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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

##### Sixty-seventh session

Geneva, 11–13 October 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the Agenda

### Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Sixty-Seventh Session<sup>\*, \*\*</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Wednesday, 11 October 2023

#### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Workshop “Climate Change Mitigation Activities in Inland Water Transport”.
4. Current Situation and Trends in Inland Water Transport.
5. European Inland Waterway Network:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
  - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
  - (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2).

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\* Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website at <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Inland-Water-Transport/events/381236>.

\*\* Participation is possible in-person only. Delegates are requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002246>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Pavillon located at Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix), open on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 9172432) or by email ([sc.3@un.org](mailto:sc.3@un.org)). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, please visit <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.



6. Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation:
  - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 24, Revision 6);
  - (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, Revision 2);
  - (c) Ship-Borne Barges (Resolution No. 15);
  - (d) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (Resolution No. 21, Revision 2).
7. River-Sea Transport in Europe.
8. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping.
9. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation:
  - (a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 58);
  - (b) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe;
  - (c) Other Activities.
10. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation.
11. Inland Waterway Statistics.
12. Recreational Navigation:
  - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, Revision 4);
  - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation;
  - (c) International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13).
13. Harmonization of the Pan-European Legal Framework for Inland Navigation:
  - (a) Status of International Conventions and Agreements Affecting Inland Navigation;
  - (b) Application of Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on Inland Navigation.
14. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe Bodies of Interest to the Working Party.
15. Programme of Work and Biennial Evaluation for 2024–2025.
16. Theme Topic for the Sixty-Eighth Session of the Working Party.
17. Tentative List of Meetings for 2024.
18. Other Business.
19. Adoption of the Report.

## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure adopted by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its eighty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/328, paragraph 29 (d)), the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-seventh session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/219, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2023)

### 2. Election of Officers

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for the biennium 2023–2024. Governments are encouraged to nominate candidates for either post in order to facilitate the election process.

### 3. Workshop “Climate Change Mitigation Activities in Inland Water Transport”

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraph 104), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to activities on mitigating climate change from inland water transport, strategies, programmes and projects in this field, progress made by countries, international organizations and other key stakeholders and the way forward.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions and share their experience, best practices and developments in this field and consider further steps that could be undertaken by SC.3.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/1

### 4. Current Situation and Trends in Inland Water Transport

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on the current situation and trends in inland navigation in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe and recent developments of member States, the European Union and river commissions, based on a report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/2).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/2

### 5. European Inland Waterway Network

#### (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance

The Working Party may wish to propose amendments to the *European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance* (AGN) and exchange information on the progress reached by member States in acceding to and implementing the agreement.

SC.3 may also wish to continue discussion on how to facilitate the implementation of AGN and increase the number of contracting parties.

As a follow-up of ITC resolution No. 269 “Facilitating the Development of Container Transport on Inland Waterways”, the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on establishing the joint management and/or monitoring of AGN and the *Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations* to ensure alignment between the two legal instruments, started at the sixty-third session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3), and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

**(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”)**

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft of the fourth revised edition of the Blue Book, agreed by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session and complemented by countries.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3 and Amends.1–4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/3, Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2023)

**(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2)**

Following the decision of the SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session, the Working Party may wish to approve amendment No. 2 to the second revision of the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network, preliminarily approved by SC.3 at its sixty-second, sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth sessions.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/4

## **6. Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

**(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 24, Revision 6)**

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft amendments to the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session.

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-ninth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to (a) the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) at its spring session in 2023 and (b) the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel adopted by the Mosel Commission at its plenary session on 24 May 2023 in Trier (Germany) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/6).

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party about the current status and new developments in their navigation regulations.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/6

**(b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, Revision 2)**

The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the amendments to appendix 1 of the annex of resolution No. 61, revision 2, as resolution No. 105 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/7 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/8).

SC.3 may wish to continue discussion on aligning the provisions of the annex to resolution No. 61 with the “European Standard Laying Down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”, edition 2023, and national regulations of member States and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3 on recent developments in this field.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amends. 1–4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/8

**(c) Ship-Borne Barges (Resolution No. 15)**

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session, the Working Party is invited to consider and adopt the draft proposal on updating resolution No. 15 as resolution No. 106.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.3/131, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/9

**(d) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (Resolution No. 21, Revision 2)**

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session, the Working Party may wish to approve the amendments to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on-board vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/17) as amendment No. 2 to addendum No. 1 to the annex of resolution No. 21, revision 2.

The Working Party may wish to consider possible amendments to its resolutions based on resolutions adopted by the Conference of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI) in 2021 and 2022 of relevance to the Working Party and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Member States and river commissions are invited to inform SC.3 on the progress reached and the current activities aimed at the prevention of pollution of inland waterways from vessels.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/17

**7. River-Sea Transport in Europe**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on harmonizing and simplifying the existing legal framework for river-sea vessels in Europe, promoting this transport mode and possible activities of SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 to improve the situation.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/19

## **8. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping**

Following the discussion at the sixty-third session of SC.3/WP.3, the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on applying the updated CCNR definitions of automation levels in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/15) in its documents and provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the policy areas for developing regulations for automated navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/20) to be considered when evaluating its resolutions in terms of gaps, challenges and bottlenecks that hamper the development of automated navigation.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3 about progress in the field of automation and smart shipping.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/20

## **9. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation**

### **(a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 58)**

The Working Party may wish to adopt the draft of the *Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways* (annex to resolution No. 58), preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session, as resolution No. 107.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/9

### **(b) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on harmonizing resolutions of relevance to River Information Services (RIS) with the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS), started by SC.3/WP.3 in 2023, and provide guidance for the secretariat.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/10

### **(c) Other Activities**

Delegations are invited to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

## **10. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation**

The Working Party may wish to take note of the outcome of the workshop "Addressing Labour Market Challenges and Making the Sector More Attractive", held at the sixty-third session of SC.3/WP.3. In particular, SC.3 may wish to support the decision of SC.3/WP.3 on organizing an informal working group to address labour market challenges and consider the draft terms of reference prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/13).

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating provisions of the annex to resolution No. 31 based on the standards for qualifications in inland navigation of the

European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation and national regulations of member States.

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party will be informed about recent progress and new developments in the field of professional requirements in inland navigation and mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/13

## 11. Inland Waterway Statistics

The Working Party may wish to discuss barriers for increasing inland water transport volumes on European waterways.

Delegations may wish to transmit the data on transport volumes missing in the Eurostat statistics for extending the E waterway census to cover the entire region of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

## 12. Recreational Navigation

### (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, Revision 4)

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and progress in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1–3

### (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation

The Working Party may wish to approve the revised draft second revision of the *Guidelines to Resolution No. 40*, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-third session and finalized after the session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/14).

The Working Party will be informed about the progress thus far of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/14

### (c) International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13)

The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the draft of the updated text of resolution No. 13 and its annexes as resolution No. 108 based on the proposal prepared by the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/15

## 13. Harmonization of the Pan-European Legal Framework for Inland Navigation

### (a) Status of International Conventions and Agreements Affecting Inland Navigation

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the updated status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/18). SC.3 may wish to invite governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/18

**(b) Application of Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on Inland Navigation**

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of ECE resolutions and their application (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/19) and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/19

**14. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe Bodies of Interest to the Working Party**

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of ITC taken at its eighty-fifth session (21–24 February 2023) that are relevant to the Working Party. In particular, SC.3 will be informed about the request from the ITC Chair and the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division inviting working parties to support and contribute to the key decisions related to alignment process to the ITC governance framework and to the fourth cycle of reviews of their mandates.

The Working Party may wish to discuss and approve the proposal on (a) aligning the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of SC.3 with the ITC governance framework, and (b) reviewing the SC.3 mandate prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/16).

SC.3 will be informed about the recent activities of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and of the ADN Administrative Committee.

The Working Party will be informed about the recent activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/328 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/16, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/84, ECE/ADN/65, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/151, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/72, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/185

**15. Programme of Work and Biennial Evaluation for 2024–2025**

The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its sixty-third session, it agreed to maintain the biennial programme of work and the four-year plan for the future, aligned with the ITC Strategy until 2030 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, paragraph 99).

The Working Party is invited to evaluate its biennial 2022–2023 programme of work and adopt the expected accomplishments for the 2024–2025 biennium as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/17.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/17

**16. Theme Topic for the Sixty-Eighth Session of the Working Party**

SC.3 may wish to decide on the theme topic for its sixty-eighth session.



## 17. Tentative List of Meetings for 2024

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2024:

14–16 February 2024	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-fourth session);
19–21 June 2024	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-fifth session);
23–25 October 2024	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-eighth session).

## 18. Other Business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no issues under this agenda item.

## 19. Adoption of the Report

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, paragraph 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-seventh session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

## III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 11 October	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 3
Thursday, 12 October	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 4–6
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 7–11
Friday, 13 October	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 12–18
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 19