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#### Working Party on Transport Statistics

#### Task force on statistics on transportation by buses and coaches

Bratislava, 13-14 March 2008

### **REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING**

#### **STATISTICS ON TRANSPORTATION BY BUSES AND COACHES**

held at STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC (Bratislava)

### **ATTENDANCE**

1. The fifth meeting on Statistics on Transportation by Buses and Coaches was hosted by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, and organised jointly by the UNECE Transport Division and the European Commission.
2. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter SMEETS (The Netherlands). Representatives of the following UNECE member States participated: Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovak Republic and Sweden. DG TREN from the European Commission and Eurostat were also represented.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

3. The Task force meeting elected Mr. Peter SMEETS (the Netherlands) as the Chairman of the Meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4. The Task force meeting adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat ([AC.6 Informal document No.11](#)).

## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

5. The UNECE secretariat was not present at this meeting.  
The Director of the Business Section of the Slovak Statistical Office mr. Ivan Škultety and the chairman welcomed the participants.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS**

6. The new version of the definitions, distributed by the secretariat was discussed. The draft 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Transport Glossary (UNECE, Eurostat, ITF) contains changes that affect the definition list for this project. On the other hand remarks coming out of the task force will be incorporated in a revised draft of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the glossary.

Items that are not defined in the output will not be defined.

Definitions related to finance and enterprise issues will put in an annex.

Further is decided that the definitions in the handbook will get a reference to the source of the definitions. In the general introduction will be stated that the definitions without a reference or comment are taken out of the glossary, even if they are slightly adapted. All the other definitions will have either a reference to the source or a remark that they are new.

7. Mr F. MULLENDERS (the Netherlands) presented its adapted chapter on “Vehicle stock-fleet statistics”. The totally revised chapter was firmly discussed. It resulted in a proposal for a hierarchic breakdown of the buses. The split up begins with the total number of the group buses and coaches, divided into trolleybuses (in some countries regarded as buses, in other as railway vehicles) buses and coaches. The latter two can be divided into mini buses and buses and mini coaches and coaches. There was consensus that it is very difficult to provide this split up for each statistical subject. Therefore it was decided that for each chapter the breakdown must start with the total population of buses. If it is possible and necessary than a further specification could follow.

8. The elaborated safety chapter by O. KASTLOVA (Czech Republic) was discussed. It showed that there are very much variables available in the CARE-database. It was suggested that the 'CARE-group' could look at the distinction between buses and coaches in the accident database.

9. Mr. J. JOHANSSON (Sweden) presented the results of the questionnaire regarding methodology when collecting statistics about transportation by buses and coaches.

10. Mr. P. SMEETS (the Netherlands) presented the new chapter on environmental data buses (emissions by buses in the Netherlands).

11. Mrs E. KARUS presented a revised chapter on enterprise statistics including availability of data.

12. Mr. U. REIM (Germany) explained the new version of the NACE classification is respect to the buses and coaches.

13. The user's need chapter (Mr. A. NAEGELE) has to be adjusted on the point of core variables and "journeys offered". The handbook focuses on the transport variables. This means that the priority will be:

- a. Transport performance indicators, vehicle stock and infrastructure
- b. Effects of the bus traffic: safety, environmental indicators and fuel consumption
- c. Enterprise data, financial indicators and service quality indicators

## CONCLUSIONS

14. Task force members are responsible for elaborating the methodology on variables and breakdowns with the following repartition:

- Introduction/preface (secretariat);
- The Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG.Trans), comprising Messrs. O. SID'AHMED (UNECE), M. BARRETO (International Transport Forum), and H. STRELOW (Eurostat) will prepare a revised version of the chapter on definitions taking in to account the changes that have been made in the 4th draft version of the Glossary for Transport Statistics. Also the structure and the formatting of the chapter will be adjusted.
- Mr. A. NÄGELE (DG TREN) will update Chapter 2;
- Transport performance indicators; demand / supply / traffic volume (Mrs. O. KASTLOVA and Mr. M. BRICH, Czech Republic);
- Fleet statistics (F. MULLENDERS, the Netherlands);
- Safety indicators (Mrs. O. KASTLOVA, Czech Republic);
- Scope of the handbook, Environmental indicators and Synthesis (Mr. P. SMEETS, Netherlands);
- Enterprise statistics (Mrs E. KARUS, Estonia);
- Financial data and Service quality indicators (Mr O. KAMBERSKI, IRU);
- Mr. J. JOHANSSON (Sweden) will prepare an annex with the results of the questionnaires

15. The next meeting will focus on the elaboration of definitions and last version of the questionnaire.

16. The deadline for the contributions to the sixth meeting (25-26 September 2008) is 1 September 2008.

Transparency, open membership and contributions

16. General information about the activities of the Task force that include draft agendas with registration forms and reports will be available at this address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac6agenda.html>

Delegates to the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) interested in the work of this Task force are welcome to join its ongoing work and efforts on the project. This is an open invitation.

The interested parties are invited to visit regularly the web address of this project in order to get information about the general activities of the Task force, as well as to contribute to its work.

The meeting decided to submit this document to the next meeting of the WP.6.

#### Future meetings

17. The Task force confirmed the dates for the future meetings of the Task force according to the following tentative timetable:

- 25-26 September 2008 (Wiesbaden, Germany);
- Febr- March 2008. (final meeting)

18. The chairman and the secretariat will prepare before September 2008 the provisional agenda for the next meeting of the Task force and inform the Task force members about this accordingly. This draft agenda will include the final date and venue of the meeting.

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