UNECE Centre of UN Transport Conventions

58 conventions, 1730 Contracting Parties (2017)

Number of agreements
0 1-19 20-49 >40

Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP 29)
International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs
International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
European Code for Inland Waterways

Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road
Convention on Road Traffic

Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
Convention on Road Signs and Signals

Infrastructure Agreements for roads (AGR), Rail (AGC), Inland Water Transport (AGN), Intermodal Transport (AGTC)
Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport / Digital Tachograph

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Secretariat services

- Special Envoy for RS
  - Sustainable Transport Division - Secretariat
    - ECOSOC committees
    - Inland Transport Committee
    - Treaty bodies
  - THE PEP
    - SPECA B/C and Transport
The Transport sub-programme

With impact on daily life of people and businesses

**Geographic coverage**
- Global conventions
- Regional agreements
- Growing demand on urban mobility
- National use of international rules
- Inclusive decision making
- Regional integrations’ status

**Safe, Secure, Clean, Efficient**
- Sustainable transport initiatives
  - SDGs, Paris Agreement, New Urban Agenda, Finance for Development
  - SUM4All
  - UN Decade of Action for Road Safety
  - ITC Security Forum
- Scaling up the use of TIR:
  a. eTIR
  b. Multimodal use
  c. New Accessions

**Type of work**
- Regulatory: 58 UN Transport Conventions
- Analytical: Climate Change Adaptation; Diesel; Urban Mobility; ForFITS; SafeFITS
  Transport for Sustainable Development;
- Policy Dialogue/TA: EATL; SPECA TBC PWG; UNDA projects; ECE-ECA on road safety: RS Performance Review; THE PEP

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Roads and road transport

**AGR Amendments proposed**
procedures for road safety impact assessments, road safety audits, management of road network safety and safety inspections for the roads of the international E-road network incorporating “e-mobility” into AGR

**OMNIBUS**
A proposal by the Government of Switzerland to develop a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus
Negotiations on the draft text almost completed

**AETR Modification**
Opened up for the Southern Mediterranean countries Article 22bis and Article 14 remain unresolved
Road Safety activities

• Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)

• Special topics - Automated and Autonomous; Improving Safety at Level Crossings; Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals; RS Management; SafeFITS tool

• Film "Saving Lives at Level Crossings“, in partnership with the Swiss Federal Office of Transport and the UIC (available on the UNECE website)

• Road safety capacity building workshops, with the Government of Serbia, Road Traffic Safety Agency, Regional Cooperation Council, and SEETO, and another one on improving road safety in Africa (Addis Ababa), together with the ECA.

• Scaling up Road Safety Activities – RS Performance Reviews

[Diagram of Governance structure for Road Safety]

Secretary’s-General Special Envoy for Road Safety Mr. Jean Todt committed to driving by the rules
Unified Railway Law

- **ROAD**

- **MARITIME**
  - Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules

- **AIR**
  - Chicago Convention and other treaties (Warsaw, Montreal Conventions)

- **INLAND WATER**

- **RAIL**
  - COTIF Convention
  - SMGS Agreement
  - Many other regional and National agreements

**We create a level playing field for Railways!**
Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Code of Practice for Packing of Containers (CTU Code)

Improve safety, quality and efficiency of transport
- Responsibilities within the whole supply chain
- Advice on safe packing and securing
- Training
- Practical measures
- Theoretical details
Inland Water Transport

• **Challenge:** IWT rules are traditionally for river basins – but increasing level of inter-connectivity (DMR) requires seamless operations and harmonised rules – close cooperation with river commissions and the EU

• **On our agenda:**
  – High level conference of IWT states – 2018, Poland

• **A special issue:**
  – flag of convenience when a country is not adhering to the *Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels, of 25 January 1965*
Transport of dangerous goods – 2014-16 Self-evaluation

Provisions implemented
Urban mobility and public transport

ITC Policy Segment Messages on Urban Mobility and Transport

– Need for integrated approach:
  • urban-suburban-regional-national-international
  • Motorized and non-motorized
  • Place of Transport in city planning
– Special cases – special solutions: port cities; frontier cities
– New technologies and the transition period
– The role of MOTs

Sustainable Urban Mobility and Public Transport in UNECE capitals

– Public transport is safe in ECE capitals
– Efficiency varies
– Affordability varies

THE PEP

– Master Plan for cycling lanes
– relay workshops Vilnius, Amsterdam, Batumi, Irkutsk, Moscow, Almaty etc.
Vehicle Regulations

Amendment of the 1958 Agreement
- Whole vehicle type approvals
- DETA

Periodic technical inspection of vehicles (incl. Rules for test equipment, skills & training of inspectors and supervision)

Impact assessment of emerging technologies towards automated / autonomous driving in transport policies and regulations

Flagship Annual Round Tables - with ITU Geneva Motor Show, Bordeaux, Brussels etc.
Transport of perishable foodstuffs (WP.11)

Treaty Body
– Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP)
– 49 contracting parties
– 3 outside Europe – Morocco, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia
– Goals – improve conditions of preservation of food during transport
– Protecting food safety and threats to human health from contaminated food

Main Provisions
– Road, rail and maritime containers for <150 km
– Sets warmest temperatures, e.g. Ice cream – 20°C
– Mutual recognition of ATP certificates
– Test requirements for insulated bodies and cooling appliances
– Test of K coefficient (heat transfer for inside to outside body)
– Countries responsible for checks and imposing sanctions

Challenges
– Different climatic conditions between northern Europe and countries in the south
– Amendments to ATP fail if one country objects
– 150 km rule for sea crossings can distort competition
– Adding fresh fruit and vegetables to the scope of the ATP
– Challenge to industry of finding effective replacement refrigerants that do not contribute to global warming
Border Crossing and Transport Facilitation

- **TIR**
  - Computerization of TIR
    - eTIR pilot projects, UNDA and in collaboration with IRU
- **Harmonization Convention**
- **From Almaty to Vienna Programme of Action**
  - The 10 year review of the Almaty Programme of Action (APoA) - Vienna Declaration and Vienna Programme of Action, 2014.
Transport Statistics

• Driving the development of methodologies for transport statistics.

• Providing both high level and detailed transport statistics for member States through publications and an extensive online database.

• Assisting member States in gathering transport statistics.
Europe-Asia Transport Links (EATL)

Objective of Phase III is to make the nine road and rail EATL routes identified in Phase II fully operational.

Completion of Phase III – report underway

High Level Conference to endorse the findings and decide on next steps
Trans-European Railways and Trans-European Motorways

**TER**
- Established in 1992
- 17 member States
- TER High Speed Rail Master Plan
- Workshop on Rail Infrastructure maintenance (Istanbul, April 2015)

**TEM**
- Established in 1977
- 15 member States
- Workshop on Road infrastructure safety management (Geneva, April 2015)
- Road Infrastructure Safety Management on TEM and report on TEM network financing – to be prepared in 2015
SPECA Border Crossing Facilitation and Transport Project Working Group

• Transport Infrastructure development and facilitation of border-crossing and transit procedures – priority areas in the SPECA TBC PWG

• Recurrent focus on
  • Road Safety situation
  • Transport Statistics and Data Collection for national statistics
  • Collection of data on border crossings waiting times
Thank you

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