

## **Terms of reference and mandate of Waterborne Transport and Multimodality Technical Committee**

### *Scope and expected achievements*

The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) sets up a Waterborne Transport and Multimodality Technical Committee (WTM TC), in the form of an ad hoc working group.

The WTM TC shall assist the RSC in all aspects related to waterborne transport and multimodality falling under the scope of the Transport Community Treaty (TCT).

For this purpose, the WTM TC – with the support of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community will elaborate a coherent set of concrete actions, in a form of a work plan (action plan), 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), improving multimodal/maritime/inland waterway infrastructure and introducing digitalization (RIS, VTMIS, PCS, e-maritime and other intelligent transport systems), introduction of green and innovative elements, supply chain problems and operational efficiency as well coordination between modes.

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

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

### *Method of work*

The WTM 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 WTM TC.

On a case-by-case basis, the WTM TC may invite external experts and stakeholders to participate and/or contribute to its discussions and activities. At its first meeting, the WTM TC will adopt its Rules of procedure and elect its chair, agree on a work plan, clearly defining its objectives and activities, including a time schedule for their implementation.

The WTM TC is expected to meet at least three times per year and to report to the RSC on a regular basis. The WTM TC shall draw up a report on the implementation of the Action plan for Waterborne Transport and multimodality on annual basis and submit it to the RSC. The report shall contain monitoring procedures and follow-up activities.

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