



The AGN Agreement: extension of coastal routes and E ports network

A discussion theme and proposal for cooperation
between WP.5 and SC.3

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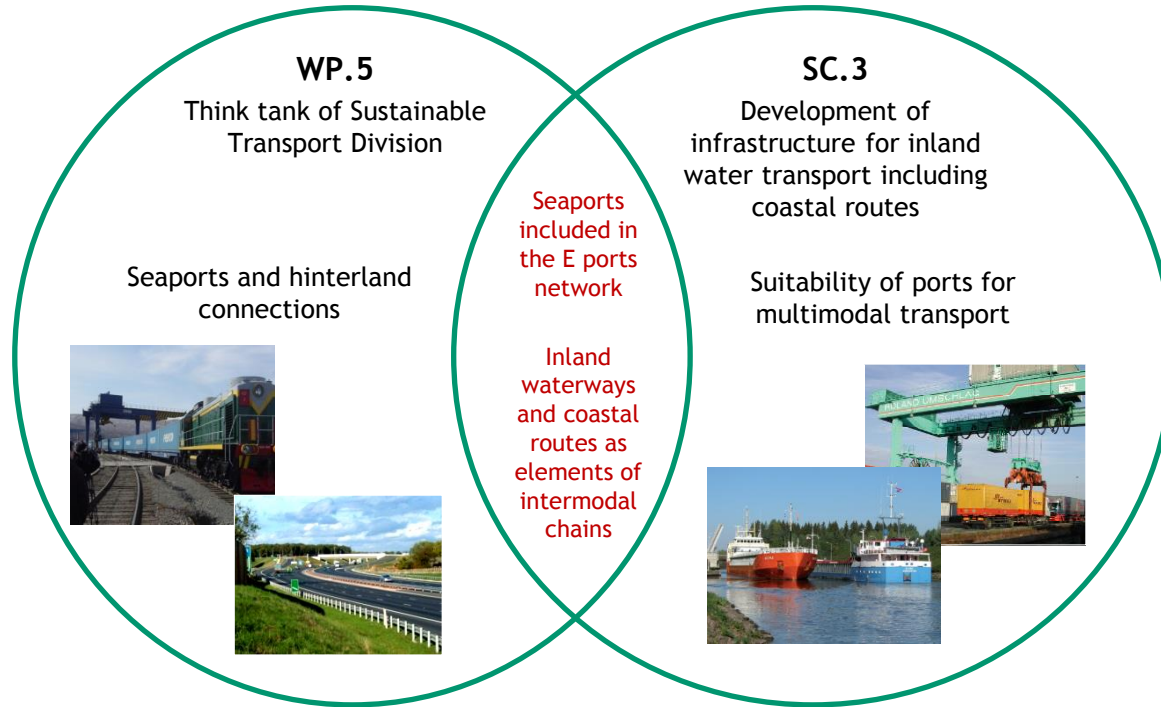
Scope of activities of SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3

- **IWT Policy matters**
 - White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe
- **12 UNECE legal instruments relevant to IWT issues including:**
 - European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)
 - Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels
 - Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels
 - Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)
- **IWT infrastructure and traffic safety**
 - European Code for Inland Waterways - CEVNI
 - Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network - the Blue Book)
- **Unification and harmonization of technical prescriptions for vessels**
 - UNECE Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels
- **Promotion of development of River Information Services**
- **Promotion of recreational navigation**
- **Maps of European inland waterways, UNECE publications on IWT matters**





Fields of common interest for WP.5 and SC.3





Mandate of SC.3 for river-sea navigation

The White Paper on Efficient Inland Water Transport in Europe (published in 2011):

- make full use of pan-European mechanisms to coordinate the development of the E waterway network
- coordinate and support measures to modernize the inland water fleet at the pan-European level
- respond effectively to new market requirements in terms of the development of coastal navigation and new types of vessels

Strategic development goals - post-2015 agenda:

- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full & productive employment, & decent work for all
- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, & foster innovation

Resolution No. 252 of the Inland Transport Committee of 20 February 2003

and the Work Plan of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014 - 2018

(Programme activity 02.5: Inland Waterway Transport):

- Preparation of proposals on the development of concrete river-sea routes in the context of the AGN



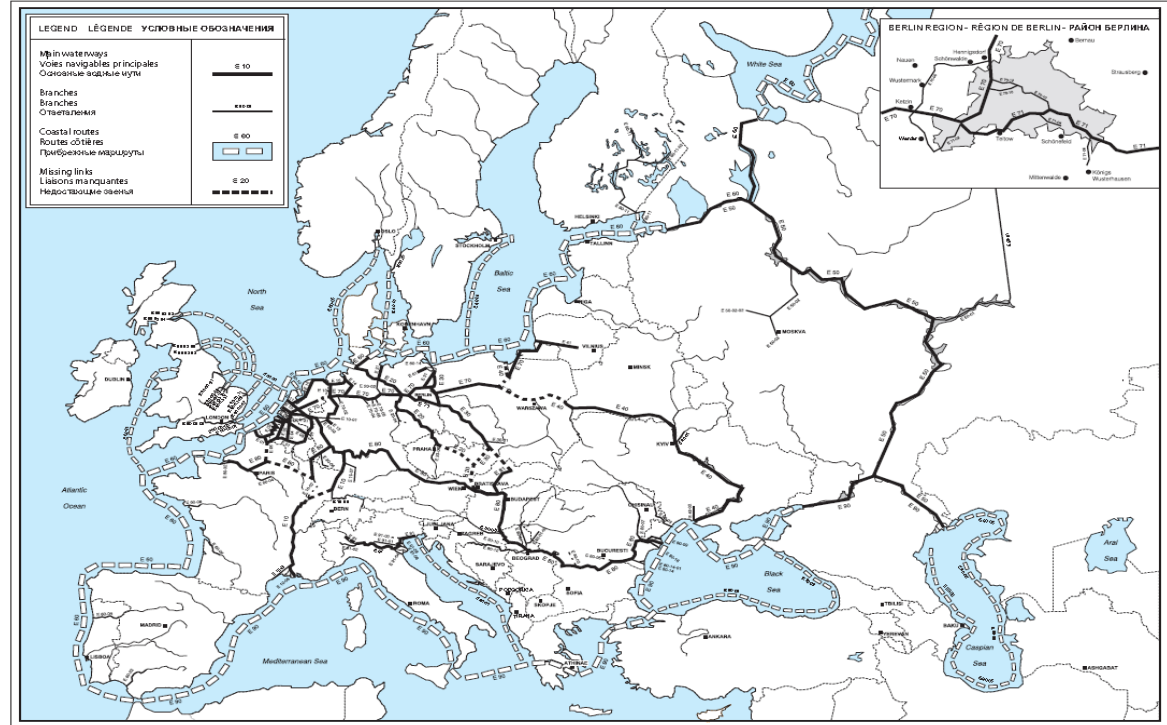


Coastal routes as a part of the AGN Agreement

Annexes to AGN:

- Annex I - List of inland waterways of international importance
- Annex II - List of inland navigation ports of international importance
- Annex III - Technical and operational characteristics of inland waterways of international importance

E 60, E 90 and E 91 waterways include coastal routes and E ports on the coasts of the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, the Black Sea, the Adriatic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the Caspian Sea suitable for short sea shipping





Seaports included in E ports network

- Blue Book: Table 3, Technical Characteristics of Inland Navigation Ports of International Importance

E-PORTS [¶]	CARGO-HANDLING-CAPACITY [¶]			CARGO-HANDLING-EQUIPMENT-AVAILABLE-FOR:			RAIL-ACCESS ^{¶¶}	OTHER-CHARACTERISTICS ^{¶¶} AND-COMMENTS [¶]
	0.5-3.0-million-tonnes [¶]	3.0-10.0-million-tonnes [¶]	>10.0-million-tonnes [¶]	CONTAINERS ^{¶¶¶}		RO-RO ^{¶¶}		
				20' [¶]	40' [¶]			
1 [¶]	2 [¶]	3 [¶]	4 [¶]	5 [¶]	6 [¶]	7 [¶]	8 [¶]	9 [¶]

Examples:

P 60-01	Scheveningen (North Sea)				P 60-07	Wismar		
P 60-02	Den Helder (North Sea)				P 60-08	Rostock		
P 60-03	Brunsbüttel (Kiel Canal, 2.0-5.0 km)				P 60-09	Stralsund		
P 60-05	Kiel (Kiel Canal, 96.0 km)				P 60-11	Sventoji (Baltic Sea)		
P 60-06	Flensburg				P 60-12	Vyborg (Vyborg Bay)		
P 60-07	Wismar				P 60-13	Petrozavodsk (Lake Onega, 1 009.0 km)		
P 60-08	Rostock				P 60-14	Arkhangelsk sea port (Mouth of Severnaja Dvina)		
P 60-09	Stralsund				P 80-01	Le Havre (Le Havre-Tancarville Canal, 20.0 km)		
P 60-11	Sventoji (Baltic Sea)				P 80-02	Rouen (Seine, 242.0 km)		
P 60-12	Vyborg (Vyborg Bay)				P 90-01	Taganrog, sea port (Taganrog Bay)		
P 60-13	Petrozavodsk (Lake Onega, 1 009.0 km)				P 90-02	Eysk, sea port (Taganrog Bay)		
P 60-14	Arkhangelsk sea port (Mouth of Severnaja Dvina)				P 90-03	Azov, sea port (Don, 3 168.0 km)		
P 60-01	Scheveningen (North Sea)				P 90-04	Rostov, sea port (Don, 3 134.0 km)		
P 60-02	Den Helder (North Sea)				P 90-03-02	Bender (Nistru, 228.0 km)		
P 60-03	Brunsbüttel (Kiel Canal, 2.0-5.0 km)				P 91-01	Milano Terminale (Milano-Po Canal, 0.0 km)		
P 60-05	Kiel (Kiel Canal, 96.0 km)				P 91-02	Lodi (Milano-Po Canal, 20.0 km from Milano Terminale)		
P 60-06	Flensburg				P 91-12	Trieste (Adriatic Sea)		





Background for integration of coastal routes to the E Waterway Network

Existing provisions:

- ✓ E 60, E 80 and E 90 waterways are included in the AGN Agreement
- ✓ Technical recommendations for river-sea vessels and convoys are adopted by SC.3:
Chapter 20B, “Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels” of UNECE Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”
- ✓ Classification of coastal zones according to navigation conditions is included in Chapter 20B of Resolution No. 61

Particular features of short sea shipping that make it possible to consider it in the context of E Waterway Network:

- ✓ The most appropriate transport mode to serve the regions of the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean Sea
- ✓ Compatibility with the EU transport system and Trans-European Networks





Areas for possible future cooperation

Scope of interest of SC.3:

- Coastal routes to be included to the AGN Agreement; they should be assessed from the point of view of their importance for other modes of transport
- Ports to be added to the E Waterway Network; they should be adequately equipped for transshipment operations
- Waterway parameters for coastal routes should be established
- Information on types of vessels used for short sea navigation could be used for updating and revision of Resolution No. 61 and the exchange of best practice

WP.5 is invited to exchange idea on future cooperation with SC.3 including best practice and possible policy direction for the next edition of the White Paper

Potential SC.3 involvement in the work on the observatory of seaports and port hinterland connections





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