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Prague, 10-11 May 2007  

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING  
STATISTICS ON TRANSPORTATION BY BUSES AND COACHES  
held at the Czech Ministry of Transport  

ATTENDANCE  
1. The second meeting on Statistics on Transportation by Buses and Coaches was hosted by the Czech Ministry of Transport, and organised jointly by the UNECE Transport Division and the Czech Ministry of Transport.  

2. The meeting was held at the Czech Ministry of Transport under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter SMEETS (The Netherlands). Representatives of the following UNECE member States participated: Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden. The UNECE secretariat, DG TREN from the European Commission, the ECMT and the IRU were also represented.  

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN  
3. The Task force meeting elected Mr. Peter SMEETS (the Netherlands) as the Chairman of the Meeting.  

ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
4. The Task force meeting adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat (AC.6 Informal document No.5).
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

5. The representative of Czech Ministry of Transport, the secretariat and the chairman welcomed the participants.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS

6. Mr. A. NÄGELE (DG TREN) presented the draft of “Chapter 2-User needs” which contains a list of variables and breakdowns for monitoring of the basic market characteristics for long-distance/inter-urban transport of passengers.

7. Mrs A. MYHR (Sweden) informed the Meeting about the new version of the questionnaire on statistics regarding transportation by buses and coaches.

8. Several participants noted the need of doing more methodological work before the collection of data. They insisted on the necessity to keep the questionnaire simple and related mainly to the transport statistics.

9. The Meeting was informed that a DG TREN study would be carried out on transport and tourism. This study could participate in the collection of data on statistics regarding transportation by buses and coaches.

10. The Task force asked the Chairman and the secretariat to invite more member States to participate in its work.

CONCLUSIONS

11. The Task force decided the following:

Definitions

The Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG.Trans), comprising Messrs. O. SID’AHMED (UNECE), M. BARRETO (ECMT), and H. STRELOW (Eurostat) will prepare a document on definitions based on the proposals submitted by Czech Republic and Germany.

The deadline for this document is 1 July 2007.

User needs

Mr. A. NÄGELE (DG TREN) will prepare a new version of Chapter 2 taking into account the comments received.

Task force members are responsible for elaborating the methodology on variables and breakdowns with the following repartition:
- Transport performance indicators; demand / supply / traffic volume (Mrs. O. KASTLOVA, Czech Republic, only fact box);

- Fleet statistics (F. MULLENDERS, Netherlands);

- Safety indicators (Mrs. O. KASTLOVA and Mr. M. BRICH, Czech Republic);

- Environmental indicators (Mr. P. SMEETS, Netherlands, only fact box);

- Enterprise statistics (Mrs E. KARUS, Estonia);

- Financial data (Mr O. KAMBERSKI, IRU); and

- Service quality indicators (Mr O. KAMBERSKI, IRU).

The deadline for these contributions is 1 July 2007.

Methodological issues

Mrs. A. MYHR (Sweden) will prepare a new version of the questionnaire taking into account the draft of “Chapter 2-User needs”.

The questionnaire at this stage will ask for the availability of data.

Transparency, open membership and contributions

General information about the activities of the Task force that include draft agendas with registration forms and reports will be available at this address:


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.

The interested parties are invited to visit regularly the web address of this project in order to get information about the general activities of the Task force, as well as to contribute to its work.

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

Future meetings

The Task force confirmed the dates for the future meetings of the Task force according to the following tentative timetable:

- 27-28 September 2007 in Brussels
The chairman and the secretariat will prepare before August 2007 the provisional agenda for the next meeting of the Task force and inform the Task force members about this accordingly. This draft agenda will include the final date and venue of the meeting.
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