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Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE

TRANSPORT COMMUNITY amending the Annex to the Financial Rules and Auditing Procedures applicable to the Transport Community, adopted pursuant to Decision No. 2022/02 of the Regional Steering Committee of

the Transport Community

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# DECISION No 2025/... OF THE REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY

of ...

amending the Annex to the Financial Rules and Auditing Procedures applicable to the Transport Community, adopted pursuant to Decision No. 2022/02 of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community

THE REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY,

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

Having regard to Decision No. 2022/02 of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community of 15 December 2022 on the revised procedure for the implementation of the budget and the presenting and auditing of accounts, applicable to the Transport Community,

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OJ EU L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\_internation/2017/1937/oj.

#### Whereas:

- The existing Annex to the Financial Rules and Auditing Procedures applicable to the Transport Community, adopted pursuant to Decision No. 2022/02 of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community does not explicitly address instances where relevant provisions on the procurement of goods, works or services are absent or non-specific.
- (2) The procurement procedures for certain simple and low-value goods and services require a simpler and more efficient framework to ensure effective implementation.
- (3) It is imperative to enhance the procurement framework to allow for smoother execution of procurement procedures under the Treaty establishing the Transport Community while ensuring competitiveness, transparency and equal treatment in the procurement process,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

The Annex to the Financial Rules and Auditing Procedures applicable to the Transport Community, adopted pursuant to Decision No. 2022/02 of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community, is amended as follows:

- (1) in Section 3, the following point is added:
  - '4.2. Simplified procurement procedure for low-value goods and services

For the procurement of simple, straightforward and routine services and supplies, including but not limited to venue hire, restaurant services, translation, equipment rental and purchase of items, where the precise volume and timing of delivery can be defined at the outset and where the estimated total value does not exceed EUR 20,000 (excluding VAT), a simplified procurement procedure shall apply.

This procedure shall consist of:

- (a) collecting at least three offers from eligible providers;
- (b) evaluating the offers on the basis of key factors such as price and ability to deliver the services or supplies;
- (c) awarding the contract and finalising it through a purchase order or a simplified direct contract.

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This simplified procedure shall ensure adequate market consultation, while reducing administrative burdens. A record of the offers collected and the evaluation process shall be kept in order to allow for a proper audit trail and to ensure the transparency of the process.';

- (2) the following section is added:
  - '5. Section 4
    - 5.1. In cases where this Annex does not contain explicit provisions, the rules and principles laid down in Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC<sup>2</sup> shall apply, with the necessary adaptations.'.

## Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done in ..., on ... 2025

For the Regional Steering Committee
The President

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OJ EU L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/24/oj.