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Programme of work, biennial evaluation and terms of reference

Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012–2013

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. In accordance with the decision of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

2. In addition and as requested by the ITC Bureau at its sixth meeting on 20 June 2011, the Working Party should review and approve its traditional four-year work plan for 2012–2016. This work plan is contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/15.

II. Draft programme of work for 2012–2013

A. Introduction

3. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2012–2013 of ITCs subprogramme relating to “Inland Water Transport”. The Working Party is invited to consider this programme for adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to ITC and the UNECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and ITC will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

4. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities

proposed for 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities contributes to achieving the expected results.

5. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is the same as that used by ITC for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

6. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on transport:

Cluster No. Subprogramme: 02 Transport

1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
 2. Transport trends and economics, land-locked countries and transit facilitation
 3. Road transport (Trans-European network for motorways (TEM) Project)
 4. Road traffic safety
 5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
 6. Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
 7. Inland waterway transport
 8. Intermodal transport and logistics
 9. Customs questions affecting Transport
 10. Transport, Health and Environment pan-European programme (THE PEP)
 11. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
 12. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
 13. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
 14. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
 15. Transport statistics
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7. The outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013. As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of UNECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as "additional".

8. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

9. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in section II of this document.

10. The present document is based in substance on the SC.3 programme of work for 2010–2014 and the main expected accomplishment and indicators of achievement for 2010–2011, as adopted by the fifty-third session of the Working Party in October 2009 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 31) and approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-second session on 23–25 February 2010 (ECE/TRANS/2010/8).

B. Objective and strategy

11. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

12. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

13. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium are as follows:

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 7: Inland Water Transport

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
1. Organize a Pan-European policy dialogue on the inland water transport (IWT) issues;	An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region.
2. Promote a coordinated development of inland waterway infrastructure;	
3. Address safety and operational requirements in inland navigation;	
4. Carry out other measures, aimed to facilitate the use of IWT, as recommended by the 2011 UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189);	
5. Undertake other activities related to regional and international cooperation or requested by the UNECE Inland Transport Committee.	

Main actions by the Transport Division:

- Provide secretariat services to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) and their groups of experts;
- Maintain an inventory of UNECE resolutions on inland water transport issues;
- Prepare regular technical and ad hoc policy publications;
- Represent UNECE in the relevant meetings of the EU, River Commissions and other relevant bodies.

2. Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

7.1 Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (two sessions: fortieth and forty-first sessions, February and June 2012)

Documentation:

Agenda and reports of the sessions of the Working Party; technical papers on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and inland navigation qualifications, amendment proposals to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61), Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings (Resolution No. 59), Recommendations on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48) and other SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements.

7.2 Working Party on Inland Water Transport (fifty-sixth session, October 2012)

Documentation:

Agenda and report of the annual session of the Working Party; documents on the status and proposed amendments to the AGN agreement; amendment proposals to SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements in inland navigation; reports on the status of implementation of SC.3 resolutions and international agreements on inland navigation matters; studies of IWT issues in the ECE region and overview of River Commissions' activities; documents on legal aspects of IWT operations.

7.3 Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (two sessions: forty-second and forty-third sessions, February and June 2013)

Documentation:

Agenda and reports of the sessions of the Working Party; technical papers on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and inland navigation qualifications, amendment proposals to CEVNI, to Resolution No. 61, to Resolution No. 31 on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic and to other SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements.

7.4 Working Party on Inland Water Transport (fifty-seventh session, October 2013)

Documentation:

Agenda and report of the annual session of the Working Party; documents on the status and proposed amendments to the AGN agreement; amendment proposals to SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements in inland navigation; reports on the status of implementation of SC.3 resolutions and international agreements on inland navigation matters; studies of IWT issues in the ECE region and overview of River Commissions' activities; documents on legal aspects of IWT operations.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

7.1 Online inventory of UNECE resolutions and publications in IWT issues;

7.2 Publication of the revised edition of CEVNI;

7.3 Publication of revised editions of relevant UNECE resolutions, amended by SC.3;

7.4 Publication of a map of European inland waterways.

(c) *Technical cooperation*

7.1 Support for technical cooperation and capacity building to assist countries and River Commissions in establishing homogeneous and internationally acceptable standards of safety of navigation throughout the European network of inland waterways.

III. Biennial evaluation

14. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-third session in October 2009 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 31), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, two indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2010, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2010–2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/7).

15. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters and the actual performance measures for 2010–2011 provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2012–2013.

<i>Biennial Assessment</i>			
<i>Review of performance measures for 2010–2011 and establishment of targets for 2012–2013</i>			
<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
7. Inland Water Transport	An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region	(a) Harmonization of technical requirements for inland vessels in the UNECE region under the framework of Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”. <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2009: Adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of new Chapters 20 and 21. Target 2010–2011: Adoption of amendments to Resolution No. 61 (in particular, Chapter 1, 2 and 15 and appendices) in the light of the latest amendments to the EU Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels.	(a) Amendments to Resolution No. 61 (in particular, Chapter 1, 2 and 15 and appendices) approved by SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/187, para. 29) (b) Amendments to Resolutions No. 61 (Revision of definitions in Chapter 1–2 and Chapter 20 B on river-sea navigation vessels) submitted for approval to fifty-fifth session of SC.3.
		(b) Implementation of the fourth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Navigation (CEVNI)	

Biennial Assessment

Review of performance measures for 2010–2011 and establishment of targets for 2012–2013

Performance measures:

Baseline 2009: Latest revision of CEVNI

Target: 2010–2011:

Collecting information on national and regional provisions deviating from CEVNI, in accordance with the new Chapter 9 on "Regional and National Special Requirements"; monitoring the revision of the River Commissions' regulations in accordance with the new text of CEVNI.

CEVNI Status document (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/7) submitted to fifty-fifth session of SC.3, incl. information on the application of CEVNI in relevant regulations of member States and River Commissions.

16. In light of the work accomplished and the current priorities as discussed under agenda items 5 (c) and 7 (a) of the present session, the Working Party may wish to consider maintaining the expected accomplishment for 2012–2013, i.e. an improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region, and adopt the following indicators of achievement for 2012–2013:

Indicators of Achievement

(a) Promotion of the second edition of the UNECE Blue Book and, on this basis, updating of the AGN Agreement:

Performance measures:

Baseline 2011: Adoption by SC.3 of the second edition of UNECE Blue Book

Target 2012–2013: Adoption of amendments to the AGN and related UNECE legal instruments on transport infrastructure, such as Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC).

(b) Preparation and adoption of the next revision of CEVNI taking account of information on its application in member States and by River Commissions:

Performance measures:

Baseline 2011: Preparation of a CEVNI Status document, presenting information on the application of CEVNI in member States and by River Commissions and national and regional deviations from CEVNI (Chapter 9)

Target 2012–2013: Preparation of amendments to CEVNI and adoption of the next revision of CEVNI.

IV. Status and characteristics of the Working Party

17. The Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE stipulate that the mandate and extension of these Working Parties should be reviewed very 5 years (ECE/EX/1, para. 1 (c)).

18. As the first 5-year cycle will end as of 2012 and on the basis of a comprehensive review of its activities, the Working Party may wish to propose to the Inland Transport Committee to renew the mandate and status of the Working Party for another cycle of 5-years as of 2013 (ECE/EX/1, para. 3 (d)).
