

Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP. 6)



**Workshop on "Practical Application of
Risk Assessment and Management Tools"**

Overview of Presentation

- UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)
- WP. 6 goals and areas of work
 - Sectoral initiatives
 - Market Surveillance
- Relation to risk assessment and management

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe



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UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)



FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS:

- Human rights
- Narcotic drugs
- Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Sustainable development
- Etc.....

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

Economic Commission for Africa

Economic Commission for Europe

Economic Commission for Latin American and Caribbean

Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

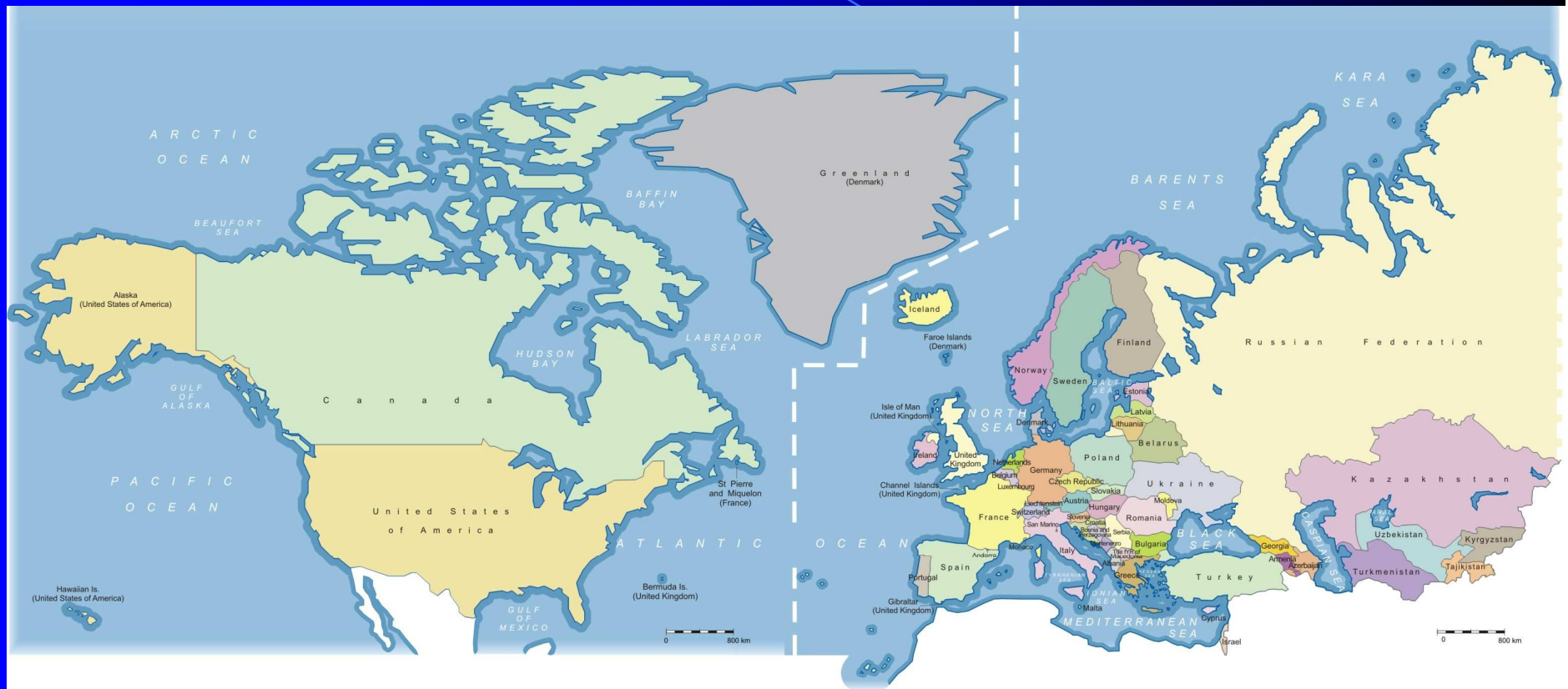
Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS

- UNCTAD
- UNDP
- UNEP
- UNICEF
- UNCDF
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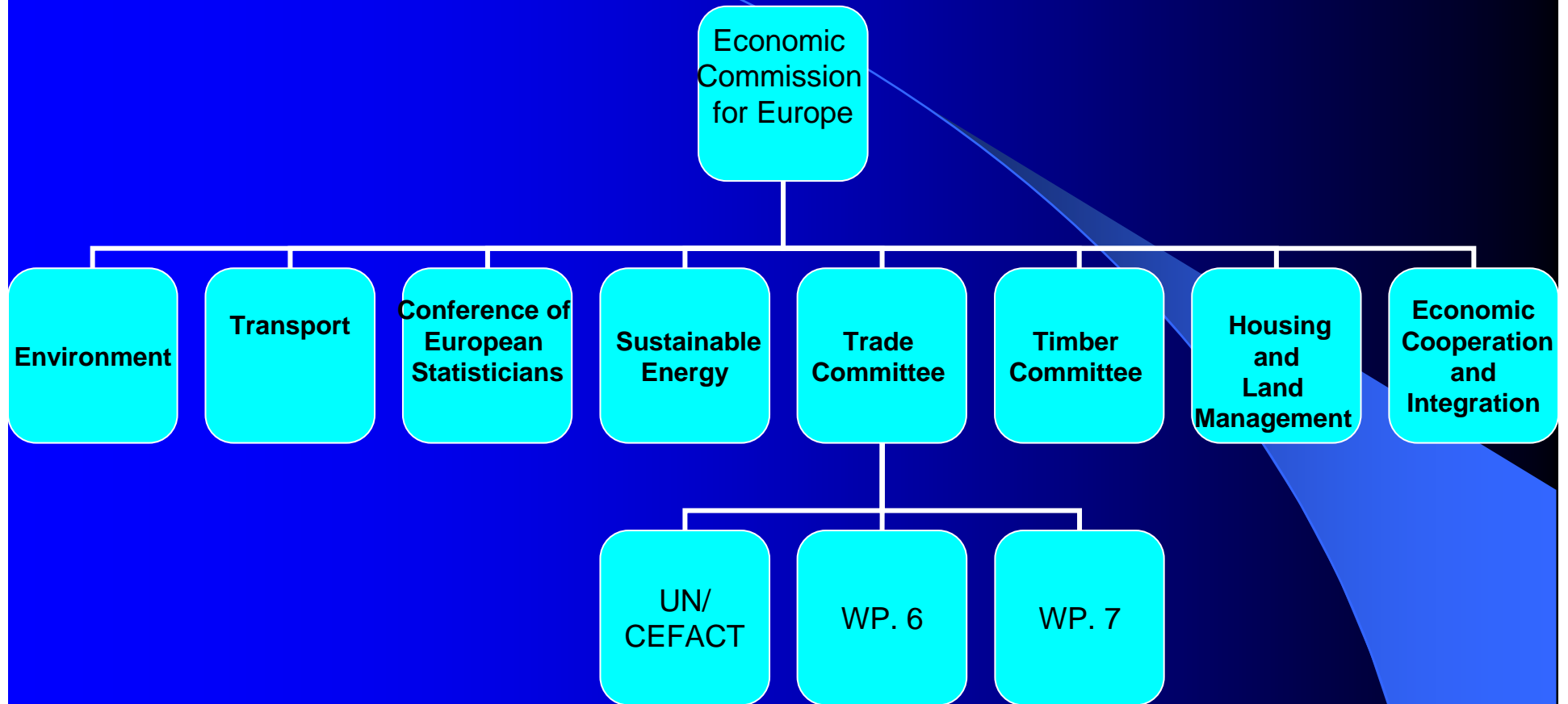
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Commission for ...EUROPE?



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UNECE Structure



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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

- Global agricultural quality standards facilitate international trade, encourage high-quality production, improve profitability and protect consumer interests
- UNECE standards are used internationally by Governments, producers, traders, importers, exporters and international organizations.
- Cover fresh fruit and vegetables, dry and dried produce, seed potatoes, meat, cut flowers, eggs and egg products
- UNDA project to help producers and traders understand what requirements have to be met if they want to export their produce to developed markets, explain legal and technical infrastructure is needed for using the standards

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UN/CEFACT

- Improve the ability of business, trade and governmental organizations to exchange products/services effectively.
- Develop simple, transparent and effective processes for global commerce (including related B2B, G2B and G2G)
- Innovative technical standards
- Recommendations: Single Window, National Trade Facilitation Bodies (PRO committees), Data Rationalization and Standardization for International Trade
- Actively promoting recommendations through capacity building

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UNECE Working Party 6

- ❖ Standardization
- ❖ Technical regulations
- ❖ Conformity assessment
- ❖ Accreditation
- ❖ Market surveillance (MS)
- ❖ Metrology

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- Forum for dialogue
- Open to all UN Member States
- Business associations, standards-setting organizations, certification bodies, test houses, civil society, consumer organizations and private companies
- Broad mandate
- Promotion of good governance -- risk assessment is at the very basis of this idea

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PRODUCT LIFE-CYCLE



**Product
design**

Production

Distribution

**Harmonization
of regulations**

**Conformity
assessment**

**Market
surveillance**

REGULATORY DIALOGUE

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Sectoral Initiatives: Goals

- Increasing safety for workers, consumers' health and protection of the environment
- Lowering barriers to trade
- Increasing cooperation among policy makers and enforcement authorities

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Sectoral Initiatives: the CROs

- Sectoral initiatives are based on Recommendation L approved by the Working Party in 2000
- Sectoral initiatives set out to develop and implement CROs (common regulatory objectives)
- CROs define:
 - the requirements for equipments/products placed on the market or used in the workplace - with reference to international standards
 - how compliance with requirements will be assessed
 - which conformity assessment bodies will be recognized as competent to establish compliance

CROs can be used as a model for legislation or to align existing legislation

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Sectoral Initiatives underway

- **Telecoms Equipment**
- **Earth Moving Equipment**
- **Equipment for Environments with Explosive Atmospheres**
- **Safety of pipelines**

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Facts about Market Surveillance

- Proliferation of unsafe, counterfeit, pirated products, serious health and safety problems
- Borders are porous and no country can win alone
- Countries do not have resources to tackle this problem
- No common understanding – no agreed best practice
- Not enough exchange of information regarding dangerous and substandard products

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WP.6 Work on MS

- **1999: UN General Assembly: Guidelines for Consumer Protection**
- **2003: Advisory Group on Market Surveillance «MARS» Group**
- **2002-2005-2007: 3 MS Forums**
- **2007: Recommendation M**

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Current work of WP.6 in Market Surveillance

- Common definitions of terms (counterfeit, market surveillance, risk, etc)
- General Market Surveillance Procedure (GMSP) that will guide decisions by market surveillance authorities from planning inspections to product recall

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Risk Assessment & Management in WP. 6

- Regulatory cooperation: to choose whether to regulate & among alternative regulatory tools
- Conformity assessment: choice of options
- Market surveillance: Planning of inspections, decisions on communication

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