



UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)



**Future work and operation
of the Working Party**

**Conclusions
of a virtual expert group**

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Outline

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 - Future scope and role
 - Different countries, different needs
 - Key areas of future work
 - Reorganization of work
 - Increased participation of EECCA countries
- **Proposals and decisions (Road map)**

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Present work

Scope and organization of work

Work segments	Description
Information	Governments, European Commission, IGOs, NGOs and academia Who is doing what ?
New developments and best practices	Trends, performance, regulations and technologies
Substantive	Specific elements of the programme of work
Legal	AGTC Agreement and Protocol on IWT
Administrative	Work programme, officers, expert groups, etc.

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Present work

Participation at sessions of WP.24

Participation	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn
Total countries	14	14	18	14	18	13	15	13	11	9
EU countries	9	10	12	10	10	9	11	9	8	7
Non-EU countries	5	4	6	4	8	4	4	4	3	2
DG TREN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
IGOs	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	3
NGOs, industries, academia	3	10	9	6	9	14	9	7	11	7

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Future work

Future scope and role

- Pan-European concept
- Forum for Government and industry experts
- Organ for multilateral legal instruments
- Interdisciplinary and interregional work (UNECE)
- Secretariat and conference facilities in E,F,R
- Substantive and active role of delegations

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Future work

Different countries, different needs

- European Union and neighboring countries
- Eastern European countries
- Central Asia and Caucasus countries
- Canada and USA

- IGOs, NGOs and industry groups

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Future work

Key areas

- **Intermodal transport issues**
 - Monitoring of policies and bottlenecks
 - Peer reviews of intermodal policies
 - Euro-Asian intermodal transport
 - Standardized loading units
 - Terminal, transshipment and logistical procedures
 - Civil liability regimes
- **AGTC Agreement and Protocol on IWT**
 - Administration and update
 - Extension of geographical scope and substantive issues
- **Logistics and supply chain management**

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Future work

Re-organization of work

- **Schedule and timing of meetings**
 - One or two annual meetings
 - Support by ad hoc expert groups
 - Back-to-back meetings with other UNECE Groups
- **Structure of the sessions**
 - Start with issues of general interest
 - End with specific mandatory issues
- **Introduction of themes, such as:**
 - Intermodal transport and inland waterways
 - Response to the economic crisis
 - Intermodal transport and dry ports (hubs)
 - Land use planning: The role of terminals
 - Others

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Future work

Increased participation of EECCA countries

- **Focus on specific and concrete issues**
- **Establish sub-regional ad hoc expert groups**
- **(some) WP.24 meetings in EECCA countries**
- **Financial assistance for EECCA experts**

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Future work

Road map for action

- **Key areas of future work**
 - Intermodal transport issues
 - Substantive
 - Legal (AGTC and Protocol)
 - Logistics
- **Re-organization of work**
 - Schedule and timing of meetings
 - Structure of WP.24 sessions
 - Introduction of themes
- **Increased participation of EECCA countries**



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but were afraid to ask**

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