



Transport Community  
11<sup>th</sup> Regional Steering Committee meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2021, online

## CONCLUSIONS

1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 11<sup>th</sup> Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting was held virtually, via the Microsoft Teams online platform.
2. All RSC members were present during the meeting as well as representatives of the European Commission - DG MOVE, and the European Union Member States as observers: Finland, Croatia, Italy, France, Slovenia, Greece, and Portugal.
3. The meeting was Chaired by the Chair of the Regional Steering Committee, Mr. Zoran Andric and Co-Chair, Mr. Harvey Rouse. Newly appointed RSC representatives from Montenegro, State Secretary Mr. Zoran Radunovic and Mr. Nikola Veljovic were welcomed to the meeting.
4. The agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> RSC meeting was adopted without comments.

1.	<b>Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The RSC welcomed the presentation by the representative of the European Commission Mr. Moumen Hamdouch on the Communication from the European Commission: <i>Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy – putting European transport on track for the future</i>. The strategy lays the foundation for how the EU transport system can achieve its green and digital transformation and become more resilient to future crises.</li></ul>
2.	<b>Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy – Western Balkans perspective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat presented the Concept paper: <i>Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy – Western Balkans perspective</i>. Once adopted the strategy should provide an overview of the situation regarding decarbonisation of transport in the region and give guidelines on where efforts need to be made to contribute to the milestones described in the Commission's Communication.</li><li>• The European Commission welcomed the initiative to create such a strategy within the Western Balkan region, to align its objectives and actions with the European transport policy.</li><li>• The Regional Parties and the European Commission supported the proposal on the creation of an ad-hoc group for the development of a <i>Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy - Western Balkans Perspective</i>.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The members of RSC are kindly requested to appoint, by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, representative(s) of their respective Regional Partner to the ad-hoc group. The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat proposed to the RSC to endorse the Strategy at its next meeting in May 2021. Afterwards, it will be submitted to the Transport Community Ministerial Council in June 2021 for endorsement.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Technical Committee on Waterborne Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the discussions on the concept paper presented at RSC meeting in December 2020, the RSC welcomed the proposal for the creating of a new Technical Committee on Waterborne Transport.</li> <li>The European Commission informed the RSC that it is currently not in the position to adopt the proposed decision, due to ongoing internal approval procedures within the EU institutions.</li> <li>The European Commission is requested to inform the RSC once the procedures are complete so that the decision on the establishment of Technical Committee on Waterborne Transport can be taken and that the proposed Rules of Procedure for the Technical Committee on Waterborne Transport can be approved. Once this procedure is finalised, a proposal will be addressed to the RSC Chair to start the written procedure for the adoption of the aforementioned items.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Main elements of administrative rules necessary for the functioning of Transport Community with fiscal implications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RSC acknowledged, without comments, the presentation of the main elements of the following administrative rules necessary for the functioning of Transport Community with fiscal implications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. rules on reimbursement of the participation cost of the RSC, Technical Committees, Budget committee and Forums.</li> <li>b. rules on the reimbursement of Transport Community Permanent Secretariat's staff moving costs upon taking up duties and termination of service.</li> <li>c. rules on the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat contribution to the health, unemployment, pension and disability insurance for staff members and their family members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The European Commission was kindly asked to start the procedure of drafting the Rules as soon as possible. The aim is to adopt the proposed Rules at the next RSC in May.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat proposed to start working on Rules on seconded staff to further strengthen the links between the Transport Community and administrations of Regional Partners and the EU Member States.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Report on the TEN-T Annual compliance status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RSC acknowledged the <i>Information Regarding the Status of the Annual Report on the Implementation of the TEN-T Networks in the Western Balkans</i>, presented by Transport Community Permanent Secretariat.</li> <li>The European Commission highlighted delays with submission of the necessary data and urged all Regional Participants to submit information relevant for preparation of the Annual Report as soon as possible to facilitate endorsement of the report at the next RSC meeting in May and submission of the Report to the Ministerial Council in June.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Revision of the Annex I of Transport Community Treaty (legislation)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RSC acknowledged the information regarding the delay on Revision of the Annex I of Transport Community Treaty, presented by the European Commission.</li> <li>European Commission shall inform the RSC once the internal approval procedure is completed. The revised list of legislation shall be presented for approval at the next RSC in May.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Update on the Transport Observatory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat notified the RSC on the achieved progress and updated implementation timeline of the Transport Observatory. RSC members were kindly asked to support the Consultant in the coming period by facilitating contact and communication with the relevant stakeholders in each Regional Participant.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Draft Agenda for the TCT Ministerial Council in June 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat informed the RSC on the upcoming Ministerial Council which will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 in Brussels.</li> <li>The RSC acknowledged the draft Agenda of the Ministerial Council. The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat will prepare the draft Conclusions of the Ministerial Council for the RSC meeting in May 2021.</li> </ul>



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9.	<b>Second Social Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The invitation and agenda of the Second Social Forum were presented to the RSC. To mark the European Year, the Second Social Forum will be dedicated to the social issues in rail.</li> </ul>
10.	<b>Audit procedure for the Budget 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RSC was informed that the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat launched the procurement procedure for selecting the external independent auditor to certify the 2020 accounts, which are in the process of finalisation. The decision on designating the auditors shall be taken by the RSC. The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat made a commitment to submit the report before the August 2021 deadline.</li> </ul>
11.	<b>Calendar of the Transport Community events and meetings for 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RSC took note of the presentation of the updated calendar of the Transport Community events and meetings for 2021.</li> </ul>
12.	<b>Updated list of the RSC members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The updated list of the RSC members was presented. The changes are related to the newly appointed representatives to the RSC from Montenegro, Ministry of Capital Investments, State Secretary Mr. Zoran Radunovic and Mr. Nikola Veljovic.</li> </ul>

Chair of the Regional Steering Committee  
Mr. Zoran Andric