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**TRANS 513**  
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## LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community as regards the introduction of a common set of rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by persons from outside the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community who are invited to participate in meetings of the Transport Community
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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...**

**of ...**

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union  
within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community  
as regards the introduction of a common set of rules on the reimbursement of expenses  
incurred by persons from outside the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community  
who are invited to participate in meetings of the Transport Community**

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<sup>1</sup> ('TCT') was approved on behalf of the Union by means of Council Decision (EU) 2019/392<sup>2</sup> and entered into force on 1 May 2019.
- (2) The Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community ('the Steering Committee'), established by the TCT, is responsible for the administration of the TCT and ensures its proper implementation. Pursuant to Article 35 TCT, the Steering Committee is to adopt decisions specifying the procedure for the implementation of the budget.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> 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) The Steering Committee is expected to adopt a decision on the introduction of a common set of rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by persons from outside the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community who are invited to participate in meetings of the Transport Community ('the envisaged decision'). The rules set out in the envisaged decision will replace the rules adopted pursuant to Decisions No 2020/05<sup>1</sup> and No 2021/02<sup>2</sup> of the Steering Committee.
- (4) The envisaged decision is necessary for the good functioning of the Permanent Secretariat and the bodies of the Transport Community. As the envisaged decision will be binding on the Union, it is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Steering Committee with regard to its adoption.
- (5) The position of the Union within the Steering Committee should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> Decision No 2020/05 of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community of 29 July 2020 on the rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by persons from outside the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community who are invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity (OJ L 73, 10.3.2023, p. 40).

<sup>2</sup> Decision No 2021/02 of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community of 7 June 2021 on the rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by persons from outside the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community who are invited to participate in meetings of the Transport Community (OJ L 73, 10.3.2023, p. 48).

### *Article 1*

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 introduction of a common set of rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by persons from outside the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community who are invited to participate in meetings of the Transport Community, which will replace the rules adopted pursuant to Decisions No 2020/05 and No 2021/02 of the Steering Committee, shall be based on the draft Decision of the Steering Committee attached to this Decision.
2. Minor changes to the draft Decision may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union in the Steering Committee without further decision by the Council.

### *Article 2*

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

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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