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Programme of work, 2012–2016 and Biennial Evaluation

Biennial evaluation 2012–2013

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

II. Programme of work for 2012–2013

A. Introduction

2. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme on "Road Traffic Safety" for the biennium 2012–2013. The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety is invited to consider the programme for adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and the Inland Transport Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

3. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

4. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by the Inland Transport Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

5. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on Transport:

<i>Cluster No.</i>	<i>Subprogramme: 02 Transport</i>
1.	Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
2.	Transport trends and economics, land-locked countries and transit facilitation
3.	Road transport (Trans-European network for motorways (TEM) Project)
4.	Road traffic safety
5.	Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
6.	Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
7.	Inland waterway transport
8.	Intermodal transport and logistics
9.	Customs questions affecting Transport
10.	Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
11.	Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
12.	Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
13.	Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
14.	Transport of perishable foodstuffs
15.	Transport statistics

6. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013. If necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of UNECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as “additional”.

7. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material and (c) technical cooperation, including seminars, workshops, training sessions and advisory services.

8. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in section II of this document.

9. The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2010–2014 as adopted in 2010 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2010/8).

B. Objective and strategy

10. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

11. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 4 Road Traffic Safety

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) examines matters and adopts measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. To this end, it considers, inter alia, the implementation of the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, 1968, and the European Agreements of 1971 supplementing them and elaborates proposals for updating these legal instruments as well as the consolidated Resolutions on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2). WP.1 also promotes road traffic safety through optimal use of new technologies. WP.1 will also develop activities to promote road traffic safety awareness in the framework of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020)</p> <p>Main Actions by the Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To act as secretariat to the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety and assist in administering and updating the relevant legal instruments; - To facilitate exchange of data between member countries on road traffic safety policy developments; - To coordinate cooperation to promote road traffic safety between governments and other actors (intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, private sector and academia). 	<p>The Working Party is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage accession to/ratification of and/or implementation of the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, 1968, and the European Agreements of 1971 supplementing them, and elaborate amendment proposals to these legal instruments with a view to strengthening and harmonizing road safety standards; - Define and put in place a well-functioning implementation monitoring mechanism for these legal instruments; - Promote and facilitate the development of the 1968 Conventions as genuine global legal instruments; - Improve data coverage, periodicity, reliability and effectiveness of UNECE road traffic accident statistics as well as of the collection of relevant provisions of national legislations; - Promote and strengthen National and Regional cooperation amongst competent authorities involved in road traffic safety; - Incorporate in its work technological developments that would improve road traffic safety; - Raise awareness about road traffic safety through all means, including sports and cultural events.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>Description of the main legal instruments administered by the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)</p> <p><i>The 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic</i>, sets up commonly agreed rules on all factors influencing international road traffic and its safety, including the driver and the vehicle, and is the reference for many national Road Traffic Codes all over the world</p> <p><i>The 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals</i>, sets up more than 200 commonly agreed reference road signs and signals, prescribes common norms for traffic light signals and uniform conditions for road markings.</p> <p>The implementation of the two conventions is complemented by two sets of best practices, known as the <i>Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)</i> and the <i>Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)</i></p>	

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

2.1 Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (sixty-third session, March 2012)

Documentation:

The report of the biannual session of the Working Party. Other documents include a report on the consistency of the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) with vehicle technical regulations and amendment proposals as well as informal documentation on other issues and activities of interest for the Working Party (MDCI, International Technical Inspections Certificates, Driver fatigue, among others). Other parliamentary documentation is to be determined in the course of the sessions.

2.2 Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (sixty-fourth session, September 2012)

Documentation:

The report of the biannual session of the Working Party. Other documents include a report on the consistency of the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) with vehicle technical regulations and amendment proposals as well as informal documentation on other issues and activities of interest for the Working Party (MDCI, International Technical Inspections Certificates, Driver fatigue, among others). Other parliamentary documentation is to be determined in the course of the sessions.

2.3 Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (sixty-fifth session, March 2013)

Documentation:

The report of the biannual session of the Working Party. Other documents include a report on the consistency of the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) with vehicle technical regulations and amendment proposals as well as informal documentation on other issues and activities of interest for the Working Party (MDCI, International Technical Inspections Certificates, Driver fatigue, among others). Other parliamentary documentation is to be determined in the course of the sessions.

- 2.4 Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (sixty-sixth session, September 2013)

Documentation:

The report of the biannual session of the Working Party. Other documents include a report on the consistency of the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) with vehicle technical regulations and amendment proposals as well as informal documentation on other issues and activities of interest for the Working Party (MDCI, International Technical Inspections Certificates, Driver fatigue, among others). Other parliamentary documentation is to be determined in the course of the sessions.

(b) *Publications and other information material (planned for 2012-2013)*

- 2.5 Road Traffic Legislation online database
(<http://unece.unog.ch/NRSLegislation/NRSLegislationHome.aspx>)
- 2.6 Managing and coordinating road safety: Alternative methods and practices
- 2.7 Cultural Differences and Road Safety
- 2.8 Variable message signs

(c) *Technical cooperation (2012-2013)*

- 2.9 UNECE-BSEC Pilot project on "**Readiness Assessment for the Implementation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) in the BSEC Region**", to be completed in 2012
- 2.10 UNECE Road Safety Conference (May 2012)
- 2.11 Possible set up of a Road Safety Trust Fund

III. Biennial Evaluation

12. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-eighth session in September 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2009/5), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, three indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2010, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2010–2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/7).

13. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2010–2011 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2012–2013.

Biennial Assessment
Review of performance measures for 2010–2011 and establishment of targets for 2012–2013

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishment</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
4. Road Traffic Safety	Enhanced Implementation of the Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals, 1968 and the European Agreements of 1971 supplementing them.	1. Number of new Contracting Parties to the Conventions and European Agreements in 2010–2011	Number of new Contracting Parties: 1. Convention on Road Traffic, 1968: 1 (Portugal, Ratification 30 September 2010) 2. Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968: 0
		3. European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic 1971: 1 (Kazakhstan, Ratification 21 April 2011)	
		4. European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1971: 1 (Kazakhstan, Ratification 7 June 2011)	
		5. Protocol on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1973: 1 (Kazakhstan, Ratification 7 June 2011)	
		6. Convention on Road Traffic, 1949: 1 (Nigeria, Accession, 3 February 2011)	
	2. Number of road safety seminars, workshops, conferences, campaigns and events organized in 2010–2011:	TOTAL: 7 1. UNECE-FIBA Road Safety Campaign 2010 and FIBA Declaration 2. UNECE-BSEC Road Safety Conference, Ioannina, Greece, November 2010 and Ioannina Declaration 3. Signing of the “We Drive by the Rules” Poster at the 64 th	

session of the Economic Commission for Europe (March 2010)

4. Production of UNECE Road Safety film (March 2010)
5. Launching the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) in the ECE region, Conference, Belgrade, Serbia, April 2011
6. UNECE “joining hands” road safety event, World Scout Jamboree, Rinkaby, Sweden, August 2011 (in partnership with the World Organization for the Scout movement, the Hellenic Road Safety Institute, Scouting Ireland, Scouts of Greece and the Irish Road Safety Authority)
7. UNECE-FIBA Road Safety Campaign, European Basketball Championships (Lithuania), September 2011

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| <p>3. Number of participants per seminar, workshop, conference and event</p> | <p>1. UNECE-FIBA World Championships Road Safety Campaign 2010: Global Outreach</p> <p>2. UNECE-BSEC Road Safety Conference, Ioannina, Greece, 2010, Number of Participants: 79</p> <p>3. Signing of the “We Drive by the Rules” Poster at the 64th session of the Economic Commission for Europe (March 2011) Number of signing participants: approx. 140</p> <p>4. Production of UNECE Road Safety film (March 2011): Promotional tool, Global Outreach</p> <p>5. Launching the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) in the ECE region, Conference, Belgrade, Serbia, April 2011, Number of Participants: 101</p> <p>6. UNECE “joining hands” road safety event, World Scout Jamboree, (Rinkaby, Sweden, August 2011) (<u>in partnership with</u></p> |
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the World Organization for the Scout movement, the Hellenic Road Safety Institute, Scouting Ireland, Scouts of Greece and the Irish Road Safety Authority)

Number of participants: 2 scouts per National Contingent from 160 countries, totaling 320 Scouts in addition to visitors and media coverage: Global Outreach

7. UNECE-FIBA Road Safety Campaign, European Basketball Championships (Lithuania), September 2011: **Global Outreach**
