



**Presidency Conclusions
of
the Ministerial Council of Transport Community
Brussels, 15 November 2022**

Participants at the Ministerial Council of Transport Community,

1. Welcome the interventions of Commissioner H.E. Adina-Ioana Vălean, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Capital Investments H.E. Ervin Ibrahimović, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic on behalf of the Presidency of the Council of EU H.E Martin Kupka and Director Mathieu Bousquet, Directorate-General Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations.
2. Reiterate that its overall priority remains the full implementation of the Transport Community Treaty and the creation of a Transport Community in the field of road, rail, inland waterway and maritime transport, as well as the development of the transport network between the European Union and the South East European Parties based on the progressive integration of transport markets of the South East European Parties into the European Union transport market.
3. Welcome the progress towards implementing the Transport Community Treaty and reconfirms its commitment to intensify efforts with the support of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat.
4. Welcome the Annual Report on TEN-T implementation in the Western Balkans and acknowledge the work undertaken by the Technical Committees and the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat. Reaffirm the commitment of the South East European Parties towards the obligation set forth under Article 8.2 of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community to support the development of the indicative TEN-T extension of the comprehensive and core networks to the Western Balkans.
5. Take note of the progress achieved by the region in achieving TEN-T standards compliance and welcome the ambitious TEN-T development program currently ongoing and supported by the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans.
6. Commit to strengthen actions towards timely and coordinated implementation of the TEN-T network in full observation of the time limits contained in the relevant legislation and to address with a matter of priority the shortages identified in the Annual Report, and address the regional

priorities as identified in the Five Year Rolling Work Plan, in line with the recommendations included therein.

7. Welcomes the Progress Report on the Action Plans and the EU Acquis implementation and commits to further progress in this regard. Acknowledge the efforts of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat to stimulate cooperation between the South East European Parties and European Institutions. Moreover, commits to fulfilling the obligations defined under ANNEX I of the Transport Community Treaty and action plans measures foreseen within five action plans.
8. Welcomes the efforts of the Regional Steering Committee and Technical Committee Members and encourages them to intensify efforts to take all necessary measures to further progress regarding the implementation of actions foreseen in five Action Plans (Rail, Road, Road Safety, Transport Facilitation, and Inland waterways and Multimodality), as well as ANNEX I of the TCT.
9. Welcomes the efforts and progress made on the implementation of the Action Plans two years after their adoption. Stress that more efforts are needed from all Regional Partners to timely implementation of measures defined in all five Action Plans.
10. Recalling the "*Western Balkans Leaders Declaration on Common Regional Market*" of the Western Balkans six Summit held in Sofia November 2020, related to the extension of the Green Lanes Initiative (the EU – Western Balkans Green Lanes Initiative), welcome signed agreements between North Macedonia and Greece, and between Italy – Albania - Montenegro. Moreover, we invite all neighbouring EU Member States to join the EU – Western Balkans Green Lanes Initiative for greater benefits of the entire region and the EU.
11. Encourage the Regional Steering Committee to do its utmost to ensure the implementation and to exchange information on the newly adopted legislation that has been added to the scope of the Treaty (revised version of ANNEX I).
12. Welcome the report and conclusions from the Social Forum (May 2022, Sarajevo) and simultaneously commit to further progress on Social Aspects of the Acquis, as defined within ANNEX I of the Transport Community Treaty.
13. Welcome the endorsement of the Joint Statement from the Contracting Parties of the Transport Community and the Ministers in charge of Transport from Ukraine, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova on cooperation for the development of the transport sectors. Participants intend to facilitate closer cooperation between the Sides to create an effective transport network between the European Union and its neighbours. To this end, we envisage establishing and

maintaining a continuous working relationship to achieve our shared objectives. This should lead to strengthened cooperation in the field of transport, in the work of the Transport Community. In this regard, we call for the more systematic involvement of Ukraine, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova in the Transport Community relevant bodies, including, but not limited to, the Regional Steering Committee, the technical committees, the Social Forum, and the Budget Committee.

14. Invite the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat to facilitate the participation of Ukraine, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova already in the next meeting of the Regional Steering Committee planned for mid-December 2022, in full regard of the applicable provisions in the Regional Steering Committee internal rules of procedure.
15. Agree to meet in first half of 2023 in Montenegro to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Transport Community Treaty, as well as other reports that will be presented.

Done in Brussels on 15 November 2022

For the Ministerial Council of the Transport Community

The President



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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Capital Investments