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Draft programme of work, biennial evaluation and work plan

Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015

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 2014 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (hereafter Working Party or SC.3) is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2014–2015 as well as the relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation.

2. The present document contains the draft programme of work for 2014–2015, relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation and information in the status of the Working Party.

II. Draft programme of work for 2014–2015

A. Introduction

3. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2014–2015 on the subprogramme of the ITC 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 the ITC and the UNECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and the 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 to be carried out in 2014–2015. 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 the ITC for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

6. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on transport (ECE/TRANS/2012/9/Rev.1):

Cluster No. Subprogramme: 02 Transport

1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
 2. Transport trends and economics (including Euro-Asian transport links)
 3. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
 4. Rail transport and Trans-European railway (TER) Project
 5. Inland waterway transport
 6. Intermodal transport and logistics
 7. Customs questions affecting transport
 8. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
 9. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
 10. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
 11. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
 12. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
 13. Transport statistics
 14. Road transport and Trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) project
 15. Road traffic safety
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7. The outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE programme budget for 2014–2015, subprogramme 2: Transport adopted by the General Assembly (A/68/6 (Section 20)). 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 below.

10. The present document is based in substance on the SC.3 work plan 2012–2016 as adopted by the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party in October 2011 (ECE/TRANS/2011/15, ECE/TRANS/2011/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 52) and approved by the ITC at its seventy-fourth session on 28 February–1 March 2012 (ECE/TRANS/2012/9, ECE/TRANS/224, para. 93).

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 2014–2015 biennium

13. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2014–2015 biennium are as follows:

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 5: Inland waterway 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*

5.1 Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions in 2014 and forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions in 2015) (4 sessions) (20 meetings)

Documentation:

Agendas and reports of the sessions of the Working Party (8); other documents (4) on mandated issues including 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; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

5.2 Working Party on Inland Water Transport (fifty-eighth session in 2014 and fifty-ninth session in 2015) (two sessions) (12 meetings)

Documentation:

Agendas and reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (4); other documents (4) on mandated issues, including draft programme of work and work plan, 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; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

(b) Publications and other information material

5.3 Maintenance of a web-based inventory of UNECE resolutions and publications in IWT issues;

5.4 Publication of the revised edition of CEVNI;

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

5.6 Maintenance and further development of an online database of the E waterway network.

(c) Technical cooperation

5.8 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-fifth session in October 2011 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 52), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, two indicators of achievement and corresponding actual performance measures. In 2012 and 2013, this approach had been approved by the ITC as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2012–2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/10/Rev.1).

15. The Working Party may wish to review the 2012–2013 parameters (expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, actual performance measures) as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2014–2015.

*Biennial Assessment**Review of performance measures for 2012–2013 and establishment of targets for 2014–2015*

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
5. Inland waterway Transport	EA 5. An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region	<p>IA 5. (a) Promotion of the second edition of the UNECE Blue Book and, on this basis, updating of the AGN Agreement and other relevant UNECE instruments.</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2011: Adoption of the second edition of UNECE Blue Book.</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: Adoption of amendments to the ¹ 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).</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: ...</p> <p>IA 5. (b) Preparation and adoption of the next revision of CEVNI taking account of information on its application in member States and by River Commissions</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2011: Preparation of a ² 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)</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: Preparation of</p>	

¹ To be determined at the session of SC.3 in October 2013.

² To be determined at the session of SC.3 in October 2013.

<i>Biennial Assessment</i>			
<i>Review of performance measures for 2012–2013 and establishment of targets for 2014–2015</i>			
<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
		amendments to CEVNI with the goal to prepare its next substantive revision.	
		Target 2014–2015:	
		...	

IV. Status of the Working Party

16. In accordance with the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE, the mandate and extension of these Working Parties should be reviewed every 5 years (ECE/EX/1, para. 1 (c)). The ITC, at its seventy-fourth session in March 2012, renewed the 5-year mandate of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 91) which was subsequently approved by the Commission at its sixty-fifth session in April 2013 (...³).

17. The terms of reference of the Working Party, adopted by the Working Party on 14 October 2011 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 54) and approved by the ITC on 1 March 2012 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 91), are contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191/Add.2. As the Working Party has not adopted specific rules of procedure, those of the Commission apply.

³ Document reference not yet available.