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# CITIZEN'S SUMMARY ON 2020 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



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Operational Programme on  
"Transport and Transport  
Infrastructure"  
2014 - 2020



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# OPTTI in 2020



## RAILWAY TRANSPORT



„PLOVDIV-BURGAS, PHASE 2“



### REHABILITATION



RAILWAY ROAD AND CONTACT  
NETWORK “SKUTARE-ORIZOVO”



SYSTEM OF TELECOMMUNICATION  
AND SIGNALIZATION



RAILWAY STATIONS MANOLE  
AND BELOZEM



RAILWAY STOP OPULCHENETZ

### RECONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

100%

RAILWAY STATION  
PODUYANE



RAILWAY STATION  
KARNOBAT



RAILWAY STATION  
KAZICHENE



RAILWAY STATION  
ISKAR



RAILWAY STATION  
STARA ZAGORA

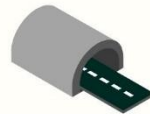


RAILWAY STATION  
NOVA ZAGORA

## ROAD TRANSPORT



“Struma” Motorway



50%

“ZHELEZNITZA” TUNNEL



74%

BLAGOEVGRAD - KRUPNIK  
SECTION



100%

KRESNA-SANDANSKI  
SECTION

## METRO



Line 3 from “Ovcha kupel” R.D.  
to “Vladimir Vazov” blvd.



12 KM METRO LINES



12 METRO STATIONS



20 METRO TRAINS



NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR  
SAFETY AND MANAGEMENT  
OF THE MOVEMENT

SECTION “ZHITNITZA” STR. TO “VLADIMIR  
VAZOV” BLVD.



completed  
section



8 KM METRO LINES  
AND 8 METRO  
STATIONS ARE BUILT



EXPECTED NUMBER  
OF PASSENGERS

SECTION  
“ZHITNITZA” STR. – “OVCHA KUPEL” R.D. – TO  
SOFIA RING ROAD”



COMPLETED  
section

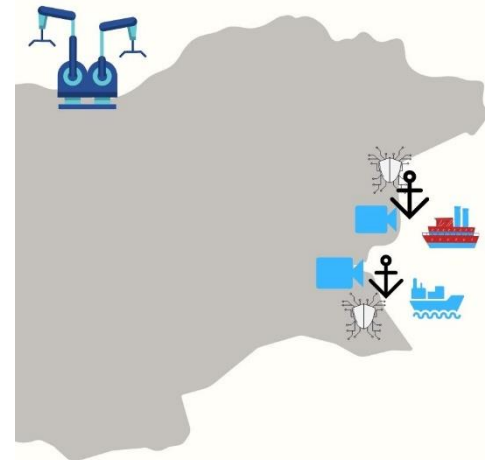


4 KM METRO LINES  
AND 4 METRO  
STATIONS ARE BUILT



EXPECTED NUMBER  
OF PASSENGERS

## INNOVATIONS



DELIVERED PART OF THE  
DRAGGING EQUIPMENT



START OF HIGH-TECH SECURITY  
SYSTEMS AT THE TERRITORY OF  
PORTS OF VARN A AND BURGAS



SYSTEMS CONTROL THE RISK AND  
INCREASE CONSIDERABLY  
THE SAFETY AT THE TERRITORY OF  
PORTS OF VARN A AND BURGAS





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# Programme's budget



**713** million EUR railway infrastructure



**560** million EUR road infrastructure



**424** million EUR metro and  
intermodality

**45** million EUR management and  
service innovations



*2020 was full of challenges, changes and risks for the implementation of OPTTI. The team of the Managing Authority together with the beneficiaries of the Programme managed to cope with the difficulties and has achieved the goals set.*

*In connection with the outbreak of the global crisis related to the epidemic spread of COVID-19, in August 2020 the European Commission approved the 4th amendment of OPTTI. The unnegotiated OPTTI resource of EUR 98 million has been transferred to OP "Innovation and Competitiveness" in order to support micro-, small and medium enterprises from different sectors of the economy.*



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# Financial implementation



The value of the concluded contracts with contractors on the projects eligible for funding under OPTTI, by the end of 2020 has reached almost 78% of the budget of the Programme.

## FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION IN 2020

### **TOTAL BUDGET**

**1 789 123 639 €**



### **GRANT AWARDED**

**1 590 183 713 €**

### **PAID**

**908 501 711 €**



### **CERTIFIED EXPENDITURES**

**782 986 824 €**

With regard to the "decommitment rule (N+3)", as of 31.12.2020 the overall target of the Programme for 2020 was reached at 117% and no loss of funds has been allowed.





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# Railway transport



## Railway section „Elin Pelin – Kostenetz“

In 2020, the contracts for the implementation of the three separate positions under the project "Modernization of the railway line Sofia - Plovdiv: railway section Elin Pelin - Kostenetz" were concluded and the design is underway.

With the fifth amendment of OPTTI, it is envisaged that part of the project will be implemented with funds under the current Programme, respectively the other activities will be completed under the Programme "Transport Connectivity" 2021 - 2027.

*railway station „Belozem “*



*railway station „Manole“*



*railway bridge, Manole*



## „Plovdiv – Burgas, Phase 2“

In 2020, the Skutare-Orizovo section was officially put into operation. The railway and contact network in the area, the signalling and telecommunication systems, the reception and technical buildings of railway stations "Belozem" and "Manole" are rehabilitated. A pavilion has been built, the railway stop "Opulchenetz" has been rehabilitated with guaranteed access for persons with reduced mobility.

All major contracts under the project have been concluded and it is planned to complete their activities by the end of 2023. Within the project, the implementation of 24 road overpasses / underpasses is to be assigned.



# Railway transport (railway stations)

Significant progress in 2020 in the reconstruction of the railway station complexes - **Iskar, Poduyane, Kazichene and Karnobat**.

*The reconstructed station complex **Poduyane** was opened on 22.12.2020. Within the project the decorative elements of the facade, the ornaments on the walls in the waiting room were restored, and their authenticity is completely preserved. The pavilion built into the waiting room, which is emblematic of the building, has also been preserved and renewed.*



**Karnobat station complex** is 99% complete. During the renovation, the reception building was completely renovated, new energy efficient and high-tech modern installations were built - electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, security, video surveillance, public address system.



98% of the planned activities have been completed for **Kazichene railway station**, 75% for **Iskar railway station**, 15% for **Stara Zagora railway station**.

In 2020, the contract for the implementation of the reconstruction of the **Nova Zagora station complex** was signed.







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# Road transport



## STRUMA Motorway



**"Zheleznitsa"** is the longest road tunnel ever built in Bulgaria. It has two separate pipes for movement in the direction and the length of each is about 2 km.

The tunnel is being built using a **new Austrian method**. The construction activities started in October 2019 and people on the site have been working without interruption. At the end of 2020, over 50% of the activities have been completed.

**The viaduct**, which is located before "Zheleznitsa", in the direction from Sofia to Kulata, is being built using the **"push-pull" technology**. In 2020, the pushing of the road to Sofia was completed.

**The bridge** crosses over 6 obstacles - the Struma River, road E79, the existing and the future railway line, the municipal road and the service road of the tunnel.







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# Metro – Stage I



MS "Krasno selo"

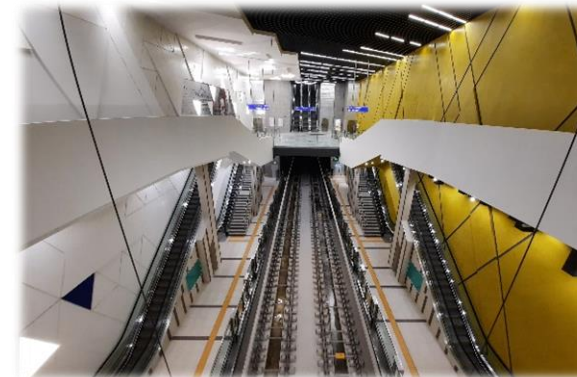


MS "Bulgaria Blvd."

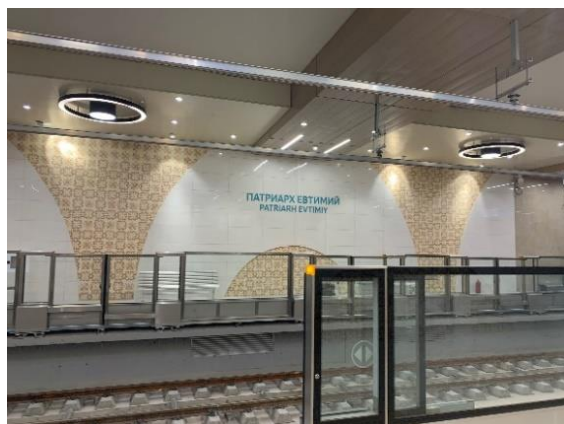


MS "Medical university"

MS "NDK 2"



MS "Patriarch Evtimii"



**8 km of metro lines and 8 metro stations** under the project for the central section from "Zhitnitsa" Street to "Vladimir Vazov" Blvd. were put into operation in **August 2020**. For the first time in the country, **automatic platform partition doors** have been introduced.

**The passengers of the new 8 stations** in perspective will be about **60,000 per day**, and the travel time from MS "Krasno Selo" to the center is about **7 minutes**.

The **20 new metro trains** financed under OPTTI have been delivered to the **newly built metro depot "Zemlyane"** and will serve the entire Line 3 of the metro. The trains are the **latest generation** and have an option for **automatic control without a driver**.

MS "Orlov most"



MS "Hadji Dimitar"



MS "Teatralna"





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# Metro – Stage II



The works for **the finalization of Stage II - section "st. Zhitnitsa – r.c. Ovcha Kupel - Ring Road"** on Line 3 continues. The site will be put into operation by the end of April 2021, after successful completion of the necessary tests and trials.

With the launch of **Stage II**, the metro in Sofia will connect not only the neighborhoods of **Gorna Banya and Ovcha Kupel** with the **city center**, but also those traveling on the **railway route "Sofia-Pernik-Kulata"**.

Estimates show that with **the new 4 stations**, the metro will initially carry about **25-30,000 passengers**, and in the future their number will increase to **45,000 passengers a day**.



MS „Gorna Banya“



MS "Ovcha Kupel II"



MS "Moesia"



MS "Ovcha Kupel"



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# Water transport - management and service innovations



## Executive Agency For Exploration and Maintenance of The Danube River

*Under the project for improvement of navigation on the Danube River, part of the dredging equipment was delivered, as well as the contracts for supply of a specialized dredging vessel for carrying out this activity were signed by IAPPD.*



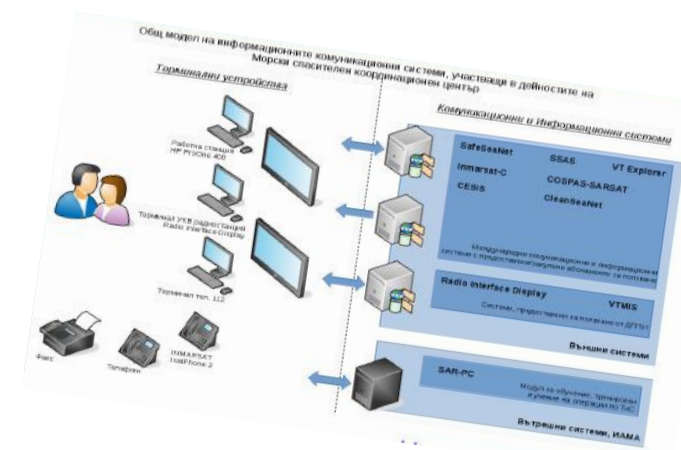
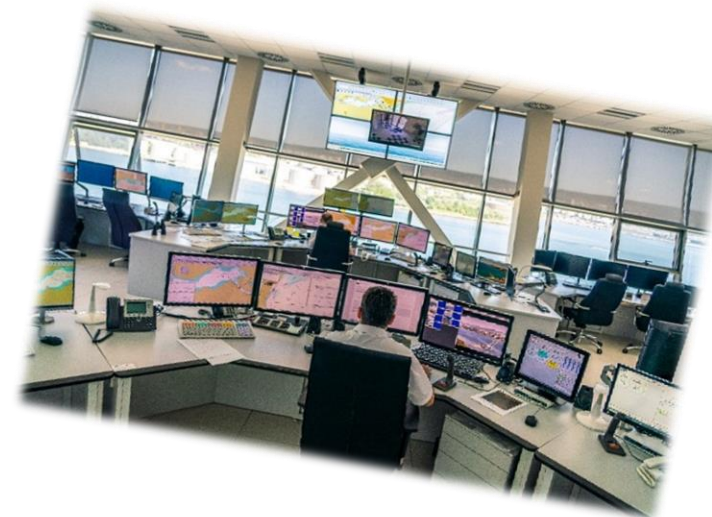
## Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company

In 2020, the implementation of the VTMISS-4 project was successfully completed and permits for use were issued for all 22 sites in its scope. The Information Centers in Varna and Burgas provide faster information services to the ports by improving the organization of document processing.



## Executive Agency "Maritime Administration"

*In 2020, the study for the implementation of an integrated information system in case of disasters and accidents in the Bulgarian maritime region was completed, which prepared all the necessary documents for the development and implementation of the system.*







# Sociological survey

**In 2020, the second wave of a nationally representative sociological survey** took place. The aim was to collect up-to-date data on the visibility and approval of OPTTI, the expected benefits of the program projects, as well as the most appropriate communication channels.

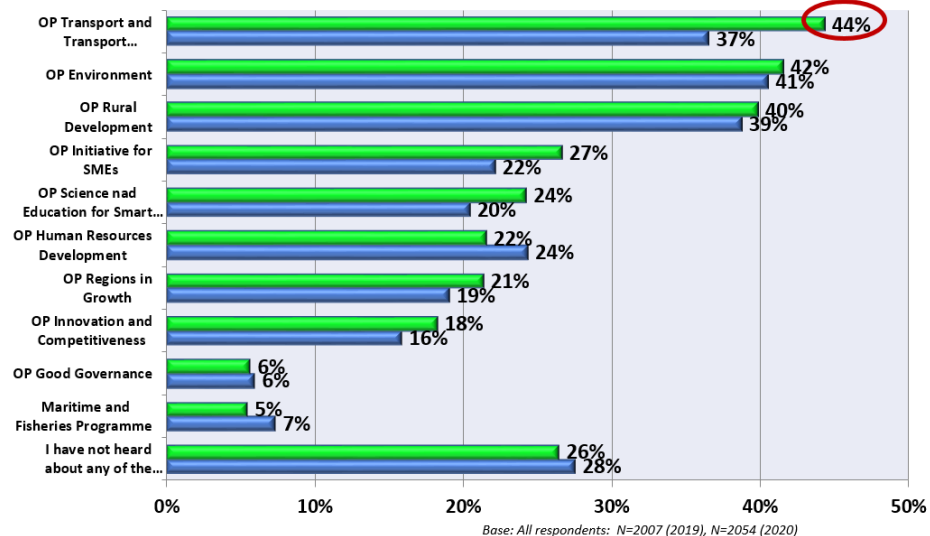
*The data showed that OPTTI is the operational Programme in Bulgaria, that is known from the biggest share of the Bulgarian citizens, aged 15 + years - 44.3%.*

*Among them, 92% approve the Programme and consider its projects as some of the most important European projects implemented in the country.*

*Which of the following operational programmes implemented in Bulgaria during the current programming period 2014-2020 have you heard about?*

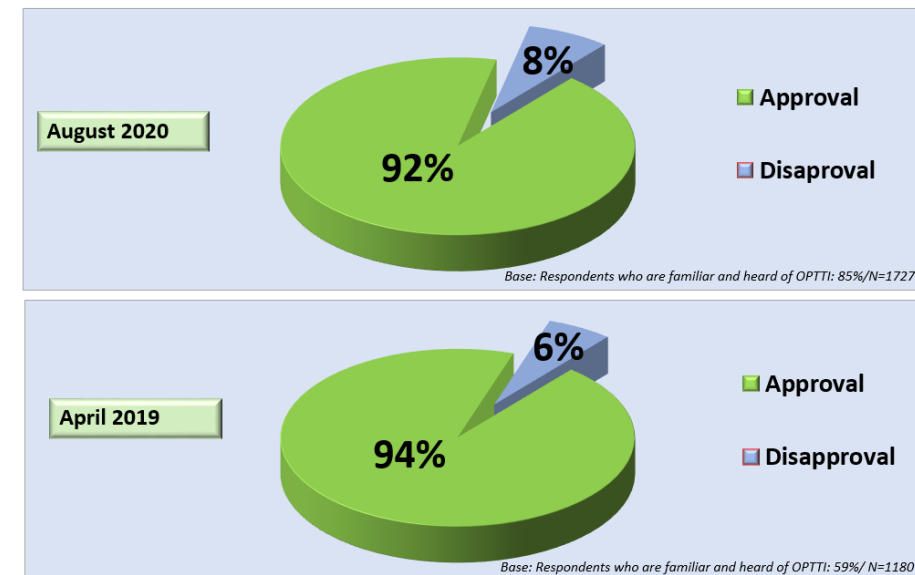
*(Closed questions. Each answer is correct.)*

■ August 2020 ■ April 2019



*What is your overall attitude towards OP "Transport and Transport infrastructure" 2014-2020?*

*(% of those familiar with OPTTI + those who have heard about it)*





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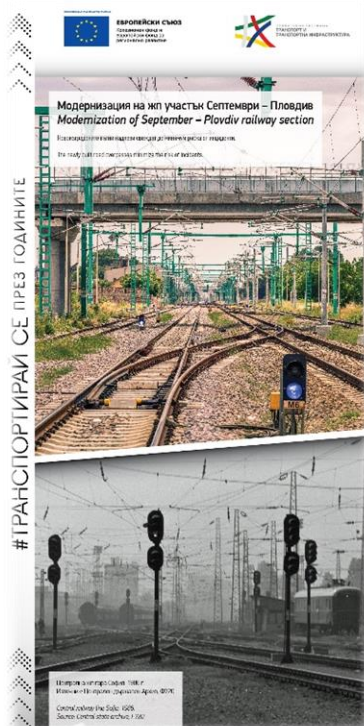
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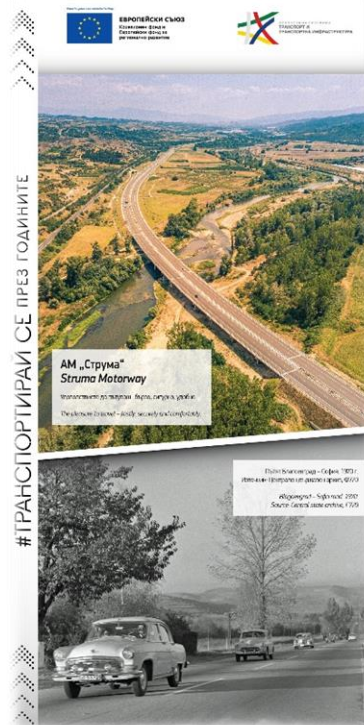
# Information and communication 2020



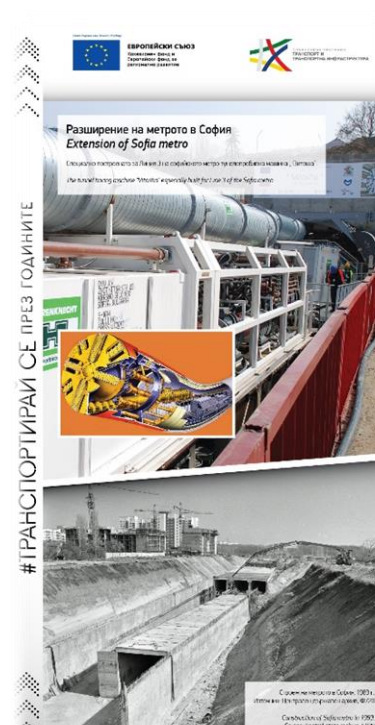
In the period **September 14 - November 15 2020** was conducted a successful media campaign for OPTTI in print and online media. The campaign included more than **15 editions** - national and regional media, news and business sites, e-mails, social networks and platforms.



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At the end of 2020, a **photo exhibition** was organized with pictures from the projects of OPTTI, and the panels included in it were a comparison of selected archival photos with the facilities and roads already built under the Programme. The exhibition was located in the center of the capital, in the space between the National Theater "Ivan Vazov" and the Ministry of Defense.







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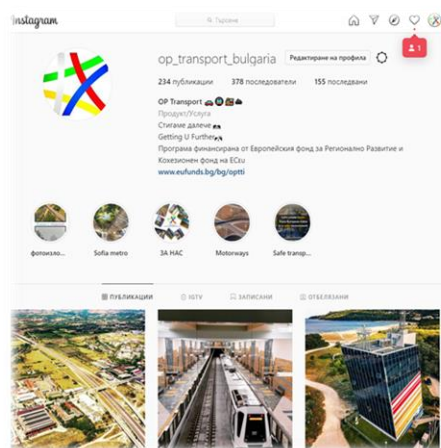
# OPTTI in the digital space

<https://www.eufunds.bg/bg/optti>



*The OPTTI website is part of the general Internet portal for information on the management and use of the European Structural and Cohesion Funds in Bulgaria. In 2020, the publication of current news and documents related to the implementation of OPTTI continued.*

*OPTTI's Instagram account has 280 subscribers and more than 207 published current photos and videos from the projects under the Programme.*



*In July 2020, a profile of the Programme was created in FACEBOOK - the most popular network among Bulgarian users according to the opinion polls. At the end of 2020, there were over 1 231 subscribers and 66 photos and videos uploaded.*



*The official YouTube channel of OPTTI has nearly 780 thousand views and over 1 800 subscribers. In May 2020, the author's column of the MA of OPTTI - "#Get Yourself Transported" has been launched – it reflects the current situation and progress of the projects funded by the Programme.*

