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I. Work plan for 2012–2016

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.12: TRANSPORT STATISTICS

02.12.1 Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics **Priority: 1**

Description: Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including road, rail inland waterways and road safety data. Development and maintenance of the on-line UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to make available reliable, timely and comparable inland transport data for all the countries of the ECE region, within the ECE area

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Build and maintain a database for the annual collection of statistics on inland transport, including road safety data from UNECE member Governments:

(i) Addition of supplementary chapters to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (gas transport via pipelines, transport by bus and coach).

(ii) Continue to streamline data collection procedures in the field of transport and road traffic safety and to review user needs on a permanent basis, including those of other UNECE inter-governmental bodies.

(iii) Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:

- Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km);
- Statistics on the transportation by buses and coaches;
- Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods;
- Statistics on transport of gas through pipelines;
- Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections);
- Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Output expected: Increased availability of reliable, timely and comparable transport statistics, particularly about the less advanced countries of the region Priority: 1

(b) Prepare and publish the following publications:

- (i) UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America;
- (ii) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS);
- (iii) "Flyer(s)" on selected transport indicators;
- (iv) Maps and data on E-Road Traffic Census;
- (v) Maps and data on E-Rail Traffic Census.

Output expected: Publication of UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America, RAS and Handbook of Transport Statistics; Circulation of Questionnaires and receipt of data from member Governments for UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America and RAS in electronic format (2011). Preparation of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2011). Publishing the first results of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2012) Priority: 1

(c) Use of PC-Axis for disseminating data collected via the regular questionnaires

Output expected: Availability of main data online (2011) Priority: 1

02.12.2 Methodological work in transport statistics Priority: 1

Description: Development and implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to improve the quality and comparability of inland transport statistics, particularly in the areas of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents. Development of appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Harmonize methodology on road safety data

Output expected: Increased of comparability of definitions used for "killed", "injured" and "seriously injured". Harmonization of methodology for data related to the accidents under influence of drugs and alcohol. Improvement of data quality for types of collision

Priority: 1

(b) Maintaining classification system for transport statistics of goods (NST 2007)

Output expected: Annual Review of NST 2007 with the frequent asked questions to be published on the website (2011 and 2012) Priority: 2

(c) Statistics related to transport of dangerous goods.

Output expected: Continued progress toward the integration of transport of dangerous goods statistics into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics, as well as the annual transport publications. Organization of workshops for member States which are not yet collecting statistics on transport of dangerous goods (2012) Priority: 1

- (d) **Coordination among member States, other UNECE bodies and related international organizations and non-governmental organizations to harmonize terminology used in the statistics of road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline, combined transport and road traffic accidents, including, but not exclusively, in the context of the work being undertaken by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE – International Transport Forum – EC/Eurostat) (Meetings 2–3 times per year)**

Output expected: Development of supplementary questionnaires as decided by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) and WP.6; preparation of meetings of IWG; preparation of draft amendments to the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (2011 and 2012) Priority: 2

- (e) **Development of common methodologies to facilitate and improve the collection of information on road and rail traffic flows and infrastructure parameters through surveys and censuses such as automatic counting procedures, including, but not limited to, in the context of the E-rail and E-road censuses**

Output expected: Development of common methodologies for the E-rail and E-road censuses to obtain data on traffic flows and infrastructure parameters on the AGR, AGC and AGTC networks. Promotion of Recommendations to Governments on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010 and of resolutions adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010. Preparation of 2015 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2012) Priority: 1

ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION

- (f) **Development of projects to assist countries in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of workshops and training seminars, drawing on the expertise of member Governments and related organizations**

Output expected: Organization of workshops on the Web Common Questionnaire (2011 and 2012) Priority: 2

- (g) **Update of the Handbook on transport statistics by buses and coaches**

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the results of the pilot questionnaire (2011) Priority: 2

- (h) **Update methodology on road vehicle-km**

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the results of the pilot questionnaire (2011) Priority: 2

II. Biennial evaluation

1. The number of downloads from the UNECE transport statistics online database increased regularly in 2009 and 2010 respectively by 19 % and 47.8 % compared to its level in 2008.