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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION as regards the revision of the financial rules for the Transport Community – Adoption

1. On 21 October 2022, the European Commission proposed a draft Council decision on an EU position in the Regional Steering Committee of the EU-Western Balkans Transport Community, aiming at changes to the latter's financial rules.

2. Envisaged changes concern the carry-over of unused and/or uncommitted expenditure from the current to the subsequent fiscal year, repayment to Transport Community members, budget re-allocation (transfer of appropriations), and the introduction of principles and simplified procurement rules for contracts valued under the threshold of Directive 2014/24/EU.

3. The Working Group on Transport – Intermodal Questions and Networks discussed the proposal on 28 October 2022. The Commission representative explained the changes in comparison to rules applied in the Energy Community, and highlighted that specific procurement rules for smaller tenders were needed, because they were very common in the Transport Community. The adoption of the new rules was planned for the meeting of the Regional Steering Committee on 15 December 2022. Delegations did not express concerns.In the meeting on 8 November 2022, the Presidency concluded that the examination at the technical level was completed.

4. In light of this, it is suggested, subject to endorsement by the Permanent Representatives Committee, that Council decides on the EU position as set out, after lawyer-linguistic revision, in document ST 14458 + ADD 1.

5. Once adopted, the decision will be published in the Official Journal and the European Parliament will be informed about it.