

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on Transport Statistics

Task force on statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres)

Belgrade, 6-7 March 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE WORKSHOP

STATISTICS ON THE VOLUME OF ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICLE-KILOMETRES)

To be held in the European Centre for Peace and Development, Belgrade, Serbia

1. There is a need and demand for statistical information (comparable at international level) for monitoring trends in the volume of road traffic, to support the actual transport and safety policies on national and international level.
2. The increased use of individual means of transport, especially of private cars, gives rise to demands for reliable statistics on the volume of traffic by vehicles. Such statistics are presently compiled on the basis of different methodologies, depending on the data available and resources devoted to that purpose.
3. To meet the intensified demand for data about the volume of road traffic, the Working Party on Transport Statistics, at its fifty-sixth session (8-10 June 2005), accepted the offer of the Government of Denmark to host a workshop on Statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres).¹
4. The aim of the workshop which took place in Copenhagen on 1-2 December 2005 was primarily to examine the situation regarding calculation methods applied in the UNECE member countries. The purpose was to find or suggest best practices, and thus give impetus to the improvement of national calculation methods and statistical coverage. This workshop in

¹ All information relating the work on the Handbook on Statistics on Road Traffic may be obtained at this web address: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5agenda.html>

Copenhagen created a task force that should draft within a year a methodological handbook to be presented to the interested parties before its final adoption by the Working Party on Transport Statistics at its fifty-eighth session (6-8 June 2007).

The task force has had four meetings:

- 1-2 March 2006 in Geneva
- 22-23 May 2006 in Heerlen, the Netherlands
- 21-22 September 2006 in Bratislava, Slovakia
- 30 November - 1 December 2006 in Maastricht, the Netherlands

The UNECE HANDBOOK ON STATISTICS ON ROAD TRAFFIC, the product of work of the task force, can be obtained at this web address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5handbook.html>

- Penultimate version is expected after 30 January 2007
- Final version is expected after 15 February 2007

5. At its meeting held in Maastricht, the task force accepted the offer by the European Centre for Peace and Development (ECPD) established by the UN University for Peace, to host a workshop in Belgrade at which the task force would present the outcome of its work: the draft UNECE HANDBOOK ON STATISTICS ON ROAD TRAFFIC.

The workshop will be held on 6-7 March 2007 at
European Centre for Peace and Development (ECPD)
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6. The participants to the Belgrade workshop are encouraged to visit the mentioned website and to examine the Handbook before the workshop. However, they are encouraged to download the final version of the Handbook just before the workshop.² This would facilitate discussions with authors of chapters.

A provisional agenda of the workshop is presented on page 4 of this document.

The working language of the workshop will be English only.

² The actual version of the Handbook will be clearly marked on the web.

The registration form on page 6 of this document should be sent as soon as possible, but no later than 26 February 2007, to both of the contact persons listed below:

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 6 March 2007

09.30 Registration and coffee

10.00 Official Opening of the workshop (UNECE)

10.10 Election of Chairman

10.15 Adoption of agenda

10.20 Welcoming messages
ECPD

11.00 Coffee break

Presentation of UNECE Handbook on Statistics on Road Traffic

General issues:

11.15 Scope of the handbook – Erik Grib (Denmark)

11.00 Users' needs - Marly Odekerken-Smeets (The Netherlands)
Discussion

Data collection methods:

12.00 Odometer readings - Lars Klit Reiff (Denmark)
Discussion

12.45 Lunch

Presentation of UNECE Handbook on Statistics on Road Traffic (continued)

14.00 Household surveys - Erik Grib (Denmark)
Discussion

15.00 Traffic counts - Olga Kastlova (Czech Republic)
Discussion

15.45 Coffee break

16.00 Fuel consumption – Sylvie Mabile (France)
Discussion

16.45 End of the first day

19.30 Social Dinner

Wednesday, 7 March 2007

Presentation of UNECE Handbook on Statistics on Road Traffic
(continued from previous day)

- 9.15 Border surveys - Stefan Romanovschi (Romania)
Discussion
- 10.15 Inland and foreign traffic – Peter Smeets (The Netherlands)
Discussion
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 Synthesis – Erik Grib (Denmark)
Discussion
- 12.00 Definitions – Hans Strelow (Eurostat – European Commission)
General discussion
- 12.45 Conclusions
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Meeting of the task force
- 17.30 End of workshop

Workshop on statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres)
(Belgrade, 6-7 March 2007)

REGISTRATION FORM

1. Participant

Mr. Family Name First Name

Mrs.

Ms.

2. Title of present official position

3. Organization represented

4. Mailing Address (Office)

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Telephone No: Fax No.

E-mail address:

5. Nationality: Date of Birth: Passport No.....
(Date/Month/Year)

6. Sex: Male Female

7. Participating From/ Until

From

Until

Participant's signature

Date

Annex

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Useful information on Belgrade:

<http://www.belgradetourism.org.yu/>

<http://www.belgradetourism.org.yu/english/korisne/index.html>

Hotels in Belgrade:

<http://www.belgradetourism.org.yu/english/smestaj/hoteli/index.html>

Very central hotels in Belgrade are the following ones: Moskva, Majestic, Palace, Kasina, Slavija, Balkan, Park, Union and Splendid. The workshop venue is in the heart of Belgrade.

Map of Belgrade

<http://www.planplus.co.yu/index.aspx>

Passports and visas:

To enter Serbia a valid passport is required. As far as visa requirements are concerned, the nearest Serbian consular office can be found at the following addresses:

<http://www.mfa.gov.yu/Visas/VisasR.htm>

<http://www.mfa.gov.yu/Worldframe.htm>

In case of difficulty in obtaining visa, Mrs. Gordana Hofmann and Ms. Irena Vuksanovic, both at the ECPD, Belgrade may be contacted.

Currency

<http://www.belgradetourism.org.yu/english/korisne/val-sist-inst.html#valute>

The rate of exchange 1 euro = 80 dinars (rate on 7 December 2006).
