

Terms of reference and mandate of Technical Committee on Roads (TCR)

Scope and expected achievements

The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) sets up a Technical Committee on Roads, in the form of an ad hoc working group.

The Technical Committee (TC) shall assist the RSC in all aspects related to road transport falling under the scope of the Transport Community Treaty (TCT).

For this purpose, the TC – with the support of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community will elaborate a coherent set of concrete actions to be implemented by the South East European Parties in a coordinated and timely manner. It should aim in particular at the streamlining of priority projects in the region (on the extended TEN-T network), establishing of efficient maintenance systems coupled with the exploration of possibilities for road financing mechanism (tolling, including e-tolling), deployment of ITS in accordance with EU Directives and interoperability standards and decarbonisation of road transport including resilience aspects and smart mobility.

This action plan will complement and reinforce - where necessary - the decisions taken at national level.

In order to comply with its objective, the TC will also touch upon the question of the innovative financing of actions aiming at improving the quality of the road infrastructure.

Method of work

The TC is established on the basis of Article 26 of the Transport Community Treaty. It shall consist of representatives of the Contracting Parties of the Transport Community and shall be chaired in turn over by a South East European Party in accordance with the arrangements to be laid down in its rules of procedures. The Permanent Secretariat of the TCT shall provide the necessary administrative support. The European Commission, represented by the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, is entitled to participate in the TC.

On a case by case basis, the TC may invite external experts and stakeholders to participate and/or contribute to its discussions and activities.

At its first meeting, the TC will adopt its rules of procedure, elect its chair, and adopt a work plan, clearly defining its objectives and activities, including a time schedule for their implementation.

The TC is expected to meet at least three times per year and to report to the RSC on a regular basis. The TC shall draw up a proposal on priority actions to be implemented with a view to implement effective road policies and submit it to the RSC by Q4 2020. The report shall contain monitoring procedures and follow-up activities.

The TC will coordinate its activities with those of the RSC and other technical committees.