

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Inland Transport Committee**

#### **Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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##### **Any other business**

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### **Application for Consultative Status**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

The secretariat reproduces hereafter additional information received from *Union européenne des transporteurs routiers* (UETR) seeking consultative status for participation in the work of WP.15.

#### **I. THE ASSOCIATION**

Brussels-based umbrella organization UETR (Union européenne des transporteurs routiers-[www.uetr.eu](http://www.uetr.eu)) founded in 1998, represents more than 200.000 road transport undertakings (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) from Western and Eastern EU Member States with a total capacity of 430.000 commercial vehicles. We have gained a solid international recognition and we play a central role in defending small businesses' interests represented by national federations.

UETR is associate member (sectorial organization) of UEAPME, The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises ([www.ueapme.com](http://www.ueapme.com)) incorporating 83 member organisations consisting of national cross-sectorial SME federations, European branch federations and other associate members and representing over 12 million enterprises with nearly 55 million employees.

UETR takes the lead and chair the UEPME Transport Forum, a co-operation platform bringing together small and medium-sized enterprises from manufacturing and repair of road vehicles as well as road transport.

The Forum aims to develop joint positions on all transport-related issues such as sustainable transport, organisation of the supply chain, road safety, infrastructure efficiency etc.

#### **II. ORGANIZATION**

The Association consists of a General Assembly of its members, a Management Board and a Secretariat General. The General Assembly meets at least once a year and is presided over by the President, elected every two years.

Other officers are the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the Treasurer. The Management Board assisted by the Secretariat General is responsible for the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Association. It usually holds four or five meetings a year which. Members of the Secretariat General are responsible for one of the aims or central activities of the Association under the policy guidance of the Committee.

The Secretariat General convenes, prepares for, and reports on, the General Assembly. It issues information and reports on matters of interest to members and coordinates activities at the European level. It advises members on transport matters and initiatives and maintains direct contact with the European Institutions, other sectorial organizations, representatives offices, stakeholders etc.

UETR members are composed of nine national federations of seven EU Member States (Western and Eastern Europe) representing road haulers: Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, Hungary, Slovenia, Bulgaria. Germany will officially join UETR in December.

The Association maintains a central office in Brussels, Rue J. De Lalaing n. 4.

UETR is an organization under Belgian Law 2 May 2002.

UETR is registered in the joint European Commission's - European Parliament's Transparency Register.

### **III. MISSION**

1. To have a regular dialogue with EU institutions as well as other stakeholders, networks and sectoral organisations;
  2. To give members an effective chance to give their input into EU policy-making;
  3. To gather intelligence on current and future policies and legislation and financing opportunities;
  4. To represent an effective hub for national associations to cooperate and engage in joint projects and activities
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