
Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (PWG-TBC)

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Progress report on the development of the SPECA PWG-TBC transport databases

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Note by UNECE/UNESCAP

1. The importance of transport as a driver of national competitiveness has increased dramatically over recent decades, due mostly to the increasingly complex demands by the international economy.
2. Collecting transport statistics from Central Asian Countries is difficult. On the basis of the requests made in various UNECE fora (WP6, ITC in 2009–2010), three seminars/workshops in the Caucasus and Central Asia were held in 2010–2012, to raise the awareness of those countries on the need for gathering data on transport and on the use of the Common Questionnaire with special focus on methodology and road accidents statistics. Information on the E-Censuses was also included in the agenda.
3. The first workshop was held in Almaty (Kazakhstan) in September 2010. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan participated. The second one held in Baku (Azerbaijan) was an opportunity for Azeri and Russian statisticians to test the interface of the Web CoQ translated in Russian language for the first time. The last workshop held in November 2012 gathered together in Kiev (Ukraine) statisticians of Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine for the same purpose. The methodology of data collection on road safety was also explained to the participants. The major role of statistics in road safety policies was underlined and illustrated with data from EECCA countries.
4. These workshops offered concrete examples of synergies of action between the three secretariats of UNECE, OECD-ITF and EUROSTAT. The Chair of the UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP6) also participated in the last workshop, which may be considered as the last of a series meant to achieve a coherent and comprehensive data system on transport statistics.

5. During its last annual session held in June 2013, WP6 invited the Inter Secretariat Working Group (IWG) to continue its assistance to further capacity-building activities, in particular in countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus.

6. It has to be reminded that the setting up of a special database on transport and border crossing activities for the SPECA countries has been recommended since the creation of the PWG-TBC as indicated in the original Terms of Reference. Availability of accurate data is indeed essential for planning infrastructure development and for securing future investments. To progress on this issue, it has been proposed to the SPECA members to provide basic information on key border crossing points by filling for their countries the Annex I attached to the present document. The border crossing points proposed were selected based on their location along the Asian Highway network. Such cross-border transport data seem nevertheless currently not readily available. They would however provide valuable input for future transport activities in the region.

The Project Working Group may wish to

- Endorse the report made by NiiTK during the session, which will be available later on SPECA website in Russian and English;
- Welcome further capacity building initiatives on transport statistics for the SPECA region;
- Confirm the opportunity of setting-up a dedicated transport database for the SPECA PWG-TBC;
- Agree on a template and on the frequency for providing data on transport and border crossing activities as well as where these data should be made available (e.g. website).

Name	COUNTRY	Freight			Passenger		Opening hours	Comments
		Traffic Intl (vehicles/year)	Traffic local (vehicles/year)	Containers (per year)	Traffic Intl (persons/year)	Traffic Local (persons/year)		
Zarang (Border of Iran)	Afghanistan							
Speenboldak (Border of Pakistan)	Afghanistan							
Torkham (Border of Pakistan)	Afghanistan							
Islam Qala (Border of Iran)	Afghanistan							
Tourghondi (Border of Turkmenistan)	Afghanistan							
Shirkan Bandar (Border of Tajikistan)	Afghanistan							
Hairatan (Border of Uzbekistan)	Afghanistan							
Astara (Border of Iran)	Azerbaijan							
Ordubad (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Aghband (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Sadarak (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Uzuntala (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Krasny Most - RedBridge (Border of Georgia)	Azerbaijan							
Samur (Border of Russia)	Azerbaijan							
ZhibekZholy (Border of Uzbekistan)	Kazakhstan							
Border of Turkmenistan (Zhanaozen)	Kazakhstan							
Border of Kyrgyzstan (Merke)	Kazakhstan							
Kordai (Border of Kyrgyzstan)	Kazakhstan							
Khorgos (Border of China)	Kazakhstan							
Tazhen (Border of Uzbekistan)	Kazakhstan							
Dostyk (Border of China)	Kazakhstan							
Kotaevka (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Bakhty (Border of China)	Kazakhstan							
Zhaisan (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
KrasnyAul (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Border of Russia (Kamenka)	Kazakhstan							
Pogodaevo (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Pnirtyshskoe (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Kaerak (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							

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Karakuga (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Chistoe - Jana Jol (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Karamyk (Border of Tajikistan)	Kyrgyzstan							
Irkeshdam (Border of China)	Kyrgyzstan							
TorougartPass (Border of China)	Kyrgyzstan							
Border of Uzbekistan (Osh)	Kyrgyzstan							
Chaldovar (Border of Kazakhstan)	Kyrgyzstan							
Georgievka - AkZhol (Border of Kazakhstan)	Kyrgyzstan							
Border of Afghanistan (NizhiniyPanj)	Tajikistan							
KulmaPass (Border of China)	Tajikistan							
Border of Uzbekistan (Tursunzade)	Tajikistan							
Chanok (Border of Uzbekistan)	Tajikistan							
Serkhetabat (Border of Afghanistan)	Turkmenistan							
Sarabs (Border of Iran)	Turkmenistan							
Gudurolum (Border of Iran)	Turkmenistan							
ChovdanPass (Border of Iran)	Turkmenistan							
Farap (Border of Uzbekistan)	Turkmenistan							
Khairaton (Border of Afghanistan)	Uzbekistan							
Sariosiyo (Border of Tajikistan)	Uzbekistan							
Alat (Border of Turkmenistan)	Uzbekistan							
Aybek (Border of Tajikistan)	Uzbekistan							
Chernyavka (Border of Kazakhstan)	Uzbekistan							
Daut-ota (Border of Kazakhstan)	Uzbekistan							