

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MANDATE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (TDGTC)**

### *Scope and expected achievements*

The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) sets up a Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG), in the form of an ad hoc working group. The Technical Committee shall assist the RSC in all aspects related to inland transport of dangerous goods falling under the scope of the Transport Community Treaty (TCT).

For this purpose, the TDGTC – 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 assist regional participants in developing further their know-how concerning TDG by road, rail and inland waterways and enhance cooperation between the authorities of the regional participants, the EU Member States and the relevant international organizations active in the field.

It should aim in particular at the streamlining of priority projects in the region concerning safe and secure inland transport of dangerous goods in accordance with EU Directives. The commonly agreed actions will complement and reinforce - where necessary - the decisions taken at the level of Each Regional Partner.

### *Method of work*

The TDG TC is established on the basis of Articles 1, 11, 12 and 13 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 twice a 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 ensure effective transport of dangerous goods policies by road, rail and inland waterways and submit it to the RSC by Q4 2021. 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.