

TIR governing bodies

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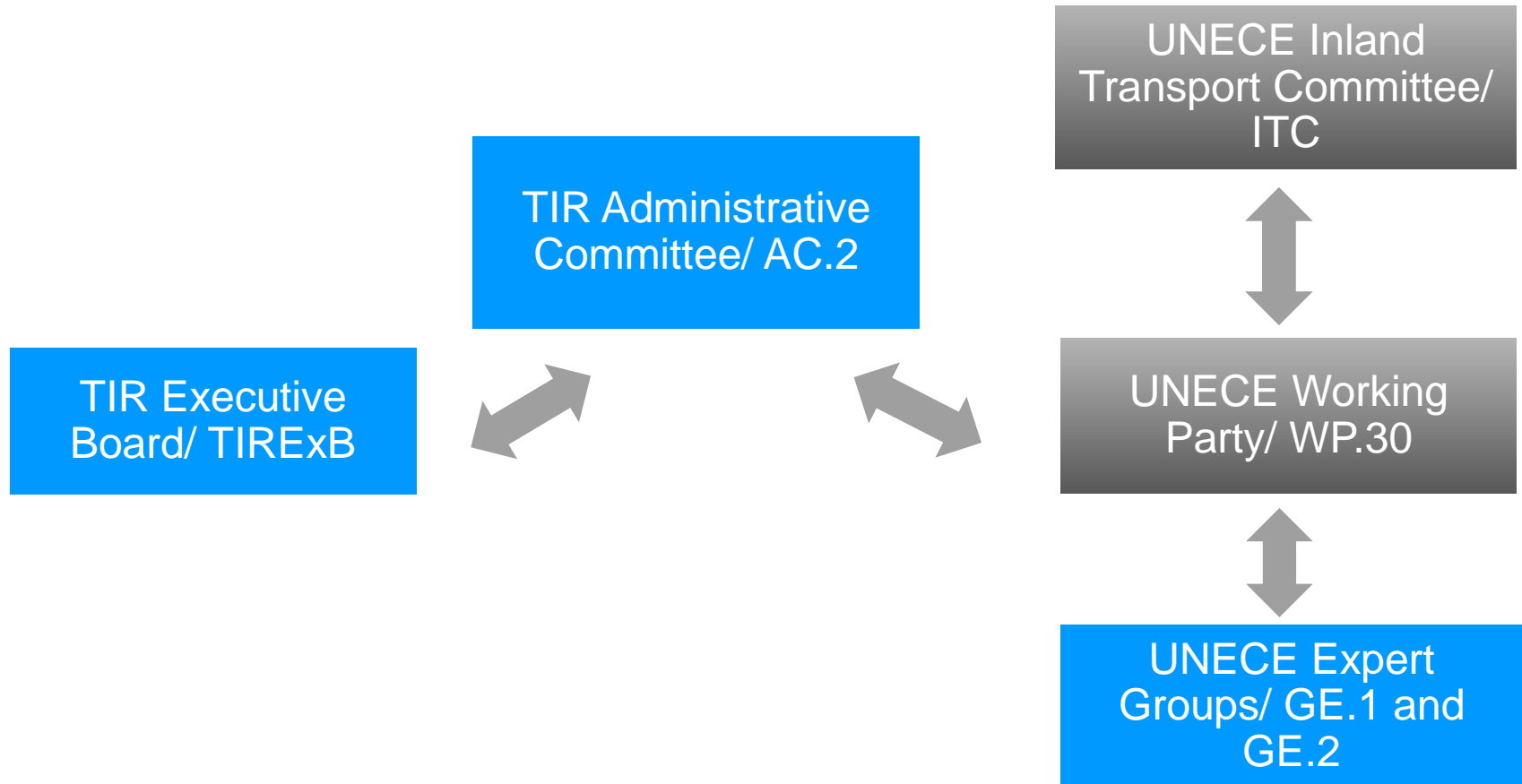


Overview

- TIR Convention establishes two bodies
 - Administrative Committee (Highest organ/Decision- making)
 - TIR Executive Board (Subsidiary body/ Supervisory)
- Supporting bodies established under UNECE
 - Inland Transport Committee (ITC)
 - Working Party (WP.30) and its subsidiary bodies as:
 - Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1)
 - The Group of Experts on the Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2)- completed its mandate

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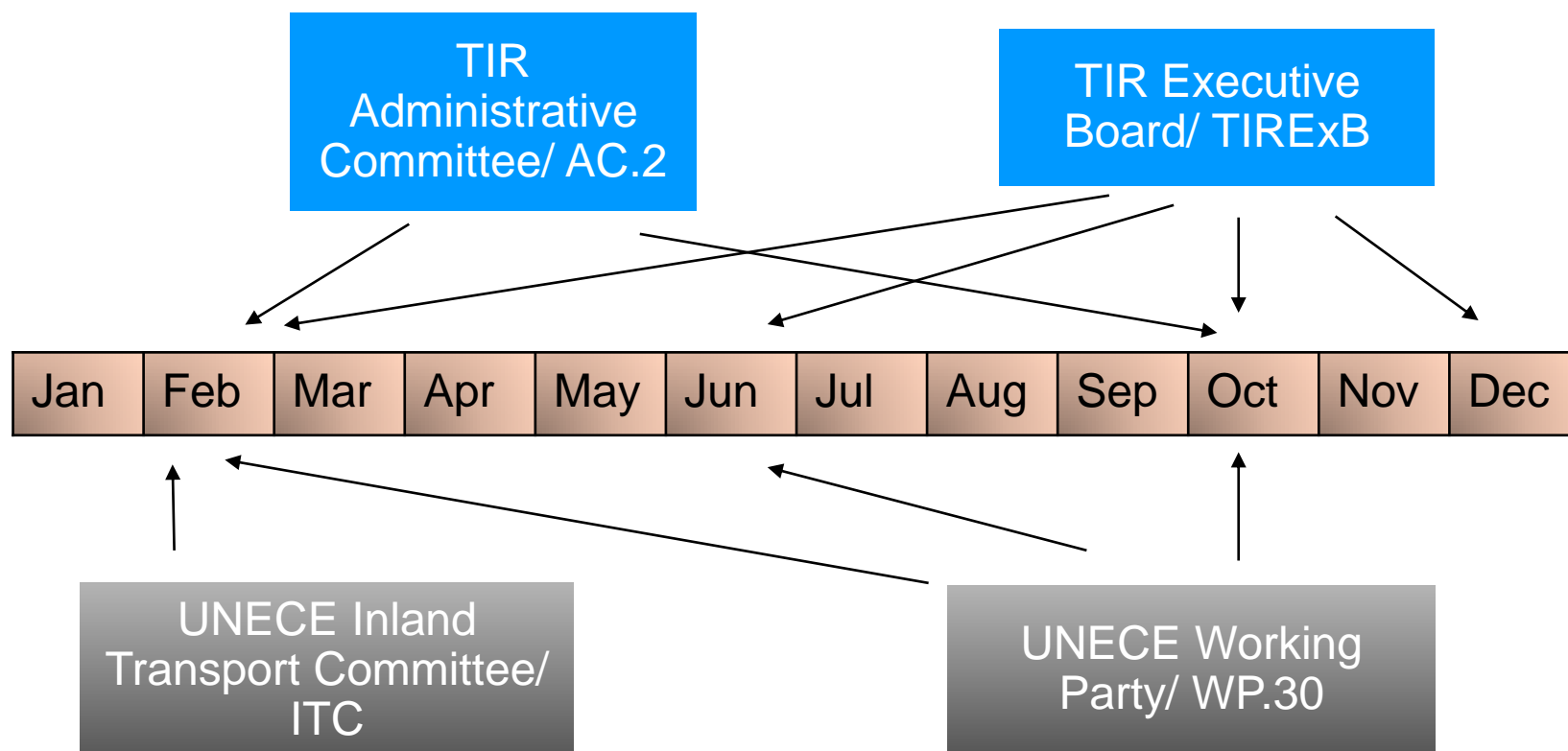
Relations between the bodies



* Bodies specific to TIR are shown in blue.

Overview

Usual meeting schedule*



* GE.1 meets once or twice a year, GE.2 completed its mandate.

TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2)

- Legal Framework:
 - Annex 8 of the TIR Convention

- Mandate:
 - Considers and adopts amendments to the Convention
 - Endorses comments to the Convention prepared by TIRExB and WP.30
 - Monitors the application of the Convention
 - Elects members of TIRExB and approves its annual budget
 - Authorizes an international organization for the organization and functioning of international guarantee chain, and to print and distribute TIR Carnets

TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2)

- Members: All Contracting Parties (countries+ customs/economic unions) to the TIR Convention
- Observers: international organizations (i.e. WCO, UNCTAD) and the international guaranteeing organization
 - * National guaranteeing associations and transporter unions may participate as part of their national delegation
- Voting
 - Only government representatives vote
 - Each country has one vote
 - Customs/ economic unions do not have the right to vote

TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2)

- Decisions are usually taken by consensus
- Chair and deputy chair elected for a year; in practice deputy chair succeeds to the chair the next year
- Official languages English, French and Russian
- Meets twice a year in Geneva (usually for one day in February and October)

TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)

- Legal Framework:
 - Annex 8 of the TIR Convention
 - Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of TIRExB
- Mandate:
 - Supervises the functioning of the TIR system (application, guarantee chain, printing, distribution and price of TIR Carnets etc.)
 - Facilitates the settlement of disputes
 - Supports training of customs personnel
 - Maintains central information/ data records (on guarantee and national authorization contracts, authorized operators etc. via ITDB and other means)
 - Fosters exchange of information between competent authorities, associations and the international guaranteeing organization

TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)

- 9 members (experts) elected by the Administrative Committee
- Members are elected in their personal capacity (not representing their governments)
- Members have 2 years terms of office
- Elections held usually at February session of Administrative Committee in every 2 years (forthcoming 2019, 2021, 2023..)
- Elects chair for one year at first session
- Meets as often as required
- Official languages English, French and Russian (at present)
- Participants to the meetings:
 - TIRExB members
 - TIR Secretary
 - International guaranteeing organization (observer)

Working Party (WP. 30)

- Legal Framework:
 - Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.30
- Mandate:
 - Initiates and pursues actions aimed at the harmonization and simplification of regulations, rules and documentation for border crossing procedures
 - Analyzes difficulties encountered at border crossings
 - Monitors the application of UNECE border crossing conventions
 - Considers and endorses amendments to the conventions (formal adoption by relevant Administrative Committee)
 - Considers and adopts recommendations, resolutions, comments and examples of best practices (formal adoption by relevant Administrative Committee)

Working Party (WP. 30)

- Consultative body for 16 UNECE conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation
- Members: Contracting Parties to the conventions
- Observers: International organizations
- Meets usually three times a year in Geneva (usually for two days in February, June and October)
- Chair elected for a year (may be renewed)
- Decisions are usually taken by consensus
- Official languages English, French and Russian

Expert Groups- GE.1 and GE.2

- Legal Framework:
 - Terms of Reference of Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1)
 - Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on the Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2)- completed its mandate
- Mandate of GE.1
 - Lists and analyzes the data elements required for the operation of a TIR transport at the national and international level
 - Lists and analyzes the existing information and telecommunication systems
 - Prepares conclusions with regard to the computerization of the TIR procedure

TIR Secretary and the TIR secretariat

- TIR Secretary
 - A member of the secretariat of UNECE
 - Executes the decisions of TIRExB
 - Assisted by the TIR secretariat
- TIR secretariat
 - 7 internationally recruited staff (size determined by AC.2)
 - Provides secretariat services to TIRExB and other TIR governing bodies
 - Operation financed through amount per TIR Carnet

Inland Transport Committee (ITC)

- Highest policy-making body of UNECE in the field of transport
- A platform for economic cooperation and negotiating and adopting international legal instruments on inland transport
- Established in 1947
- Participants from governments are usually the Ministries of Transport
- Approves reports and work plan of WP.30
- Approves mandates of expert groups (such as GE.1 and GE.2)

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