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Programme of work and biennial evaluation

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1.   In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2018 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2018-2019 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation. This document is submitted in line with cluster 13: Transport Statistics, paragraph 13.1 of the programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 158, ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 26 February 2016.

2.   The present document contains the draft programme of work for 2018-2019 and relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation.

II. Programme of work for 2018-2019

A. Introduction

3.   The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2018-2019 of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme relating to "Transport statistics and information". The Working Party on Transport Statistics is invited to consider this programme for subsequent adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and the Inland Transport Committee 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 2018-2019. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

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

6.   The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on transport (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.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 (Trans-European network for rail (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

7.   Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2018-2019. 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 III of this document.

10.   The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2016-2017 as adopted in 2016 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2016/28).

B.   Objective and strategy

11.   The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to improve sustainable inland transport with a view to making it safe, clean and competitive, both for freight and personal mobility.

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

C.   Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2018-2019 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 13: Transport Statistics

Description of cluster (optional)	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic. Development and maintenance of the online UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to maintain good quality, relevant, user friendly and timely transport statistics.	Improved availability and scope of transport statistical data
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.	
Main actions by the Sustainable Transport Division:	
• Act as secretariat to the Working Party on Transport Statistics and its team of specialists	
• Maintain an online database on land transport statistics	
• Represent UNECE in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics	
• Coordinate the compilation and dissemination of data for the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses.	
• Provide technical support for technical cooperation and capacity-building in transport statistics.	

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

15.1   Working Party on Transport Statistics (sixty-ninth session, 2018)

Documentation:

Report of the annual session of the Working Party. Documents on methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics, on activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (Eurostat, International Transport Forum (ITF), UNECE), on the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses, on data gathering in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, and on implementation of the UNECE road map on collection and dissemination of transport statistics.

15.2   Working Party on Transport Statistics (seventieth session, 2019)

Documentation:

Report of the annual session of the Working Party. Documents on methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics, on activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (Eurostat, ITF, UNECE), on the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses, on data gathering in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, and on implementation of the UNECE road map on collection and dissemination of transport statistics.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

15.3   Online database on land transport statistics

15.4   Publication of UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America

15.5   Publication of UNECE Road Traffic Accident Statistics in Europe and North America

15.6   Publication of maps and data of the 2015 E-Road traffic census

15.7   Publication of maps and data of the 2015 E-Rail traffic census

15.8   Publication of annual main transport indicators in the UNECE region (Transport Statistics Infocards) (Two issues)

15.9   Publication of fifth edition of the Glossary of Transport Statistics in cooperation with Eurostat and ITF (or amendment to the fourth edition of the Glossary)

(c) *Technical cooperation*

15.10 Support for technical cooperation and capacity building to assist countries in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of training workshops, drawing also on expertize of member Governments and international organizations.

III. Biennial evaluation

13.   On the basis of decisions taken at its sixty-sixth session in June 2015 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/169, para. 44), 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 2016, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2016-2017 (ECE/TRANS/2016/29).

14.   The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2016-2017 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2018-2019.

| | *Biennial Assessment* | | |
| | *Review of performance measures for 2016–2017 and establishment of targets for 2018–2019* | | |
Cluster	*Expected Accomplishments*	*Indicators of Achievement*	*Actual Performance Measures*
13 Transport Statistics	Improved availability and scope of transport statistical data	(a) Number of reliable statistical products available on the Internet	
		Performance measures:	
		Target 2014-2015: Complete statistical database online	Complete statistical database online
		Target 2016-2017: Maintenance of online statistical database	Complete statistical database online
		Target 2018-2019: Maintenance of online statistical database	
		(b) Use of data as measured by website downloads	
		Performance measures:	
		Target 2014-2015: 88 000 downloads	95 839 downloads
		Target 2016–2017: 90 000 downloads	83 520 downloads[1]
		Target 2018–2019: 92 000 downloads	

[1] Figure refers to 2016 and up to early March 2017 only.