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## GETTING SUPPORT FOR ENHANCEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE IN DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RAILWAY REGULATION

### Project Identity

**Name:** Getting Technical Support for Enhancement of Institutional Structure in Directorate General of Railway Regulation

**Duration:** 24 months (19.09.2014-19.09.2016 )

**Budge:** 2.3 Million Euro

**Fund Provider:** Turkish Republic and European Union

**Contracting Authority:** Under secretariat of Treasury - Central Finance and Contracting Unit

**Beneficiary:** The Ministry of Transportation, Maritime and Communication  
Directorate General for Railway Regulation

**Contractor:** In consortium of Ecorys and Railistics led by Piri Group



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The railway transportation sector in Turkey has stepped into a new period with the new investments, technical and administrative arrangements since year 2000. A liberalization process has been adopted on equal and fair competition conditions consistent with EU for increasing the share of the sector in transportation, ensuring the railway safety, establishing and supporting the logistics villages, centres and bases, managing and auditing the infrastructure, equipment and vehicles in the framework of interoperability rules with EU, encouraging the new technologies, assuring the more efficient usage of the sources. With this purpose, the legislative infrastructure has been elaborated with the Decree on “**The Organization and Tasks of the Ministry of Transportation, Maritime and Communication**” numbered 655, published on 1 November 2011 and “**The Law on the Liberalization of Turkish Railway Transportation**” numbered 6461, published on 1 May 2013 and the institutional and organizational changes have been put into practice for creating an efficient sector.

One of the most crucial institutional structures that the liberalization provided to the sector is the establishment of the Directorate General for Railway Regulation (DGRR). According to these legal arrangements, DGRR is the National Safety Authority in Turkish Railway Sector and in charge of authorization of the institutions and organizations working in railway transportation activities, elaborating the legislation needed for the issues such as safety, vehicle registry and access to the infrastructure and auditing the realization of activities in line with the arrangements.

Identification of minimum qualities for technical components of railway systems as infrastructure, superstructure, hauled-tractive vehicles, evaluation of the conformities and authorization by documenting are among the competencies of DGRR.

Since the establishment, DGRR has been maintaining the studies for the rapid implementation of the required arrangements regarding the sector liberalization. **Getting Technical Support for Enhancement of Institutional Structure in Directorate General of Railway Regulation** is a project generated for the purpose of aligning the legislation studies with EU legislation and supporting the legal arrangements convenient for our country conditions and developing institutional capacity.

The project having 2,3 million Euro contract value has been initiated on the 19th of September, 2014 and will be finalized in 24 months. The Project's technical assistance team is the consortium consisting of Ecorys and Railistics companies in the leadership of Piri Group.

The general objective of the project is to provide economical, fast, sufficient, safe and qualified rail transport services with lowest negative effects to environment. The specific purposes of the project are;

- to enhance the institutional, technical and administrative capacity of the Ministry of Transportation, Maritime and Communication (MoTMC),
- to improve the legislative and institutional harmonization of railway sector with EU Acquis,
- to facilitate the formation of a competitive, transparent and efficient railway sector by increasing the capacity of the DGRR which is the railways regulatory body under the MoTMC.

The project consists of 6 components:

1. **Component:** Capacity Building for establishment of a safe railway transport system
2. **Component:** Support to Enhancement of Regulatory Functions of DGRR
3. **Component:** Defining Public Service Obligation Contracts, Infrastructure Access Contracts, Multi Annual Contracts
4. **Component:** Capacity Building Activities for DGRR staff and relevant civil servants in government organizations
5. **Component:** Preparation of a Road Map & Guidance Document to define the role of DGRR and targets for its contribution to logistics services
6. **Component:** Promoting DGRR, informing about its services and visibility of the project