STUDIU DE CAZ: TRANSPORTUL MIX CAMION TREN DE LA MINA BULQIZA LA PORTUL DURRES AL CROMULUI

CASE STUDY: COMBINED TRANSPORT TRUCK - TRAIN OF THE CHROME FROM BULQIZA MINE TO THE PORT OF DURRES

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Abstract: Figuratively can be said that today in Albania road transport is taking revenge on railway transport. The glorious period of the railways during the second half of the last century seems that cannot be repeated. Furthermore, going inside the twenty-one century it seems that roads are going to be more and more populated by vehicles with tires. The interventions in roads infrastructure to make possible their coping with the increased transport demand are grown up and yet the blocking roads phenomenon and environmental pollution seem to be inevitable. The paper addresses the problem of chrome ore transport from Bulqiza mines in the north east of the country to the port of Durres in west, about 150 kilometers. Currently all distance of the chrome ore transport from mine to the port is done will trucks. From Bulqiza to Milot, about half of the distance, there is mountain road with normal vehicle load and no parallel rail connection. From Milot to Durres the road starts to be more and more overloaded by vehicles. Part of this distance from Vora to Durres is part of Tirana – Durres axis, which is the main road axis of the country. In all the distance from Milot to Durres parallel to the motorway extends the railway line, which is currently being used very little, only by two commuter trains per day and same commercial loads that come from the north of Albania through Montenegro railway network. The paper tries to bring arguments in favor of the combined transport by referring to today situations and previous experience of the socialist era, when chrome was transported by trucks from Bulqiza to the nearest railway station of Laci (near Milot) and from there by train to the port of Durres. This experience can serve the same today to build a sustainable and integral transport policy.

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