersigned consider the Via Carpathia Road to be of crucial importance to the European Union. The Road plays a vital role in stimulating growth in the Eastern regions of the Union which often suffer from socio-economic difficulties. Via Carpathia and its maintenance, modernisation and development are also essential for strengthening economic and social relations with the EU neighbouring countries, especially in the context of future EU enlargement towards the East.

Therefore, we call on the EU institutions, the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Council in particular, to reflect Via Carpathia's importance in the future EU transport policy and include the whole Road in the TEN-T core network.

On our side we commit ourselves to pursue the following objectives regarding future development and modernisation of the Via Carpathia Road:

- 1.** ensure proper maintenance, modernisation and development of the Via Carpathia Road,
- 2.** carry out a coordinated strategy aiming to make the Via Carpathia Road a project of common interest for the EU as a whole,
- 3.** guarantee proper financing for maintenance, modernisation and development of the Via Carpathia Road,
- 4.** coordinate our national strategies in order to maintain, modernise and develop the Via Carpathia Road.

Signed at Brussels, 2 October 2012