

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/2187**of 22 December 2020****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 2021**

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 ("TCT") was signed by the Union in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2017/1937 ⁽¹⁾. On 4 March 2019 it was approved by the Union by means of Council Decision (EU) 2019/392 ⁽²⁾. 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 2021 during its meeting in December 2020 or, if the agenda item is not addressed during that meeting, during the subsequent meeting.
- (4) The proposed budget of the Transport Community for 2021 is needed for the proper functioning of the bodies of the Transport Community. It covers the costs for human resources, travel, IT equipment and software, as well as operational expenditure such as studies, 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, as such a decision is necessary for the functioning of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community, and will have legal effects vis-à-vis the Union,

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 as regards the budget of the Transport Community for the year 2021 shall be based on the draft decision of the Steering Committee ⁽³⁾.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH

⁽¹⁾ 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).

⁽²⁾ 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).

⁽³⁾ See document ST 11356/20 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>