## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS*
### January 2015

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| 13 University of Geneva, Uni Mail | Workshop “Building resilient communities through urban planning and the integration of Natural Sciences”<br>
Focal point: Gulnara Roll<br>Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2257<br>E-mail: gulnara.roll [at] unece.org | — | The workshop is organized by UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management and the Programme on Assessment and Management of Geological and Climate Related Risk – CERG-C of the University of Geneva. It will discuss the integration of hazards, risks analysis and Natural Sciences into policymaking for cities and human settlements of the most vulnerable countries of the ECE region. Website: [http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37512](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37512) |
| 13(pm)-16(am) | Working Party on Pollution and Energy<br>
Focal point: Francois E. Guichard<br>Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1112<br>E-mail: francois.guichard [at] unece.org | XII | The Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), considers a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning the emissions of pollutant and the fuel efficiency (CO₂ emissions) of road vehicles. This session will include the consideration of various amendments to UN Regulations and UN GTRs as well as the review of a proposal for a recommendation about Market Fuel Quality relevant for the so-called “real world” emissions of vehicles. Website: [http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36453](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36453) |
| 19(am) | Gas Centre Executive Board<br>
Focal point: Yana Tsybzhitova<br>Phone: +41 (0)22 917 3728<br>E-mail: yana.tsybzhitova [at] unece.org | X | The strategic direction, programme of work and budget of the UNECE Gas Centre are established and overseen yearly by its Executive Board, in which all member companies are represented. Website: [www.gascentre.unece.org/](http://www.gascentre.unece.org/) |
| 19 | Gas Centre Industry Forum<br>
Focal point: Yana Tsybzhitova<br>Phone: +41 (0)22 917 3728<br>E-mail: yana.tsybzhitova [at] unece.org | VII | The fifth Gas Industry Forum will focus on the outlook for long-term contracts in a globalizing market and the role of natural gas in the international energy mix. Website: [www.unece.org/index.php?id=37822](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37822) |

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| 20-21           | Group of Experts on Gas | VII | The Group of Experts on Gas provides a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue on ways to promote the sustainable clean production and consumption of gas in the UNECE region. The second session of the Group of Experts will focus on the role of gas in achieving the goals of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative, as well as the work of its four Task Forces that are working on:  
- Best practice guidance in reducing gas leaks along the gas value chain;  
- Best practice guidance on the role of natural gas in increasing the uptake of renewable energy;  
- Best practice guidance for liquefied natural gas;  
- Removing barriers to the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel.  
Website: [www.unece.org/index.php?id=36606](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36606) |
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| 22-23 Ispra, Italy | Second meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook | ___ | Website: [http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37420](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37420) |
| From Tuesday 27 January, 9.30 to Friday 30 January, 12.00 | Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee) | VIII | The twenty-sixth session of the ADN Safety Committee will discuss proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to the ADN concerning, inter alia, explosion protection on reefer containers. It will also review the catalogue of questions for chemicals, gas and general issues used for examinations for ADN experts that have been updated in line with the latest 2015 version of the Regulations.  
Website: [unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac2/ac2age.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac2/ac2age.html) |
| On Friday 30 January at 12.00 | Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)* (ADN Safety Committee) | VIII | The fourteenth session of the ADN Administrative Committee is expected to discuss the results of the ADN Safety Committee and approve the revised versions of the catalogue of questions.  
Website: [www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/adn/adn_age.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/adn/adn_age.html) |

*Note: The ADN Administrative Committee is composed of representatives of Contracting Parties, which at the time of writing are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.
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| 27(pm)-29      | Working Party on Noise (GRB)  
*Focal point: Konstantin Glukhenkiy  
*Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1531  
*E-mail: konstantin.glukhenkiy [at] unece.org | XI | 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 61st session, the consideration of a range of items proposed to improve vehicle regulatory provisions on noise reduction systems and replacement exhaust silencing systems, including new limit values for noise emissions of vehicles. GRB will also consider the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions and the development of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval system. The proposals, listed in the provisional agenda, refer to motorcycles, passenger cars, buses and trucks. GRB will finally resume consideration on the progress of the informal working group on Quiet Road Transport Vehicles (QRTV). Website: [http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36519](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36519) |
*Focal point: Franziska Ilg-Hirsch  
*Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2480  
*E-mail: franziska.ilg-hirsch [at] unece.org | XV | The Joint meeting of the Bureau and of the Working Group on Implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention will be the first meeting for the biennium 2015-2016. The members of the two bodies will discuss about the implementation of the workplan until autumn 2016, when the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place. Among the issues to be discussed is the plan of work of the body in charge of development of the Convention. The agenda and minutes of the meeting will be available at: [www.unece.org/index.php?id=36741](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36741) |
| 28-29          | Expert Workshop: "Beyond water: Regional economic integration and geopolitical benefits of transboundary water cooperation"  
*Focal point: Chantal Demilecamps  
*Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2468  
*E-mail: chantal.demilecamps [at] unece.org | __ | The Expert Workshop will contribute to the further development of the Policy Guidance Note on Identifying, Assessing and Communicating the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation developed in the framework of the work under the Water Convention. It will produce recommendations on how to assess and communicate the regional integration and geopolitical benefits of transboundary water cooperation. The Workshop will gather participants from regional economic integration and foreign policy communities. Website: [http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37301](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37301) |
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| 29-30 | **Group of Experts on Safety at Level Crossings**  
*Focal point: Rebecca Huang*  
*Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1286*  
*E-mail: rebecca.huang [at] unece.org* | VII | At its fourth session, the Group of Experts will discuss the progress to date of its programme of work related to level crossings and safety at level crossings. This includes the economic costs of level crossing accidents, data on level crossings being collected, good practices, legislation or legal arrangements at level crossings, human factors impacting on safety at level crossings (including safety-related technology) and enforcement.  
*Website: [www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/eg_level_crossings_04.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/eg_level_crossings_04.html)* |
| 29-30 | **Meeting of the Working Group on Implementation under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**  
*Focal point: Virginia Fusé*  
*Phone: +41 (0)22 917 4149*  
*E-mail: virginia.fuse [at] unece.org* | S1 | Back to back with the Joint meeting with the Bureau, the Working Group will further discuss how to schedule the implementation of its activities in the upcoming biennium as well as the division of tasks among its members.  
The agenda and minutes of the meeting will be available at [http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36733](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36733)* |

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