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Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015

Work plan for 2014–2018

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. As requested by the Bureau at the Inland Transport Committee at its sixth meeting on 20 June 2011, the Working Party should review and approve its traditional 4-year work plan for 2014–2018, in addition to the mandatory programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/6).
2. The secretariat has reproduced below the traditional 4-year work plan as adopted by the Working Party at its sixty-second session (Informal document WP.6 No. 6 (2011) and ECE/TRANS/WP.6/161, para. 62) and the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 93 and ECE/TRANS/2012/12) indicating proposed deletions, modifications and additions, as appropriate.
3. The Working Party may wish to review its work plan for 2014–2018 for adoption and transmission to ITC.

II. Work plan for 2014–2018

Programme activity 02.12: transport statistics

A. 02.12.1 Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics

Priority: 1

Description: Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including road, rail inland waterways and road safety data. Development and maintenance of the online UNECE

Transport Statistics Database in order to make available reliable, timely and comparable inland transport data for all the countries of the ECE region, within the ECE area.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

1. Continuing activities

(a) Build and maintain a database for the annual collection of statistics on inland transport, including road safety data from UNECE member Governments:

- (i) Continue to streamline data collection procedures in the field of transport and road traffic safety and to review user needs on a permanent basis, including those of other UNECE inter-governmental bodies.
- (ii) Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:
 - Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km);
 - Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods;
 - Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections);
 - Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Output expected: Increased availability of reliable, timely and comparable transport statistics, particularly about the less advanced countries of the region *Priority:* 1

(b) Prepare and publish the following publications:

- (i) UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America;
- (ii) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS);
- (iii) “Flyer(s)” on selected transport indicators;
- (iv) Maps and data on E-Road traffic census;
- (v) Maps and data on E-Rail traffic census.

Output expected: Publication of UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America, RAS and Handbook of Transport Statistics; Circulation of Questionnaires and receipt of data from member Governments for UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America. Preparation of 2015 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses (2016). Publishing the first results of 2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses (2017) *Priority:* 1

B. 02.12.2 Methodological work in transport statistics Priority: 1

Description: Development and implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to improve the quality and comparability of inland transport statistics, particularly in the areas of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents. Development of appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

1. Continuing activities

(a) Harmonize methodology on road safety data

Output expected: Increased comparability of definitions used for "killed", "injured" and "seriously injured". Harmonization of methodology for data related to the accidents under influence of drugs and alcohol. Improvement of data quality for types of collision

Priority: 1

(b) Maintaining classification system for transport statistics of goods (NST 2007)

Output expected: Annual Review of NST 2007 with the frequent asked questions to be published on the website

Priority: 2

(c) Statistics related to transport of dangerous goods

Output expected: Continued progress toward the integration of transport of dangerous goods statistics into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics, as well as the annual transport publications. Organization of workshops for member States which are not yet collecting statistics on transport of dangerous goods

Priority: 1

(d) Coordination among member States, other UNECE bodies and related international organizations and non-governmental organizations to harmonize terminology used in the statistics of road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline, combined transport and road traffic accidents, including, but not exclusively, in the context of the work being undertaken by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE – International Transport Forum – EC/Eurostat) (Meetings 2–3 times per year)

Output expected: Development of supplementary questionnaires as decided by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) and WP.6; preparation of meetings of IWG; preparation of draft amendments to the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics

Priority: 2

(e) Development of common methodologies to facilitate and improve the collection of information on road and rail traffic flows and infrastructure parameters through surveys and censuses such as automatic counting procedures, including, but not limited to, in the context of the E-Rail and E-Road censuses

Output expected: Development of common methodologies for the E-Rail and E-Road censuses to obtain data on traffic flows and infrastructure parameters on the AGR, AGC and AGTC networks. Preparation of 2015 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses. Promotion of Recommendations to Governments on E-Road and E-Rail censuses in 2015 and of resolutions adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on E-Road and E-Rail censuses in 2010

Priority: 1

2. Activities of limited duration

(f) Development of projects to assist countries in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of workshops and training seminars, drawing on the expertise of member Governments and related organizations

Output expected: Organization of workshops on the Web Common Questionnaire (2014 and 2015)

Priority: 2

(g) Update of the Handbook on transport statistics by buses and coaches

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the results of the pilot questionnaire (2014)

Priority: 2

(h) Update methodology on road (vehicle-km)

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the results of the pilot questionnaire (2014 and 2015)

Priority: 2
