

# UNECE Monthly

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## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS\*

March 2012

Dates	Title	Conf. Room No.	Comments
20 Feb-2 Ljubljana	<b>Sprint session on developing a generic statistical information model</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Steven Vale <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 3285 <i>E-mail:</i> steven.vale [at] unece.org	—	This sprint session will bring together around 12 leading global experts for two weeks to accelerate the development of the Generic Statistical Information Model. This model is one of the cornerstones of the vision and strategy for industrializing statistical production, endorsed by the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2011.  <i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/metis/Generic+Statistical+Information+Model+%28GSIM%29">http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/metis/Generic+Statistical+Information+Model+%28GSIM%29</a>
28 Feb-1	<b>Inland Transport Committee (74<sup>th</sup> session)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Michalis Adamantiadis <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1128 <i>E-mail:</i> michalis.adamantiadis [at] unece.org	XII	The 74 <sup>th</sup> annual session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) will review the Subprogramme on Transport and decide on the steps ahead.  The agenda of the 74 <sup>th</sup> ITC session includes many topics both for decision making and for stock-taking, among them are the UNECE Plan to implement the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, the development of efficient, safe and secure Pan-European (TEM/TER) and Euro-Asian transport networks (EATL), sustainable road, rail, inland water and intermodal transport and logistics including climate change adaptation, transport and competitiveness, CO <sub>2</sub> reduction in inland transport, harmonization of vehicle regulations, border crossing facilitation, the implementation and modernization of the TIR Convention, transport of dangerous goods, assistance to countries in transition, etc.  In addition, the future priorities for the transport work of UNECE will be at the heart of the discussion.  A special high-level policy segment on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) will take place in the afternoon of 28 February.  <i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/events/2012/itc74_2012.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/events/2012/itc74_2012.html</a>

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1-2	<b>Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (7<sup>th</sup> meeting)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Simone Hofner <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 3268 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:esd@unece.org">esd@unece.org</a>	—	The Steering Committee meeting is expected to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• progress made in implementing education for sustainable development (ESD) since the sixth meeting;</li> <li>• activities to be implemented in 2012 and beyond;</li> <li>• the role of technical-vocational education in greening the economy;</li> <li>• the promotion of educator competences for ESD;</li> <li>• ESD school plans as an implementation tool for putting ESD into practice; and</li> <li>• how to continue promoting ESD within the international sustainable development process.</li> </ul> <i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28258">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28258</a>
2	<b>Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Michalis Adamantiadis <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1128 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:michalis.adamantiadis@unece.org">michalis.adamantiadis [at] unece.org</a>	XII	The Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee will review the conclusions of the 74 <sup>th</sup> session of the Committee and set guidelines for its actions in 2012. <i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html</a>
2	<b>Group of Experts of the European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Robert Nowak <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1267 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:robert.nowak@unece.org">robert.nowak [at] unece.org</a>	VIII	Following EXCOM's decision on 19 September 2011 to approve the establishment of an AETR Expert Group, this will be the first meeting of this EG. The secretariat will table an "AETR road map" (ECE/TRANS/2012/3) which provides options and general directions to consider in amending the AETR Agreement. Special attention will be paid to revising AETR article 22bis. <i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26427">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26427</a>
5-14 Haifa, Israel	<b>International Workshop on Community Services for the Elderly</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Stefanie Bluth <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 3368 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:stefanie.bluth@unece.org">stefanie.bluth [at] unece.org</a>	—	<i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/pau/age/capacity/welcome2.html">http://www.unece.org/pau/age/capacity/welcome2.html</a>
12-15	<i>Meeting on Gender Statistics</i>		
12-14	<b>UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Andres Vikat <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2764 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:andres.vikat@unece.org">andres.vikat [at] unece.org</a>	VII	The Work Session facilitates the exchange of experiences among countries on gender statistics and discusses international statistical work in this area. The following topics will be addressed: the gender pay gap, time use surveys, measuring violence against women, health and lifestyles, gender analysis of census data, gender perspective in migration statistics and indicators of gender equality. <i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.03_gender.html">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.03_gender.html</a>
15	<b>Workshop on Gender Statistics</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Andres Vikat <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2764 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:andres.vikat@unece.org">andres.vikat [at] unece.org</a>	VII	The workshop provides practical training to gender statistics focal points (a) on applying the gender perspective in producing and disseminating labour statistics and (b) on time use surveys.  This workshop will target countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia as well as the Mediterranean countries of the Medstat programme. Participation is open to all interested countries.

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12-16	<i>WP.29 Meetings</i>		
12	<b>Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2) for the Coordination of Work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1998 <i>E-mail:</i> juan.ramos.garcia [at] unece.org	V	<p>The 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of WP.29/AC.2 is scheduled to consider the programme of work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary bodies and give its advice concerning work to be undertaken.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> :  <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26442">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26442</a></p>
13-16	<b>World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1998 <i>E-mail:</i> juan.ramos.garcia [at] unece.org	XII	<p>Under the 1958 Agreement, the agenda of the 156<sup>th</sup> session lists amendments to existing UN Regulations and 4 new UN Regulations on LED light sources, on pedestrian safety, emergency automatic braking systems and departure line warning systems.</p> <p>The global harmonization should continue to be considered in the framework of the 1998 Agreement. In addition, the status of the work on 11 priorities should also be considered. Besides, WP.29 will receive reports of its six subsidiary bodies, on pollution and energy, noise, brakes and running gear, lighting, passive safety and general safety.</p> <p>The WP.29 and subsidiary bodies' programme of work will also be considered.</p> <p>Documents could be consulted in the World Forum website.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26440">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26440</a></p>
13-15 Ashgabat	<b>Expert Group on Environmental Performance Review</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Antoine Nunes <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2351 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:info.epr@unece.org">info.epr@unece.org</a>	—	<p>The EPR Expert Group will review the first Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of Turkmenistan before the official peer-review by the Committee on Environmental Policy on 18 April 2012.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/epr/welcome.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/epr/welcome.htm</a></p>
15-16 Helsinki	<b>Second Workshop “Policy Meets Research“ on Sustainable Housing</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Maike Christiansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 4170 <i>E-mail:</i> maike.christiansen [at] unece.org	—	<p>Organized by the <i>Connectivity Between Research and Policy-Making in Sustainable Consumption</i> (CORPUS) project, this workshop brings together researchers, policymakers and civil society representatives to exchange and discuss policy instruments and evidence-based policy assessment for sustainable housing.</p> <p>This workshop is the second of a series of three workshops. It aims at enhancing the policy impact of research, the knowledge created in science needs to be properly brokered between the relevant communities in the field of housing.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.scp-knowledge.eu/og/workshop-ii-housing">http://www.scp-knowledge.eu/og/workshop-ii-housing</a></p>

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19-22	<b>Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Robert Nowak <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1267 <i>E-mail:</i> Robert.Nowak [at] unece.org	VII	<p>WP.1 will continue considering issues related to the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals such as driving permits, distinguishing signs, variable message signs and road signs.</p> <p>WP.1 will also discuss developments related to the UN General Assembly resolution 64/255 which proclaimed the period 2011–2020 to be the Decade of Action for Road Safety.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26449">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=26449</a></p>
19-23 Bern	<b>Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Olivier Kervella <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2456 <i>E-mail:</i> olivier.kervella [at] unece.org	—	<p>Meeting organized jointly by UNECE and the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) for the purpose of maintaining full harmonization between regulations applicable to the carriage of dangerous goods by rail (RID), by road (ADR) and by inland waterway (ADN) in the UNECE region.</p> <p>The Joint Meeting will discuss matters related to the carriage in tanks and questions related to ISO and EN standards which may be referred to in the regulations (with lunchtime working group sessions), as well as several documents concerning miscellaneous proposals of amendments to RID/ADR/ADN.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=23312">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=23312</a></p>
20-23	<b>Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (24<sup>th</sup> session)</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Tea Aulavuo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1723 <i>E-mail:</i> tea.aulavuo [at] unece.org	V	<p>The Implementation Committee's objective is to review compliance by the Parties with their obligations under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, with a view to assisting them fully to meet their commitments.</p> <p>In its 24<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee will focus on considering two submissions by Parties regarding other Parties' compliance with the Convention: by Azerbaijan regarding Armenia and by Lithuania regarding Belarus, including hearings of these Parties. In addition, the Committee will briefly discuss a submission by Armenia regarding Azerbaijan.</p> <p>The Committee will also continue its consideration of its initiative on Albania, involving questioning of representatives from Albania.</p> <p>The Committee will then finalize its proposals for the revision of the questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention and its extension to cover the Protocol. Finally, time permitting, it will review information provided by Romania and Ukraine in response to requests by the Committee.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=25479">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=25479</a></p>

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22-23 Brussels	<b>Meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1462 <i>E-mail:</i> vitalia.gaucaite [at] unece.org	—	<p>The Bureau will discuss the progress in preparing the 2012 Ministerial Conference on Ageing and will negotiate and finalize the draft text for the ministerial declaration before sending it for electronic consultations with the WGA member States.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/the-population-unit/meetings-and-events.html">http://www.unece.org/the-population-unit/meetings-and-events.html</a></p>
23 [cancelled]	<b>Group of Experts on safety at level crossings</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Robert Nowak <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1267 <i>E-mail:</i> robert.nowak [at] unece.org	—	<p>This meeting will not take place following EXCOM's decision to consider this EG's terms of reference only after EXCOM has completed its discussions concerning the review of 2005 reform.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/wp1age.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/wp1age.html</a></p>
26	<b>Second Stakeholder Meeting on the Action Plan on the Role of the Forest Sector in a Green Economy</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Arnaud Brizay <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2870 <i>E-mail:</i> arnaud.brizay [at] unece.org	VII	<p>The second stakeholder meeting will review the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy while identifying priorities and lead actors for its implementation.</p> <p>The debate on "What priorities for the Forest Sector in the transition towards a Green Economy?" will follow programme below :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome by Chair, UNECE/FAO and UNEP</li> <li>• Green Economy in other sectors: Presentation of measures and practices implemented in other sectors</li> <li>• Is the Forest Sector green? Advantages, successes and shortcomings</li> <li>• The Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy: Presentation of the making-of and of the last version of the Plan</li> <li>• What are priorities to make the forest sector greener and better contributing to a Green Economy? How to implement actions?</li> </ul> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28586">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28586</a></p>
26-29	<b>Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Edoardo Gianotti <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2422 <i>E-mail:</i> edoardo.gianotti [at] unece.org	XI	<p>As a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), GRE will resume, during its 67<sup>th</sup> session, the consideration of a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning the lighting and light-signalling devices of wheeled vehicle, particularly regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) provisions for new categories of filament light sources;</li> <li>(b) installation requirements;</li> <li>(c) update of provisions of miscellaneous Regulations on lighting and light-signalling devices;</li> <li>(d) possibilities to develop global technical regulations such as harmonized passing beam pattern for headlamps, front fog lamps etc;</li> <li>(e) electromagnetic compatibility;</li> <li>(f) conspicuity of motorcycle;</li> <li>(g) retro-reflective markings;</li> <li>(h) daytime running lamps;</li> <li>(i) a new regulation covering common technical</li> </ol>

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			<p>provisions already included in the existing Regulations;</p> <p>(j) amendments to the Convention on Road Traffic;</p> <p>(k) Intelligent Transport Systems.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> select GRE in <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm</a></p>
27-29	<p><b>Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, 34<sup>th</sup> session</b></p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Alex McCusker  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2880  <i>E-mail:</i> alex.mccusker [at] unece.org</p>	V	<p>The Working Party is to provide guidance and exchange views on issues of forest statistics and other elements of the ECE/FAO Joint Work Programme including forest markets, resources and policies.</p> <p>Delegates represent ECE/FAO member States as well as NGOs.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/wpfsem2012.html">http://www.unece.org/wpfsem2012.html</a></p>
27-30	<p><b>Aarhus Convention 36<sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee</b></p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Aphrodite Smagadi  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3294  <i>E-mail:</i> aphrodite.smagadi [at] unece.org</p>	VII	<p>Among other things, the Committee may discuss the subject matter of communication ACCC/C/2008/31 (Germany). It is expected to finalize its findings, and as appropriate recommendations, with regard to communication ACCC/C/2011/57 (Denmark). It will continue its deliberations on communications ACCC/C/2010/50 (Czech Republic), ACCC/C/2010/51 (Romania), ACCC/C/2010/53 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2010/54 (European Union), ACCC/C/2011/58 (Bulgaria) and ACCC/C/2011/59 (Kazakhstan).</p> <p>The Committee will also consider how to follow up with the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by individual Parties.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm</a></p>
27-30 Dushanbe	<p><b>“Development of cooperation in the environment and water sectors between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu-Darya River Basin” - Bilateral Meeting of the Senior Officials and Technical Experts</b></p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Bo Libert  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2396  <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert [at] unece.org</p>	—	<p>The objectives of the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to raise awareness of the two countries and international partners in the upper Amu-Darya River Basin on the current institutional, legal and technical settings in the environment and water sectors;</li> <li>• to exchange information and experience on existing and planned local, national and international projects, strategies and initiatives;</li> <li>• to discuss mutually beneficial cooperation areas and strengthen mechanisms and priorities for implementation.</li> </ul>

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28-29 Yerevan (tbc)	<b>Eighth Steering Committee meeting under the EU Water Initiative National Policy Dialogue in Armenia</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Bo Libert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2396 <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert [at] unece.org	—	<p>The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Volodya Narimanyan, Deputy Head of Water Resources Management Agency of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia. Members of the Steering Committee are the key Armenian stakeholders; donors and International Financial Institutions (IFIs); rural municipalities/associations of municipalities; water utilities operating, inter alia, in rural areas; water users associations; and local Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).</p> <p>The UNECE-supported National Policy Dialogues on IWRM programme assist governments of the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in promoting implementation of the IWRM in line with the principles of the UNECE Water Convention, the Protocol on Water and Health, the EU Water Framework Directive and other UNECE and European Union instruments.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28655">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28655</a></p>
29(pm)-30	<b>Meeting of the Joint TC and EFC Bureaux</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Paola Deda <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2553 <i>E-mail:</i> paola.deda [at] unece.org	S4	<p>Bureaux members are charged with monitoring the implementation of the UNECE/FAO programme of work. They meet once or twice annually to give strategic consideration and guidance to the secretariat on particular issues of the work programme.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/forests-welcome/about-us/forestsintroduction/bureaux.html">http://www.unece.org/forests-welcome/about-us/forestsintroduction/bureaux.html</a></p>
30	<b>UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook</b> <i>Focal point:</i> David Ellul <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1390 <i>E-mail:</i> david.ellul [at] unece.org	V	<p>Forest Sector Outlook Day: Results, Methods and the Way Forward.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28707">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28707</a></p>

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