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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

##### Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

###### Sixty-fourth session

Geneva, 14–16 February 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,  
14 February 2024

### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Outcome of the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
3. Workshop “Increasing the Modal Share of Inland Water Transport”.
4. Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport.
5. Inland Waterways Infrastructure:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
  - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book);

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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:  
<https://unece.org/info/Transport/Inland-Water-Transport/events/384361>.

\*\* Participation is possible in-person only. Delegates are requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1007035>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Security and Safety Section, located at the Peace Gate (14a, 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>.

- (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2).
- 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) 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) Resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”
  - (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.
- 13. Other Business.
- 14. Adoption of the Report.

## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-fourth session on the basis of the provisional agenda, supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2024).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/127, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2024)

### 2. Outcome of the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixty-seventh session (11–13 October 2023).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220

### 3. Workshop “Increasing the Modal Share of Inland Water Transport”.

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-seventh session and as agreed with the Chair of SC.3/WP.3, delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the promotion of increasing the modal share of inland water transport.

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

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/1

### 4. Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in the development of the draft strategy of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from inland transport.

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-seventh session, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on monitoring the implementation of the future ITC strategy by member States.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/2

### 5. Inland Waterways Infrastructure

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

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress in implementing the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion of follow-up activities of the round table on facilitating the alignment between AGN and the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations, held at the sixty-sixth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraphs 24–47).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217

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

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the fourth revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book) and provide further guidance to the secretariat.

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals, if any, to the Blue Book.

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.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/3

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

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2 and Amend.1

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

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

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Expert Group on the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and discuss the decisions taken by the Group.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the information on the application of CEVNI revision 6 and updates to the CEVNI status document transmitted by member States.

The Working Party may wish to discuss new proposals to CEVNI revision 6, transmitted by member States and river commissions.

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/WP.3/2024/4

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

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2023, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/5.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/5,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/5

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

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion of updating the annex to resolution No. 21, revision 2, based on the relevant provisions of member States and river commissions and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about additions or modifications to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels, if any.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1

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

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on facilitating the development of river-sea transport in Europe, started at its sixty-third session.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss a draft questionnaire for collecting information on river-sea transport in Europe and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/6

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

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-seventh session, the Working Party may wish to begin discussion on preparing the draft road map “Forging international cooperation towards an international legislative basis for automation in inland navigation” (annex to resolution No. 95) for 2025–2028 and provide guidance for the secretariat..

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

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/7

**9. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation****(a) Resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”**

The Working Party will be informed about the adoption of the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) edition 2023 by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider possible updating of the annex to resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services” and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1

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

The Working Party may wish to consider amendment proposals to the RIS resolutions, if any, continue discussion on harmonizing them with the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS) and provide guidance to 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

(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 will be informed about progress in the establishment and activities of the informal working group on issues related to labour market challenges.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of the Technical meeting on decent and sustainable work in the inland waterways sector held by the International Labour Organization in Geneva from 20 to 24 November 2023.

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

## **11. Inland Waterway Statistics**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on an E waterway census and consider ways of facilitating for collecting data needed for its updating.

## **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.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about progress in collecting information necessary for a possible review of resolution No. 40.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1-3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/8

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

The Working Party will be informed about the progress thus far of the group.

## **13. Other Business**

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, proposals under this item were not available.

## 14. Adoption of the Report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-fourth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

## III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 14 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 3
Thursday, 15 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 4–5
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
Friday, 16 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 9–13
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 14