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Addendum

I. Programme of work

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 5: Inland waterway transport

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
1. Organize a pan-European policy dialogue on the inland water transport (IWT) issues;	An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region.
2. Promote a coordinated development of inland waterway infrastructure;	
3. Address safety and operational requirements in inland navigation;	
4. Carry out other measures, aimed to facilitate the use of IWT, as recommended by the 2011 UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189);	
5. Undertake other activities related to regional and international cooperation or requested by the UNECE Inland Transport Committee.	

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Main actions by the Transport Division:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide secretariat services to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) and their groups of experts; • Maintain an inventory of UNECE resolutions on inland water transport issues; • Prepare regular technical and ad hoc policy publications; • Represent UNECE in the relevant meetings of the EU, River Commissions and other relevant bodies. 	

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

5.1 Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions in 2014 and forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions in 2015) (4 sessions) (20 meetings)

Documentation:

Agendas and reports of the sessions of the Working Party (8); other documents (4) on mandated issues including technical papers on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and inland navigation qualifications, amendment proposals to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61), Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings (Resolution No. 59), Recommendations on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48) and other SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

5.2 Working Party on Inland Water Transport (fifty-eighth session in 2014 and fifty-ninth session in 2015) (two sessions) (12 meetings)

Documentation:

Agendas and reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (4); other documents (4) on mandated issues, including draft programme of work and work plan, documents on the status and proposed amendments to the AGN agreement; amendment proposals to SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements in inland navigation; reports on the status of implementation of SC.3 resolutions and international agreements on inland navigation matters; studies of IWT issues in the ECE region and overview of River Commissions' activities; documents on legal aspects of IWT operations; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

(b) Publications and other information material

5.3 Maintenance of a web-based inventory of UNECE resolutions and publications in IWT issues;

5.4 Publication of the revised edition of CEVNI;

5.5 Publication of revised editions of relevant UNECE resolutions, amended by SC.3;

5.6 Maintenance and further development of an online database of the E waterway network.

(c) *Technical cooperation*

5.8 Support for technical cooperation and capacity-building to assist countries and River Commissions in establishing homogeneous and internationally acceptable standards of safety of navigation throughout the European network of inland waterways.

II. Biennial evaluation

Biennial Assessment

Review of performance measures for 2012–2013 and establishment of targets for 2014–2015

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
5. Inland waterway Transport	EA 5. An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region	<p>IA 5. (a) Promotion of the second edition of the UNECE Blue Book and, on this basis, updating of the AGN Agreement and other relevant UNECE instruments</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2011: Adoption of the second edition of UNECE Blue Book</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: Adoption of amendments to the AGN and related UNECE legal instruments on transport infrastructure, such as Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: Publication of the third revised edition of AGN (paper and online)</p> <p>IA 5. (b) Preparation and adoption of the next revision of CEVNI taking account of information on its application in member States and by River Commissions.</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2011: Preparation of a CEVNI status document, presenting information on the application of CEVNI in member States and by</p>	<p>(a) Second revised edition of the Blue Book was published in November 2012. An on-line database on the E Waterway Network, based on data in the Blue Book was made operational.</p> <p>(b) Amendments to the AGN pursuant to the revised edition of the Blue Book were adopted by SC.3 in 2012. 3 Depository Notifications were issued on 8 January, 15 July and 7 August 2013.</p> <p>(c) Amendments to Resolution No. 49 “Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network” were adopted by SC.3 in 2012 and revised Resolution No. 49 was published.</p> <p>(d) UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) was invited to revise annexes I and II of the Protocol to AGTC to bring them in line with the revised AGN.</p> <p>(a) Package of amendment proposals to CEVNI was adopted by SC.3 in 2012.</p> <p>(b) Package of amendment proposals to CEVNI was adopted</p>

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		River Commissions and national and regional deviations from CEVNI (chapter 9).	by SC.3 in 2013.
		Target 2012–2013: Preparation of amendments to CEVNI with the goal to prepare its next substantive revision.	(c) Latest annual CEVNI status document was adopted by SC.3 in 2013.
		Target 2014–2015: Preparation and adoption of CEVNI 5 and online publication of the code.	
