UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)

Future work and operation of the Working Party

Conclusions of a virtual expert group
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#### Present work

Scope and organization of work

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#### Present work

**Participation at sessions of WP.24**

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Future work

Future scope and role

- Pan-European concept
- Forum for Government and industry experts
- Organ for multilateral legal instruments
- Interdisciplinary and interregional work (UNECE)
- Secretariat and conference facilities in E,F,R
- Substantive and active role of delegations
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Future work

Different countries, different needs

- European Union and neighboring countries
- Eastern European countries
- Central Asia and Caucasus countries
- Canada and USA
- IGOs, NGOs and industry groups
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Future work

Key areas

- **Intermodal transport issues**
  - Monitoring of policies and bottlenecks
  - Peer reviews of intermodal policies
  - Euro-Asian intermodal transport
  - Standardized loading units
  - Terminal, transshipment and logistical procedures
  - Civil liability regimes

- **AGTC Agreement and Protocol on IWT**
  - Administration and update
  - Extension of geographical scope and substantive issues

- **Logistics and supply chain management**
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Future work

Re-organization of work

- **Schedule and timing of meetings**
  - One or two annual meetings
  - Support by ad hoc expert groups
  - Back-to-back meetings with other UNECE Groups

- **Structure of the sessions**
  - Start with issues of general interest
  - End with specific mandatory issues

- **Introduction of themes, such as:**
  - Intermodal transport and inland waterways
  - Response to the economic crisis
  - Intermodal transport and dry ports (hubs)
  - Land use planning: The role of terminals
  - Others …..
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Future work

Increased participation of EECCA countries

- Focus on specific and concrete issues
- Establish sub-regional ad hoc expert groups
- (some) WP.24 meetings in EECCA countries
- Financial assistance for EECCA experts
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Future work

Road map for action

- Key areas of future work
  - Intermodal transport issues
    - Substantive
    - Legal (AGTC and Protocol)
  - Logistics
- Re-organization of work
  - Schedule and timing of meetings
  - Structure of WP.24 sessions
  - Introduction of themes
- Increased participation of EECCA countries
Everything you always wanted to know about …, but were afraid to ask

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