

## **DECLARATION**

**of the participants in the round table on**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE REGIONS – A PREREQUISITE FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Prevention of significant disproportions in the development of different life aspects such as economic, demographic, social, education and culture is an important part of a prosperous and fair society.

Unfortunately, over the last 20 years, Bulgaria has faced unequal development and state of some regions. The differences between the North and South Bulgaria are getting more and more prominent in view of economic, social and demographic development. One of the major factors, generating such differences is the insufficient development of the road infrastructure of North Bulgaria in comparison to the fast-paced construction of the road network in South Bulgaria. The shortsighted state policy throughout the whole period is to blame for such irregularity.

We, the participants of the round table on INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE REGIONS – A PREREQUISITE FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT hereby declare our firm determination to promote equal development and eliminate adverse state of the country's infrastructure.

We stand firm that all necessary actions are to be taken for the following:

Construction, within the shortest time period, of a trans-border connection Silistra – Kalarash, through the Danube bridge

Construction in a short term of a transport corridor “Silistra – Shumen – Yambol “Lesovo” Border point” line, with a significant transportation capacity.

We, the participants of the round table, shall take all required measures to encourage the executive and legislative authorities to attain the mentioned above goals.

All legally allowed means shall be used for the targets' achievement.

**The town of Shumen**

**21.04.2015**

*The present **Declaration** is signed by the mayors of the municipalities:*

*Shumen (**Krasimir Kostov**), Silistra (**Dr. Julian Naydenov**), Alfatar (**Yordanka Uzunska**), Duloovo (**Dr. Uksel Ahmed**), Kaolinovo (**Nida Ahmedov**), Venets (**Nehriban Ahmedova**), Hitrino (**Nuridin Ismail**), Vurbitsa (**Medrin Bayram**), Novi Pazar (**Rumen Panayotov**), Veliki Preslav (**Alexander Gorchev**), Smyadovo (**Ivanka Petrova**), Alhovo (**Petar Kirov**), Kalarash (**Daniel Dragulin**)*