

## Transport Community

### 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting

### 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Conclusions

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting was held virtually, via Microsoft Teams.
- The meeting was Chaired by Chair of the Regional Steering Committee, Mr. Zoran Andric and Co-Chair, Mr. Harvey Rouse.
- All RSC members were present during the meeting as well as additional representatives from the European Commission (DG MOVE).
- Agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> RSC meeting was adopted without comments.

1	<p><b>Discussion on Draft Budget 2021 and information on contributions for Budget 2020</b></p> <p>The European Commission presented the state-of-play of EU negotiations on the proposal for Budget 2021. Once the EU position has been adopted, the TC Permanent Secretariat will circulate, to all RSC members, the Draft Budget 2021 and will add the Budget 2020 figures for comparison. Budget 2021 will be submitted for adoption by the Regional Steering Committee under written procedure before the end of 2020.</p> <p>The Transport Community (TC) Permanent Secretariat informed the RSC members about the contributions received by the EC and four regional partners and at the same time asked the two remaining regional partners with outstanding contributions to proceed with their contributions for the 2020 budget.</p>
2	<p><b>Adoption of the Audit Report 2019</b></p> <p>Audit Report 2019: The RSC took note of the Audit Report 2019, in which an independent auditor, Grant Thornton, found that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the TC Permanent Secretariat for 2019.</p>
3	<p><b>Annual Operational Report (Management Report) 2019</b></p> <p>Annual Operational Report (Management Report): The RSC acknowledged TC Permanent Secretariat's Annual Operational Report (Management Report) for 2019. The TC Permanent Secretariat will revise the Annual Operational Report (Management Report) for 2019 to include the financial report (based on the Audit Report for Budget 2019). The new version of the Annual Operational Report will be re-circulated to the RSC members by 22 December 2020.</p>

4	<p><b>Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods</b></p> <p>The RSC endorsed the establishment of a new Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods.</p> <p>RSC adopted the proposed Rules of Procedure for the Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods with 2 changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Linguistic change in title III; and</li> <li>2) The first Regional Partner to chair the Technical Committee will be the Republic of North Macedonia.</li> </ol> <p>The RSC adopted the proposed Terms of Reference for the Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods without changes.</p>
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#### Information points

1	<p><b>Information regarding potential Waterborne (Maritime/Ports/Inland Waterways) Technical Committee</b></p> <p>The RSC took note of the Concept Note on the potential Waterborne (Maritime/Ports/Inland Waterways) Technical Committee and encouraged the TC Permanent Secretariat to submit a proposal for establishing the Waterborne (Maritime/Ports/Inland Waterways) Technical Committee with the accompanying Rules of Procedure, by the next RSC meeting in February 2021.</p>
2	<p><b>Information on Transport Community Communication Strategy</b></p> <p>The RSC took note of a proposed Transport Community Communication Strategy and encouraged the TC Permanent Secretariat to make the official Transport Community website as informative as possible in respect of transport activities in the region and in the EU.</p>
3	<p><b>TEN-T revision - Information by Commission</b></p> <p>The RSC welcomed the information regarding revision of the TEN-T Network presented by Mr. Alain Baron from the European Commission.</p>
4	<p><b>Provisional calendar of Transport Community Events/Meetings for 2021</b></p> <p>The RSC welcomed the presentation of a provisional calendar of the Transport Community events and meetings for 2021. The TC Permanent Secretariat will revise the provisional calendar to include 2 formal Ministerial Councils and the Budget Committee meetings and will re-circulate the calendar to the RSC members by 22 December 2020.</p>
5	<p><b>Indicative list of Administrative Rules necessary for the functioning of the Transport Community</b></p> <p>The RSC took note of the indicative list of Administrative Rules with financial implications necessary for the functioning of Transport Community and encouraged the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat to submit additional information related to the following documents, as soon as possible, to the Regional Steering Committee for their consideration:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules on reimbursement of the participation cost of the RSC, Technical Committees, Budget committee and Forums,</li> <li>• Rules on the reimbursement of Transport Community Permanent Secretariat's staff moving costs,</li> <li>• Rules on TCT PS contribution to the health, unemployment, pension and disability insurance for staff members and their family members,</li> <li>• Rules on seconded experts and Rules on school allowances.</li> </ul> <p>The TC Permanent Secretariat was asked to provide more information regarding the content of the aforementioned Rules by 22 December.</p>
6	<b>TCT Summer School / Summer Seminar</b> <p>The RSC took note of the information in relation to the plans for University cooperation and the organization of a TCT Summer School.</p>
7	<b>List of judgments of the Court of Justice relevant for the functioning of this Treaty</b> <p>The RSC welcomed the list of judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union relevant for the functioning of the Transport Community Treaty presented by TC Permanent Secretariat. The RSC members were invited to share the list with all relevant national stakeholders and to take it into consideration when implementing the legislation from Annex I of the Transport Community Treaty. The European Commission was invited to provide the revised list on an annual basis.</p>
8	<b>Update on Green Lanes extension to EU/Western Balkans borders</b> <p>The RSC welcomed the update on the Green Lanes extension to the EU/Western Balkans borders given by the TC Permanent Secretariat. The TC Permanent Secretariat was encouraged to continue working on the Green Lanes extension together with CEFTA Secretariat.</p>
9	<b>Certificates of Appreciation</b> <p>The RSC expressed a special gratitude for the contribution of the former Commissioner for Transport Ms. Violeta Bulc and the Interim Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat Mr. Alain Baron to the creation of the Transport Community and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation.</p>

Chair of the Regional Steering Committee  
 Mr Zoran Andric

