Overview

• Web Common Questionnaire
• How to submit data
• Importance of providing data and following definitions
Background

• UNECE, ITF and Eurostat work together to minimize the reporting burden on countries

• This has evolved into a common questionnaire, collecting data for rail, road, inland waterways, pipeline transport
National Focal Points

• Create the ECAS account by connecting on: https://circabc.europa.eu > Log In > Sign up
• Follow the instructions given under ‘How to get an ECAS password and access CIRCABC’
• Connect to: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cq_transport/login/
• Enter the login/password and push “Login”
Manual data entry

Useful for checking data, fixing a single data point, or entering top-level numbers only. Time-consuming to fill in all data for multiple years.
Flat file upload

• Allows data from your own database to be easily sent to UNECE, without manual entry
• Recommended option
  • Saves (lots of) time
  • Reduces potential for input errors
• For this, simply establish a mapping from your indicator names to those of the Common Questionnaire
Steps to publish data

1. Data provider fills in the questionnaire (possibly multiple providers for different topics)
2. NSO coordinator checks
3. Secretariat puts data in production
4. Secretariat downloads to own database and conducts own checks, corresponding with country on anything unusual
5. Data published online
Transport Data are Important

• 11850 downloads of transport data in 2\textsuperscript{nd} quarter 2017

• Inland Transport Committee, 2017: “…Noted the role and potential contribution of WP.6 in a global environment where the need for more and higher quality statistics is rapidly increasing…”

• Data are used internally and externally
WP.6

- Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) a unique forum for statistics discussions
- In 2017: Half-day workshop on collecting rail statistics. Country practices shared on dealing with data collection in a liberalized market
  - [http://tiny.cc/UNECE-Rail-Stats](http://tiny.cc/UNECE-Rail-Stats)
Statistical Dissemination

• BAD!
  • Data not published at all, or in a poor format
  • Buried in a table (or graph) in a PDF
  • Only one year of data published at a time
  • Definitions not consistent across years

• GOOD!
  • Publish data in machine-readable format
  • Update every year, maintaining the time series
  • Use international standards
Conclusion

• Webcoq easily transmits data to international organisations, and is straightforward to use
• Data are important! Road safety or transport policy can’t be improved without good data.
• Collecting data following the Glossary means data are **internationally comparable**
• WP.6 Meetings a great forum for countries to share experiences
Suggestions? Comments?
We are here to help!

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