

31st Regional Steering Committee Meeting

18 June 2026, Thessaloniki

Meeting Minutes and Conclusions

The Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community met in an extraordinary session on 18 June 2026 in Thessaloniki, Greece. Representatives from Albania (online), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia attended the meeting, together with representatives of the European Commission.

Meeting was chaired by Ms Erjola Muka, a Regional Steering Committee member representing Albania in its current role as RSC Presidency, and co-chaired by Ms Mona Björklund from the European Commission.

The agenda for the 31st RSC meeting was adopted

Appointment of the Director	
1.	The Regional Steering Committee took note of and welcomed the views expressed by the Ministerial Council concerning the appointment of the Director of the Permanent Secretariat. The Regional Steering Committee confirmed that the written procedure for the appointment of the Director had been launched and would be completed on 19 June 2026. Conclusion: The Decision is adopted in principle and once the internal procedure in Serbia is finalized, TCT Secretariat will be notified so that the Decision can be signed by the Presidency. Start date of the Decision is 1 August 2026.
Appointment of the Deputy Director	
2.	The Regional Steering Committee took note that during the Ministerial Council consultation, the representative of Kosovo had expressed a reservation regarding the proposed candidate for the position of Deputy Director of the Permanent Secretariat. The Regional Steering Committee, therefore, held an orientation debate to consider the appropriate way forward. The Regional Steering Committee noted that all its members, except Kosovo*, supported the proposed candidate for the position of Deputy Director. Following the discussion, the Regional Steering Committee concluded that: 1. a written procedure concerning the appointment of the Deputy Director would be launched on 19 June 2026; 2. the written procedure would remain open for ten calendar days; 3. members of the Regional Steering Committee would be invited to communicate their position within the deadline established under the written procedure;

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

	4. upon expiry of the deadline, the Chair of the Regional Steering Committee, with the support of the Permanent Secretariat, would inform the members of the outcome of the written procedure and initiate any further procedural steps required under the Transport Community Treaty and the applicable rules of procedure. The Regional Steering Committee underlined the importance of completing the appointment process in a timely, transparent and orderly manner, ensuring institutional continuity and the effective functioning of the TCT Secretariat. Conclusion: The RSC Written Procedure will be launched immediately with a deadline of 10 calendar days.
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Chair of the Regional Steering Committee
Ms Erjola Muka

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