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Working Party on Transport Statistics  
Task force on statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres)  
(Bratislava, 21-22 September 2006)

## REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING

### STATISTICS ON THE VOLUME OF ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICLE-KILOMETRES)

held at the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic

#### ATTENDANCE

1. The Task force meeting on Statistics on the Volume of Road Traffic (vehicle-kilometres) was held at the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic in Bratislava under the chairmanship of Mr. Erik Grib (Denmark). Representatives of the following UNECE member States participated: Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Romania and Slovakia. The UNECE secretariat, both DG TREN and Eurostat from the European Commission and the ECMT were also present (see Annex).

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

2. The Task force meeting elected Mr. Erik Grib (Denmark) as the Chairman of the Meeting.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. The Task force meeting adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat ([Informal document 5](#)).

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

4. The host country, the secretariat and the chairman welcomed the participants and recalled the principal conclusions of the Copenhagen meeting ([TRANS/WP.6/AC.5/2005/16](#)), as well as the second session of the Task force ([Informal document 4](#)).

## STRUCTURE OF THE MANUAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS

5. The Task force discussed and revised the draft list of contents and focal points of the handbook. Revisions concerns Chapter 4. The new agreed draft table of contents and distributed work among the delegations is as follows:

### HANDBOOK ON STATISTICS ON ROAD TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE

#### Draft Table of Contents

Contents	Focal points (Full addresses are in the Annex)
1. Scope of the handbook	To be decided in the final stage of the project.
2. Users' needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Common Transport Policy (EU)</li> <li>b. National transport policies</li> <li>c. Infrastructure management</li> <li>d. Environmental policies</li> </ul>	<p>Mrs. Marly ODEKERKEN-SMEETS (The Netherlands) <a href="mailto:MODN@CBS.NL">MODN@CBS.NL</a></p> <p>Assisted by: Mr. Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany) Ms. Eleonora PAPADIMITRIOU (Greece) Mr. Mario BARRETO (ECMT)</p>
3. Data collection methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Odometer readings (inspection of vehicles)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National vehicles</li> <li>Traffic abroad included</li> <li>Off-road traffic included</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Needs for supplementary statistics</li> <li>- Frequency of readings and related biases</li> <li>- Measurement errors</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>b. Household surveys</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National vehicles</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Needs for supplementary statistics</li> <li>- Recall effects</li> <li>- Sampling and sample errors</li> <li>- Other errors</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>c. Traffic counts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National vehicles</li> <li>Foreign vehicles</li> <li>Manual counts of nationality etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Sampling and sample errors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Lars Klit REIFF (Denmark) <a href="mailto:lk@vd.dk">lk@vd.dk</a></p> <p>Assisted by: Mrs. Marly ODEKERKEN-SMEETS (The Netherlands)</p> <p>Mr. Erik E. GRIB (Denmark) <a href="mailto:eeg@dst.dk">eeg@dst.dk</a></p> <p>Assisted by: Mr. Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany) Mrs. Sylvie MABILE (France)</p> <p>Mrs. Olga KASTLOVA (Czech Republic) <a href="mailto:olga.kastlova@mdcr.cz">olga.kastlova@mdcr.cz</a></p> <p>Assisted by: Mrs. Jela KYSELOVA (Slovakia) Mrs. Jana LUTTMERDINGOVA (Slovakia)</p>

<p>- Other errors</p> <p><b>d. Derived from fuel consumption</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross-border trade</li> <li>Off-road consumption</li> <li>Manual counts of nationality etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Needs for supplementary statistics</li> <li>- Error sources</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Border surveys</b></p>	<p>Mr. Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany) Mr. Stefan ROMANOVSKI (Romania) Mr. Lars Klit REIFF (Denmark)</p> <p>Mrs. Sylvie MABILE (France) <a href="mailto:sylvie.mabile@equipement.gouv.fr">sylvie.mabile@equipement.gouv.fr</a></p> <p>Assisted by: Mr. Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany)</p> <p>Mr. Stefan ROMANOVSKI (Romania) <a href="mailto:stefan.romanov@rdslink.ro">stefan.romanov@rdslink.ro</a></p>
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<p>5. Synthesis</p>	<p>To be decided in the final stage of the project.</p>
<p>6. Relevant definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Infrastructure</li> <li>b. Vehicles</li> <li>c. Traffic</li> <li>d. Fuel consumption</li> <li>Others</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Hans STRELOW (Eurostat) <a href="mailto:Hans.StreLOW@ec.europa.eu">Hans.StreLOW@ec.europa.eu</a> Mr. Mario BARRETO (ECMT) <a href="mailto:mario.barreto@oecd.org">mario.barreto@oecd.org</a></p>
<p>7. Proposal for a pan-European survey</p>	<p>To be decided in the final stage of the project.</p>

## PRESENTATION OF DRAFT CHAPTERS

6. Focal points presented their draft chapters. These were discussed at length. The focal points received suggestions on further revisions of chapters.

7. Focal points were recommended to prepare for the next meeting a list of words and notions that need to be defined in the final phase of the project. This should be sent to Mr. Hans Strelow as soon as possible.

8. It was decided to include a table in the handbook showing the main method(s) for estimating the overall vehicle kilometres in each member country. This table is on the web [http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5draft\\_chapters.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5draft_chapters.html)  
<http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2006/wp6/AC5Table.xls>

Countries are invited to add correct information and send it to Mr. Lars Klit REIFF by 10 October 2006.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

9. The Task force decided that the focal points and their assistants should finalise their revisions and send their final chapters to the secretariat no later than 16 October 2006. The secretariat will merge all revised chapters into one document and put it on the web as soon as possible as replacement of the existing unedited draft chapters. This will provide opportunities to interested parties to access the draft and to send appropriate inputs to the focal points. The web address is:

[http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5draft\\_chapters.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5draft_chapters.html)

10. Interested parties are invited to communicate their suggestions, observations, recommendations, national experiences and comparisons, as well as other type of input directly to the focal point of the relevant segment of the study no later than 10 November 2006.

## NEXT MEETING

11. The Task-force meeting agreed about the date and venue of its next meeting:

30 November and 1 December 2006 (Maastricht, the Netherlands – hosted by the Netherlands)

## CONCLUSIONS

12. The meeting decided that the secretariat should continue to inform the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) about the activities of this Task force.

13. Delegates to the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) interested in the work of this Task force are welcome to join its ongoing work and efforts on the project. This is an open invitation.

14. General information about the activities of the project such as draft agendas with registration forms and reports are available at this address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5agenda.html>

15. The interested parties are invited to visit regularly this address in order to get information about the general activities of the Task force.

16. As far as specific information about each segment of the project is concerned, the interested parties are encouraged to contact directly the focal points as specified above. The full address list of the focal points is available in the Annex of this document.

17. The meeting decided to submit this document to the next meeting of the WP.6.

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ANNEX

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