The Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) in 2018 and 2019

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Overview

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- WP.6 Meeting
- Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals
  - Official statistics input into 9.1.2
  - SDG papers
- Glossary Finalization
- Visualizing E-ROAD and Rail (and IWW?) traffic
  - Endorsement of draft resolutions for 2020 road and rail censuses
WP.6 Meeting, June 2018

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- Workshop on inland waterway statistics:
  - Discussing the benefits and challenges of replacing elements of traditional surveys with AIS data
  - Challenges of collecting data on foreign operators, and facilitation of intermodal connectivity. Details at tiny.cc/UNECE-IWW
- Decision on permanent data collections for bus statistics & level crossing accidents, together with streamlining of less reported data.
- Next meeting: 12-14 June 2019: Workshop on measuring urban public transport (SDG 11), and uses of traffic census visualization.
Engagement on data production & metadata on 9.1.2 with ICAO and ITF (co-custodians).

Result: UNECE official statistics being used to measure SDG 9.1.2 in 2019.

Work starting on a better monitoring mechanism. Currently the indicator only tracks transport volumes, without any target. Proposal:

- For passenger volumes, tracking the public transport share of passenger-km.
- For freight, tracking the non-road share of tonne-km.
In order to highlight how UNECE existing data collection can measure the SDGs, a series of descriptive papers was produced.

- Paper 1: Road safety statistics and the SDGs
- Paper 2: Bus statistics and the SDGs
- Paper 3: tonne-km statistics and the SDGs


Experts from 16 countries & many international organisations contributed to updates since 2017.

Publication expected by end-2019 in English, French and Russian, plus working versions in all E.U. languages.

Definitions provide common framework for global comparable transport statistics, including those measuring SDGs 3, 9 and 11.
E-Road and E-Rail Censuses

- Unique international traffic censuses, comparable data on traffic flows on main European roads (AGR) and rail lines (AGC).
- E-Rail: data mapped, now in the process of validation.
- 2020 recommendations available as ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/4 and ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/11 respectively, resolutions on which the Committee is invited to consider and approve.
- These data have important uses in monitoring Euro-Asian Transport Links, and identifying Modal shift opportunities in specific corridors. But only if the response rate is improved.
75 trains a day

2781 Heavy vehicles a day

Example: two extra 60-container trains on the route each day both ways could reduce HGV traffic by ≈8%.

Thank you!

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