

6th Regional Steering Committee meeting

16.10.2019 Pristina

Agreed Conclusions

- **Administrative Issues**
 - *Update on Director and Deputy Director recruitment status has been provided by the Commission;*
 - *In accordance with the Permanent Secretariat Staff Rules, a representative of Albania in RSC, will participate to the selection committee for the selection of Director and Deputy;*
 - *Publication of new positions: 2 new positions (non-management staff) – head of project planning/financing and Head of EU acquis approximation/implementation will be published shortly. Furthermore, the Interim Director informed the RSC that the accountant position will be subcontracted.*
 - *Financial Rules – after Council (EU) adoption, rules will be formally submitted to RSC for adoption;*
 - *The Administrative arrangement between TCT and ERA is adopted by the RSC;*
 - **Poznan Summit follow up – information**
 - *Request for services for TA to CONECTA regarding the two TC priority projects on BCPs/CCPs and one on road safety were presented and welcomed by RSC;*
 - *Next EU-WB Summit will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, 6-7th of May 2020; WB summit will then be held in the second half of 2020 (date and venue tbc).*
 - *TEN-T Days will also be held in Croatia (date and venue tbc).*
 - **Technical Assistance needs**
 - *RSC agreed on a regional approach on tailored TA for legal approximation and implementation of transport legislation. Example of new monitoring approach of connectivity reform measures will be provided by Permanent Secretariat.*
 - **Technical Committees**
 - *The Permanent Secretariat briefed the RSC on the outcome of the latest technical committees;*
 - *All 3 actions plans (under preparation) to be adopted by the RSC and thus endorsed by the Ministerial Council.*
 - *A new Technical Committee will be set up – Technical Committee on Road resilience, maintenance, tolling and innovation.*
 - *The Commission recalled that transport sustainability should be reflected in the priorities set by technical committees and RSC.*
 - **Priorities for 2020**
 - *It was recalled that the TCT Permanent Secretariat will have to monitor on regular basis and to report to the RSC approximation and implementation of legislation.*
 - *Following the presentation made by the Permanent Secretariat, new priorities covering road maintenance and Road User Charging, Deployment of ITS and Resilience were agreed by the RSC.*
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- *The RSC welcomed the TCT Permanent Secretariat activities to explore the issues on project planning/preparation and provide proposals on how to improve project delivery in the region;*
- *The Commission also recalled the importance to duly consider "Green Agenda" for Western Balkans as agreed by the leaders in Poznan.*


- **Budget for 2020 and report on 2019 Budget execution**
 - *2019 Contribution update – report adopted, the last two RPs still to pay the Contribution will proceed with payment by 31st of October;*
 - *TCT 2020 Budget breakdown will be communicated in written by 1st of December 2019; overall regional contribution will be based on a maximum amount of EUR 600.000,00, table of the % share is attached to these Agreed Conclusions;*
 - *Flexibility should be given to the RPs regarding the date of payment of the 2020 Contributions to the TCT Budget;*

- **Ministerial Council and Next RSC Meeting**
 - *Both Ministerial Council and RSC Meeting will be organized in 3rd or 4th week of January 2020 (date to be decided). In order to secure the presence of the new Commissioner, both meetings are likely to be held in Brussels.*

Done in Pristina, 16th of October, 2019



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