

Transport Community

The Permanent Secretariat

Conclusions from the 1st Technical Committee on Railways (held in Brussels on 23/05/2019)

1. In accordance with Article 26 of Transport Community Treaty, Mr Bashkim Kasoraho is appointed as Chair of the Rail Working Group in 2019. He will be supported by the TCT Permanent Secretariat for the preparation / organization / steer of the meetings.
2. All Regional Participants (RPs) acknowledged that the role/task of Transport Community Secretariat is to support them in implementing the provisions of the Transport Community Treaty (TCT) and to improve project preparation. In this context, the Permanent Secretariat will also be tasked to monitor implementation of Connectivity Reforms Measures.
3. In accordance with the terms of reference and mandate of the Technical Committee on Railways, all RPs agreed on the principle to develop an Action Plan. This Action Plan will be developed in liaison with the Regional partners, the EC and the main stakeholders in view to implement the Regional Rail Strategy endorsed at Ministerial level in December 2018.
4. This Action Plan shall include a first set of priority measures for the years 2019-2020 (draft proposal attached) in view to be agreed by the Regional Steering Committee and further presented / endorsed at the forthcoming WB6 summit in July 2019.
5. Comments on the proposal have to be provided – in written – no later than 10 June.
6. All Regional Partners agreed that first priorities should focus on removing obstacles for rail market opening, achieve the full implementation of the EU legislation on Interoperability and improve the overall governance of the railways in the framework of the TCT.
7. The Transport Community Secretariat will help ensure the proper coordination of the activities carried out by other institutions/organizations (i.a. European Commission, European Union Agency for Railways, stakeholders, IFIs) with the aim to ensure synergies and complementarity in using the Technical Assistance devoted to the rail sector.
8. The next Technical Committee on Railways will be held in Belgrade at a date to be determined later.