

# UNECE Monthly

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## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS\* February 2013

Dates	Title	Conf. Room No.	Comments
31 Jan-1 Feb, Kiev	<b>Bureau of the Espoo Convention</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Tea Aulavuo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1723 <i>E-mail:</i> tea.aulavuo [at] unece.org	—	<p>The Bureau under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review the implementation of the workplan under the Convention and the Protocol;</li><li>- Review the financial and budgetary matters;</li><li>- Discuss the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA (27-30 May 2013);</li><li>- Discuss the preparations for the next Meeting of the Parties to be held in Ukraine in May/June 2014.</li></ul> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/bureau.html">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/bureau.html</a></p>
4	<b>TIR Executive Board</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Konstantin Glukhenkiy <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1531 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:tirexb@unece.org">tirexb@unece.org</a>	VII	<p>The TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), a subsidiary body of the TIR Administrative Committee, is composed of 9 members, each from different Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention. The TIRExB supervises and provides support in the application of the TIR procedure at the national and international levels.</p> <p>At its 52<sup>nd</sup> session, the Board will consider various topical issues related to the sustainability of the TIR procedure.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://tir.unece.org">http://tir.unece.org</a></p>
5-6	<b>Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Tony Bonnici <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2246 <i>E-mail:</i> tony.bonnici [at] unece.org	XIX	<p>The Team of Specialists will review the first year of operations of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence, including several of its draft best practice guides, and will consider its future activities. Specifically, the event will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discuss the PPP options for the renovation of the <i>Palais des Nations</i> (UN building in Geneva);</li><li>- Examine the initial draft of the best practice guide on PPP in health undertaken by the newly founded Specialist Centre in Manila; and</li></ul>

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			<p>- Review proposals to create other Specialist Centres, such as one in the area of renewable energy.</p> <p>On the issue of the renovation of the <i>Palais des Nations</i>, UNOG and UNECE are working together to provide member States with advice on innovative PPP options to renovate the <i>Palais des Nations</i>. A discussion will take place on some of the key issues surrounding the private sector's involvement in the renovation of the <i>Palais</i>, based on a discussion paper prepared by the UNECE secretariat.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/ceci/documents/2013/ppp/session5tospp13.html">http://www.unece.org/ceci/documents/2013/ppp/session5tospp13.html</a></p>
5(pm)-7	<p><b>Working Party on Noise</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Edoardo Gianotti  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2422  <i>E-mail:</i> edoardo.gianotti [at] unece.org</p>	V	<p>As a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the Working Party on Noise (GRB) will resume, during its 57<sup>th</sup> session, the consideration of a range of items proposed to improve vehicle regulatory provisions concerning noise reduction systems and replacement exhaust silencing systems, including new limit values for noise emissions of vehicles.</p> <p>GRB will also consider the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions, a possible proposal for the evaluation of Environmentally Friendly Vehicles (EFV) with respect to noise emissions and the development of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval system.</p> <p>The proposals, listed in the provisional agenda, refer to motorcycles, passenger cars, buses and trucks.</p> <p>GRB will finally resume consideration on the progress of the informal working group on Quiet Road Transport Vehicles (QRTV).</p> <p><i>Website:</i> select GRB in  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm</a></p>
5(pm)-6 & 8	<p><b>Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30)</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Konstantin Glukhenkiy  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1531  <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:wp.30@unece.org">wp.30@unece.org</a></p>	VII	<p>The Working Party will review the status and implementation of United Nations Conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation, which are administered by the Working Party.</p> <p>In particular, the Working Party will consider the so-called Harmonization Convention and the progress in the current revision of the TIR Convention as well as a large number of issues relating to the application of the TIR Customs transit procedure, including a live demonstration of a new construction of trucks to decide if it is Customs secure in order to be included in the TIR Convention.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://border.unece.org">http://border.unece.org</a></p>

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7	<b>TIR Administrative Committee</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Konstantin Glukhenkiy <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1531 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:wp.30@unece.org">wp.30@unece.org</a>	<b>VII</b>	<p>The TIR Administrative Committee, the highest administrative organ representing all 68 Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, is convened twice a year and is serviced by the UNECE secretariat.</p> <p>At its forthcoming session, the Committee will review the activities and administration of its executive organ, the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), will elect a new composition of TIRExB for a two-year term of office, will provide guidance for all work to be undertaken under the TIR revision process and adopt amendment proposals and comments to the text of the TIR Convention, 1975.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/ac2-agenda.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/ac2-agenda.html</a></p>
7-8	<b>Task Force on Access to Information</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Maryna Yanush <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2440 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:maryna.yanush@unece.org">maryna.yanush [at] unece.org</a>	<b>VIII</b>	<p>The Task Force delegates are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share experiences in the effective use of electronic information tools in the Convention's implementation ;</li> <li>- Exchange information on the relevant capacity building initiatives at the regional, subregional and national levels;</li> <li>- Deliberate on possible regional and subregional priorities for facilitating public access to environmental information.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting of the Task Force will feature an international workshop "Environmental information on products: making public access work" that will address good practices, needs and challenges regarding accessibility of environmental information on products and provide a platform for discussion on possible future activities under the Convention in this area.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/pp/tfai.html">http://www.unece.org/env/pp/tfai.html</a></p>
12(pm)	<b>CEVNI Expert Group</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Maria Novikov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2478 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:maria.novikov@unece.org">maria.novikov [at] unece.org</a>	<b>S1</b>	<p>This informal expert group reporting to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) will consider amendment proposals by Governments and River Commissions to the European Code for Inland waterways (CEVNI) and submit their amendment proposals to SC.3/WP.3 for adoption.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3_ig/group_cevni.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3_ig/group_cevni.html</a></p>

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12-13	<p><b>Second Workshop on Reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Alisher Mamadzhanov  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2442  <i>E-mail:</i> alisher.mamadzhanov [at] unece.org</p>	VIII	<p>The workshop aims to support Parties and non-Parties in the preparation of their national summary reports in the framework of the second reporting exercise under the Protocol on Water and Health.</p> <p>The workshop will provide the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange experiences and lessons learned by Parties and non-Parties from the first pilot reporting exercise conducted in 2009-2010;</li> <li>- Present and discuss the process of preparation of the summary reports, the lessons learned, the challenges encountered and the solutions applied;</li> <li>- Discuss the preliminary results of the reporting exercise at the national level, in particular the progress achieved towards the targets set, the remaining difficulties and the opportunity to revise the targets set.</li> </ul> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/second_reporting_workshop.html">http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/second_reporting_workshop.html</a></p>
13-15(am)	<p><b>Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation) (SC.3/WP.3)</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Maria Novikov  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2478  <i>E-mail:</i> maria.novikov [at] unece.org</p>	V	<p>The Working Party will consider a number of inland water transport infrastructure issues, namely amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);</li> <li>- European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI);</li> <li>- Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61).</li> </ul> <p>It will also discuss the possibility of holding the first session of the International Expert Group (IEG) on modernizing boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2013.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2013.html</a></p>
14	<p><b>Task Force on Target-Setting and Reporting</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Alisher Mamadzhanov  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2442  <i>E-mail:</i> alisher.mamadzhanov [at] unece.org</p>	VIII	<p>The sixth meeting will be the last Task Force's meeting before the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health, scheduled for 25-27 November 2013 in Oslo. It will therefore focus on the preparations for the Meeting of the Parties and have three main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss the results of the Workshop on Reporting and the deriving recommendations for the ongoing second reporting exercise under the Protocol, for which the deadline for the submission of summary reports is 29 April 2013 – 210 days prior to the third session of the Meeting of the Parties;</li> <li>- Review progress in setting targets and target</li> </ul>

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			<p>dates as well as progress towards achieving the targets, and draw lessons for the future, including from the work of the Task Force;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss and agree on a draft future programme of work for the Task Force for 2014-2016 to address common challenges, in view of its possible adoption by the Meeting of the Parties at its third session.</li> </ul> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/water/6th_meeting_taskforce_target-setting_2013.html">http://www.unece.org/env/water/6th_meeting_taskforce_target-setting_2013.html</a></p>
15	<p><b>Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum: Secure Parking Areas</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>	VII	<p>The Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum is an annual event that aims at bringing together governments, academia and private sector to discuss various issues related to inland transport security. The theme for the 2013 Forum is "Secure Parking Areas".</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/events/2013/inlandsecurity_forum13.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/events/2013/inlandsecurity_forum13.html</a></p>
18 (10 am-1 pm)	<p><b>Stakeholder meeting to discuss the draft UNECE Strategy and Targets for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the UNECE region 2014–2020</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Doris Andoni  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2448  <i>E-mail:</i> doris.andoni [at] unece.org</p>	VIII	<p>The objective of this stakeholder meeting is to collect comments from key stakeholders of the Committee on Housing and Land Management to the draft Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the UNECE region for the period from 2014 to 2020.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=31993">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=31993</a></p>
18-20(am)	<p><b>EMEP Steering Body Bureau</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Krzysztof Olendrzynski  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2722  <i>E-mail:</i> krzysztof.olendrzynski [at] unece.org</p>	S4	<p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html</a></p>
19-22	<p><b>Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> François Guichard  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1112  <i>E-mail:</i> francois.guichard [at] unece.org</p>	XII	<p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28362">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28362</a></p>
20-21	<p><b>Core Group of Pilot Projects on Climate Change</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Sonja Koepfel  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 1218  <i>E-mail:</i> sonja.koepfel [at] unece.org</p>	VIII, VI	<p>The third meeting of the core group of the pilot projects on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins under the UNECE Water Convention and the first meeting of the global network of pilot projects will mark the transformation of the programme into a global network of basins working on climate change adaptation. The meeting will also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the progress and the lessons learned by the pilot projects;</li> <li>- Discuss how to promote the exchange of experience within the Global Network of Basins;</li> <li>- Discuss the collection of good practices and lessons learned and global platform for</li> </ul>

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			<p>exchanging experience on water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/water/core_group_pilot_projects_climate_change_2013.html">http://www.unece.org/env/water/core_group_pilot_projects_climate_change_2013.html</a></p>
20(pm)-22	<p><b>Working Group on Effects Bureau</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Krzysztof Olendrzynski  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2722  <i>E-mail:</i> krzysztof.olendrzynski [at] unece.org</p>	S4	<p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html</a></p>
21-22	<p><b>Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Elina Warsta  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2872  <i>E-mail:</i> elina.warsta [at] unece.org</p>	XXVII	<p>- FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment and Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire 2015.</p> <p>- Reporting on pan-European quantitative indicators for sustainable forest management: review of the regional questionnaire.</p> <p>- Plans for future activities of the Team of Specialists.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/hlm/welcome.html">http://www.unece.org/hlm/welcome.html</a></p>
25	<p><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> robert.nowak [at] unece.org</p>	VIII	<p>Experts will continue discussing proposals for amending AETR Article 22bis; third party rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement; and will exchange information about the issuance of digital tachograph cards.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1aetr_eg_04.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1aetr_eg_04.html</a></p>
25-28	<b>INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE</b>		
25 (pm)	<p><b>Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Artur Bouten  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2433  <i>E-mail:</i> artur.bouten [at] unece.org</p>	VII	<p>The Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) will hold its first meeting in 2013. The ITC Bureau will review the issues to be discussed at the 75<sup>th</sup> ITC.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html</a></p>
25	<p><b>Conference on Road and Rail Financing</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Konstantinos Alexopoulos  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 3758  <i>E-mail:</i> konstantinos.alexopoulos [at] unece.org</p>	XVII & VII (am)	<p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html</a></p>
26-28	<p><b>Inland Transport Committee</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Artur Bouten  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2433  <i>E-mail:</i> artur.bouten [at] unece.org</p>	XVII	<p>The 75<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Inland Transport Committee will review the Transport Subprogramme and decide on steps ahead.</p> <p>The agenda of the 75<sup>th</sup> ITC session includes many topics both for consideration and decision-making, among which the completion of Phase II of the Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Project (AETL).</p> <p>Further issues include the 2013 United Nations Global Road Safety Week, 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, the harmonization of vehicle regulations, border</p>

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			<p>crossing facilitation, including the implementation and modernization of the TIR Convention, transport of dangerous goods and 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.</p> <p>A special high-level policy segment in the morning of 26 February will be dedicated to the second Meeting of Ministers of Transport, who, inter alia, will be invited to sign a joint declaration on the Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL) as well as a joint declaration on activities towards Unified Railway Law (URL).</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html</a></p>
26	<p><b>Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) (30th meeting)</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Ella Behlyarova  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2376  <i>E-mail:</i> ella.behlyarova [at] unece.org</p>	IX	<p>At its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting the Bureau of the Aarhus Convention will consider a number of issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) evaluation of the current functioning and implementation of the Convention;</li> <li>(b) assessment of the current interim scheme of contributions under the Convention;</li> <li>(c) future strategic plan 2015-2020;</li> <li>(d) preparation for the sixteenth meeting of the Convention's Working Group of the Parties (19-21 June 2012, Geneva);</li> <li>(e) preparation for the Convention's fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties (scheduled for 30 June– 6 July 2014); and</li> <li>(f) implementation of the Convention's current work programme.</li> </ul> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/public-participation/aarhus-convention/envpptfwg/envppbureau.html">http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/public-participation/aarhus-convention/envpptfwg/envppbureau.html</a></p>
26-27 Vienna	<p><b>Expert Group Meeting on Good Practices for Energy Efficiency in the Housing Sector</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>	—	<p>The objective of this Expert Group Meeting is to peer review the draft Casebook on Good Practices for Energy-efficient housing in the UNECE region. The Casebook is currently being prepared by the Institute for Urban Economics as a joint project between UNECE, UN-Habitat and the City of Vienna.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=31990">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=31990</a></p>

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27-28	<p><b>Consultation on Water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda</b>  <i>Focal point:</i> Francesca Bernardini  <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0)22 917 2463  <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini [at] unece.org</p>	XII, VII, IX	<p>Following the Rio + 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012, an open consultation process started to identify priorities for the post-2015 development agenda, as the Millennium Development Goals reach their target date in 2015. The global consultation process is organized around 11 thematic areas. Water was chosen as one of the thematic areas.</p> <p>The objective for the meeting “Post-2015 Development Agenda Consultation on Water: Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management &amp; Water Quality” is to allow for more profound technical and political debate and synthesize the discussions of two of the three streams of the water consultation: Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management &amp; Water Quality, facilitated by UNECE and UN-Habitat/ Aquafed, respectively.</p> <p>The plenary will take place in Room XII. Working Group meetings will take place in Rooms VII and IX.</p> <p>Participation in the meeting is by invitation only.</p> <p><i>Website:</i>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/post_2015_water_consultation_meeting.html">http://www.unece.org/post_2015_water_consultation_meeting.html</a></p>

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