

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/2199**of 8 November 2022****on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community as regards the adoption of the budget of the Transport Community for 2023**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91 and Article 100(2), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Treaty establishing the Transport Community ⁽¹⁾ (TCT) was signed by the Union in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2017/1937 ⁽²⁾. On 4 March 2019 it was approved on behalf of the Union by means of Council Decision (EU) 2019/392 ⁽³⁾. It entered into force on 1 May 2019.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 35 TCT, the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community ('the Steering Committee') is to adopt the budget of the Transport Community every year. Article 35 TCT also empowers the Steering Committee to adopt decisions specifying the procedure for the implementation of the budget.
- (3) The Steering Committee is to adopt a decision on the budget of the Transport Community for 2023 during its last meeting in 2022.
- (4) The proposed budget of the Transport Community for 2023 is needed for the proper functioning of the bodies of the Transport Community. It covers the costs of human resources, travel, IT equipment and software, as well as operational expenditure such as studies, capacity-building, technical assistance and the organisation of conferences and meetings.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Steering Committee concerning the decision on the adoption of the budget of the Transport Community for the year 2023, as such a decision, which is necessary for the functioning of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community, will be binding on the Union.
- (6) The position of the Union within the Steering Committee should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community ('the Steering Committee') as regards the adoption of the budget of the Transport Community for the year 2023 shall be based on the draft decision of the Steering Committee attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2017/1937 of 11 July 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community (OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/392 of 4 March 2019 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community (OJ L 71, 13.3.2019, p. 1).

Done at Brussels, 8 November 2022.

For the Council
The President
Z. STANJURA

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**DECISION No ... /2022 OF THE REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORT
COMMUNITY**
of ...
on the adoption of the budget of the Transport Community for the year 2023

THE REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(1) and Article 35 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The budget of the Transport Community for the year of 2023, attached to this Decision, is hereby adopted.

Article 2

1. In accordance with Article 10(1) of the financial rules and auditing procedures applicable to the Transport Community, appropriations of a given budget line of the 2023 budget may be used for purposes the budget attributes to another budget line, within the total limit of 10 % of the appropriations of the former budget line. This shall not apply to the budget line regarding the human resources budget.

2. Appropriations carried over in order to meet obligations signed at the end of 2022, as specified in the budget attached, shall not be eligible for the use referred to in paragraph 1. They shall not be taken into account for determining the maximum amount corresponding to the limit of 10 % referred to therein.

Article 3

Appropriations which have not been committed at the end of the financial year 2022 shall be cancelled and paid back to the Parties in accordance with the percentages established in Annex V of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community and the actual contributions paid.

Done in ..., on ...

*For the Regional Steering Committee
of the Transport Community
The President*

⁽¹⁾ OJ EU L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 3.

BUDGET OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY FOR THE YEAR 2023

Budget line	Amount (EUR)
1. Permanent Secretariat	
1.1. Human Resources	1 502 097
1.2. Travel costs	119 220
1.3. Office costs, equipment and software	64 150
1.4. Other costs and services, including: — Outsourced and other services (Audit, Visibility, Staff training, Bank charges) — Meeting & Conference costs — Information Technology and Communication costs — Recruitment costs	543 117
1.5. Studies, technical Assistance for supporting the implementation of EU Acquis and Action Plans ⁽¹⁾	730 000
— Of which fresh credits	510 000
— Of which carried-over budget appropriations corresponding to obligations signed at the end of 2022 for which payments are due in 2023	220 000
2. Ministerial Council	
2.1. Meeting & Conference costs	28 000
3. Regional Steering Committee	
3.1. Meeting & Conference costs	18 560
4. Technical Committees	
4.1. Meeting & Conference costs	177 300
5. Social Forum	
5.1. Meeting & Conference costs	10 800
6. Budget Committee	
6.1. Meeting & Conference costs	5 720
Total fresh credits (excluding Budget Reserve)	2 978 964
Budget Reserve (approx. 3 % of fresh credits)	81 036
Total fresh credits	3 060 000
Total carry overs from 2022	220 000
Grand total	3 280 000
EU contribution (80 % of fresh credits)	2 448 000
South East European Parties' contribution (20 % of fresh credits: Annex V to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community provides the distribution per country)	612 000

⁽¹⁾ The total amount shall be determined upon conclusion of procurement procedures and service contracts signed during Q3 of 2022.