Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)

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A. **Twenty eight session** (7–9 September 2015) of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/58);

a. **Workshop** on “Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia”, with the participation of all initiatives / projects operating along these corridors;

- European Commission (EC) TEN-T;
  - ECO;
  - OSJD;
  - SEETO;
  - CAREC;
  - BSEC;
  - TRACECA;
  - IRU –NELTI;
  - CETMO
- World Bank;
- Asian Development Bank;
- Islamic Development Bank
b. Workshop on “Vulnerability and Security of Critical Transport Infrastructure” which was a contribution to the Inland Transport Security Forum of ITC;

c. **Ports Hinterland connections**: in cooperation with the European Union programme MedNet the WP evaluates the possibilities for the development of an International Observatory on Ports Hinterland Connections;

d. Reporting body of two projects and parental body of two group of experts:
   a. TEM & TER;
   b. Euro Asian Transport Linkages;
   c. Climate Change Impacts and adaptation for transport networks and nodes

e. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in the ECE region:
   c. Transport trends and challenges in the road, rail and inland waterways sectors;

f. Technical assistance to countries with transition economies (regional advisor’s work);

g. Regular Review of Urban Mobility and Public Transport challenges and perspectives;
WP.5 kindly requests ITC to consider and approve the establishment a new Group of Experts on **Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs** according to the ECE Rules and Procedures, subject to EXCOM approval and on the Terms of Reference (ToR) contained in document ECE/TRANS/2016/4;

The Group of Experts will focus its work on the following issues:
(a) **Identify models, methodologies, tools and good practices** for evaluating, calculating and analysing inland transport infrastructure construction costs;
(b) **Identify and list terminologies** used in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region for construction costs of inland transport infrastructure; if possible, create a glossary of agreed terminologies and related explanations;
(c) **Collect and analyse data** in order to prepare a **benchmarking of transport infrastructure construction costs** along the ECE region for each inland transport mode – road, rail, inland waterways – including intermodal terminals, freight/logistics centres and ports; Analyse and describe the conditions / parameters under which these costs have been calculated on.
Thank You!