# Report of the Working Party on Transport Statistics on its sixty-first session

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I. Attendance

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics held its sixty-first session from 1 to 3 June 2010 in Geneva.

2. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries and international organizations: Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3. Representatives of the European Union (EU) were also present (DG MOVE, Eurostat, European Railway Agency (ERA)). The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Danube Commission (DC) and International Transport Forum (ITF). The following non-governmental organization was also represented: International Union of Railways (UIC).

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/158


III. UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies (agenda item 2)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/208

5. The Working Party took note of the results of the seventy-second session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (23-25 February 2010), in particular of its considerations and decisions relating to 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses, port hinterland transport and passenger accessibility of rail systems.

6. The Working Party was informed that the ITC approved as a whole, the report and related activities of the Working Party on Transport Statistics in 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/157).

7. The Working Party welcomed the planned workshop on transport statistics in Kazakhstan on the use of the Web Common Questionnaire with the purpose of improving the response rate. The Working Party will be informed of the outcome at its next session in 2011.

IV. Methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics (agenda item 3)

A. Classification system for transport statistics

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/1

(NST) -NST 2007- will be maintained on the agenda of the next session where upcoming new coding questions and the suggested solutions will be presented for adoption.

9. The experiences gained from NST 2007 will be used to identify best practices. The secretariat will collect information about:
   (a) The application of NST 2007 in the member States;
   (b) The need for an extension of NST 2007 with more detail in the level of goods in transport.

10. Delegates were invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the next session.

B. Glossary for Transport Statistics

*Documentation:* Informal document WP.6 No. 1 (2010)

11. The Working Party welcomed the fourth illustrated edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics. It noted that the French and Russian versions of the Glossary were under preparation. Future sessions of WP.6 would have a standing agenda item dealing with proposals for revisions of definitions and insertion of new definitions. Approved changes would be put on the WP.6 website.

C. Common questionnaire


12. The Working Party took note of the availability of data collected through the Common questionnaire for transport statistics.


14. Specifically, the Working Party decided as follows:

1. Road transport equipment (vehicles)
   (a) To invite, in particular countries from Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia (EECCA), to transmit using the Common Questionnaire, complete and timely data on road vehicles (including new registrations);
   (b) To continue to collect data on all indicators relevant for environmental policies and sustainable transport (information by type of motor energy and engine size), irrespective of the data availability;
   (c) To introduce a separate entry for trolley buses by splitting the existing entry “Motor coaches, buses and trolley buses”.

2. Road traffic and transport measurement
   (a) Delete from the questionnaire the breakdown by country of origin/destination as this information is available for only a limited number of countries;
(b) Pursue work towards harmonization of methodologies on vehicle-km.

3. Economic performance for road transport

Request the secretariat to elaborate a concrete proposal on questions to be included on passenger transport enterprise indicators, for presentation and discussion at the session of WP.6 in 2011 (at present, only data on road goods transport enterprises, are collected);

4. Road Infrastructure

(a) Delete the breakdown by State roads/Communal roads/Provincial roads and to keep only the total of roads;

(b) Request the secretariat to collect information about:
   (i) The inclusion of unpaved roads in the road network and
   (ii) The share of unpaved roads in total road network;

(c) Request the secretariat to search for mechanisms to improve the availability of data on road infrastructure;

(d) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with the ITF on data collection in the field of investments and maintenance for road infrastructure.

5. Rail traffic and transport measurement

(a) Delete from the questionnaire the breakdown by country of origin/destination as this information is available for only a limited number of countries;

(b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with the Committee of the Organization for Co-operation between Railways (OSJD) and the International Union of Railways (UIC) to avoid, to the extent possible, duplication in the collection of data.

6. Rail transport equipment

(a) Discontinue the collection of data on the ownership of rail equipment;

(b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with OSJD and UIC to avoid, to the extent possible, duplication in the collection of data.

7. Rail infrastructure

Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with OSJD and UIC to avoid, to the extent possible, duplication in the collection of data.

8. Economic performance for rail

(a) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with OSJD and UIC to avoid, to the extent possible, duplication in the collection of data;

(b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with the ITF on data collection in the field of economic performance of railways.

9. Inland Waterway Transport equipment

(a) Amend the existing breakdown for the age of vessels by replacing “1990 and over” with two entries: “1990–1999” and “2000 and over”;
(b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) and Danube Commission (DC) on data collection in the field of inland waterway transport equipment.

10. **Traffic and transport measurement for Inland Waterways**

   (a) Delete from the questionnaire the breakdown by country of loading/unloading;

   (b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with CCNR and DC on data collection in the field of traffic and transport measurement for inland waterway transport.

11. **Economic performance for Inland Waterways**

   (a) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with CCNR and DC on data collection in the field of economic performance of inland waterway transport;

   (b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with the ITF on data collection in the field investment and maintenance for inland waterways infrastructure.

12. **Inland Waterways Transport Infrastructure**

   (a) Analyze the present breakdown on IWW transport infrastructure and decide on new indicators, if appropriate;

   (b) Request the secretariat to cooperate closely with CCNR and DC on data collection in the field inland waterways transport infrastructure.

13. **Traffic and transport measurement for Oil Pipelines**

   (a) Verify user needs for these data and decide on the streamlining of these data, as appropriate;

   (b) Analyze the present breakdown on traffic and transport measurement and decide on new indicators, if appropriate.

14. **Economic performance for Oil Pipelines**

   Verify user needs for these data and decide on their streamlining, as appropriate.

15. **Infrastructure for Oil Pipelines**

   Verify user needs for these data and decide on their streamlining, as appropriate.

15. The Working Party invited all countries to actively participate in the data collection using the web version of the Common Questionnaire.

D. **Questionnaire on road traffic accident statistics**


16. The Working Party took note of the status of availability of data on road traffic accidents and was informed of the progress of the work aiming to include the entire questionnaire on road traffic accidents in the web version of the Common Questionnaire.

17. The Working Party adopted a simplified version of the questionnaire as proposed by the IWG in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/3 and noted with satisfaction the importation of data from the Community Database on Accidents on the Roads in Europe.
(CARE), which alleviates the burden on member States participating in CARE. A minor change was adopted (insertion of age distribution of drivers).

18. The Working Party decided also to:

(a) Request the secretariat to pursue collection of data from the CARE Database, possibly by establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with the CARE secretariat specifying the need for regular data transmission to UNECE;

(b) Request the secretariat to cooperate with the International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD) on issues of methodology and exchange of information.

19. The Working Party invited the IWG to accelerate the inclusion of the Questionnaire on road traffic accident statistics into the same application as the Common questionnaire.

E. Transport of gas through pipelines

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/4

20. The Working Party adopted the pilot questionnaire prepared by the IWG in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/4, with a few modifications, namely deletion of Part II on enterprises, economic performance and employment (see annex of this report).

21. The pilot questionnaire would be circulated as soon as possible and its results reviewed by the Working Party at its next session.

F. Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/5


23. The Working Party was informed that the Eurostat Task Force agreed on the following approach:

(a) The collection of the data on road traffic performance would continue on a voluntary basis up to the revision of Directive 2009/40/EC. A new Task Force should be set up by Eurostat with the objectives of analysing the newly available data and considering a future mandatory collection;

(b) In the initial phase (voluntary data collection), the countries would provide the data they can collect and a detailed explanation for the empty cells (data unavailable). The Task Force then discussed the proposed tables and agreed on a new structure of tables.

24. The Working Party accepted the invitation to make the pilot survey pan-European, to use the tables as annexed in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/5 in the next pilot questionnaire and to continue to circulate it as for the Common questionnaire at a pan-European level.

25. The Working Party invited the IWG to elaborate proposals for definitions of vehicle energy types, e.g. bio fuels, flex fuels and hybrids, to be presented at the next session for adoption.
G. Statistics on passenger transport by buses and coaches

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/2

26. At its sixtieth session, the Working Party approved the pilot questionnaire on passenger transport by buses and coaches to be circulated before the end of 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/157, para. 19).

27. The Working Party was informed that this pilot questionnaire was delayed due to lack of resources and it invited the IWG to undertake this activity as soon as possible.

H. Statistics on hinterland connections of seaports

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/9, ECE/TRANS/210


29. The Working Party noted the invitation from the ITC to consider whether and how the statistical recommendations on hinterland connections of seaports could be implemented; recommendations contained in the report on Hinterland Connections on Seaports (ECE/TRANS/210) prepared by a consultant under the auspices of the UNECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics.

30. This report “has highlighted the shortcomings of existing mode-based statistics in providing detailed information about intermodal transport chains involving hinterland flows to/from ports. Informed policymaking requires a more developed understanding of the nature of transport chains that should be based on comprehensive and comparable data. The UNECE questionnaire on hinterland connections of seaports, annexed to the report, provides a low-cost model for obtaining standardized information on containerized and ro-ro (including ro-pax) ferry traffic flows as well as the quality of service on modal links (rail, road, barge, short sea and coastal shipping) while combining available transport statistics with the qualitative information provided by experts. This methodology can be used to describe and analyse relevant hinterland connections in both coastal and landlocked countries.

Recommendation: based on the UNECE questionnaire on hinterland connections of seaports, the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) to collect and process harmonized statistics on annual port-hinterland container and ro-ro ferry (including ro-pax) traffic flows in UNECE member countries that would help to inform policymaking for hinterland transport” (ECE/TRANS/210, para. 128).

31. The Working Party welcomed the presentation made by the Organisation of Danish Ports and invited the delegations to provide national experiences in the collection of data on port hinterland traffic for the next session of the Working Party.

32. The Working Party invited the secretariat to present the study on hinterland connections of seaports to Eurostat’s Task Force on intermodal transport statistics in 2011 for discussion, and to submit proposals for the future work of WP.6 in this domain at its next session.

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1 UNECE report on Hinterland Connections of Seaports (ECE/TRANS/210).
I. **Passenger accessibility of heavy rail systems**

*Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.2/212, annex III, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/8*


34. The Working Party also noted the invitation from the ITC to consider whether and how it could collect the data needed to quantify social benefits of accessibility measures and encouraged to explore the possibility of collecting information on passenger accessibility of rail systems for UNECE member States in close cooperation with the ITF, Eurostat and national statistical authorities.

35. The Working Party discussed a proposal submitted by the European Railway Agency (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/8) for data collection related to the accessibility of the railway transport by People with Reduced Mobility (PRM). This data collection will include infrastructure parameters, rolling stock parameter and data on passenger traffic.

36. The Working Party invited the secretariat to extract appropriate indicators from the final ERA questionnaire on passenger accessibility to rail systems in EU countries, and to send it to non-EU Member States of the UNECE in order to obtain pan European statistics on the subject.

J. **Modernizing statistical production**

37. The Working Party was informed by the secretariat (UNECE Statistical Division) about providing generic terms for statistical production. This activity is related to the Common Metadata Framework (CMF) prepared by the Joint UNECE / Eurostat / OECD Work Sessions on Statistical Metadata (METIS).

V. **Traffic censuses in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (agenda item 4)**

A. **2010 E-Road traffic census**


38. The Working Party was informed about the status of the 2010 E-Road traffic census and of the information received from the countries on their intention to implement the resolution on 2010 E-Road Traffic Census.

39. The Working Party decided as follows:

   (a) Invite all UNECE member countries to participate in the 2010 E-road traffic census in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 259 and to transmit relevant data to the UNECE secretariat within the stipulated time frames;

   (b) Request the UNECE secretariat to publish the census data on the web immediately following their compilation, if possible using geographical information systems (GIS) technology.

40. The Working Party invited the secretariat to report on the issue at the next session and invited member States to supply the results of the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census to the
UNECE secretariat, if possible before 1 November 2011, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18.

B. 2010 E-Rail traffic census


41. The Working Party was informed about the status of the 2010 E-Rail traffic census and of the information received from the countries on their intention to implement the resolution on 2010 E-Rail Traffic Census.

42. The Working Party decided as follows:

(a) Invite all UNECE member countries to participate in the 2010 E-rail traffic census in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 260 and to transmit relevant data to the UNECE secretariat within the stipulated time frame;

(b) Request the UNECE secretariat to publish the census data on the web immediately following their compilation, if possible using geographical information systems (GIS) technology;

(c) Request the UNECE secretariat to cooperate with Eurostat in the preparation of the E-rail traffic census and necessary follow-up.

43. The Working Party invited the secretariat to report on the issue at the next session and invited member States to supply the results of the combined E-Rail Traffic Census 2010 to the UNECE secretariat, if possible, before 30 June 2012, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4.

VI. Collection and dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (agenda item 5)


44. The Working Party discussed and adopted the roadmap on collection and dissemination of transport statistics as presented by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/6. This roadmap should help to alleviate the data gap and to seek further improvement in the availability and quality of transport statistics within UNECE.

45. In addition to the decisions made under other agenda items (Common questionnaire and Questionnaire on road traffic accident statistics), the Working Party adopted specific recommendations on the UNECE transport database:

(a) Request the UNECE secretariat to improve the quality and scope of the UNECE Transport Statistics Database, including the provision of appropriate metadata;

(b) Request the UNECE secretariat to provide, to the extent possible, all relevant information in the UNECE Transport Statistics Database in Russian;

(c) Request the UNECE secretariat to disseminate online transport related indicators, such as:

(i) performance of freight transport (tkm);

(ii) performance of passenger transport (pkm);

(iii) fatalities/injuries per million inhabitants;
(iv) fatalities/injuries per number of vehicles;
(v) passenger cars in use per 1000 inhabitants;
(vi) roads density (km per 1000 km²);
(vii) railway density (km per 1000 km²).

46. For the publications programme, the Working Party:

(a) Requested the UNECE secretariat to issue the Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS) and the Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) only when adequate data are available. The ABTS will become the “UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America”.

(b) Requested the UNECE secretariat to continue the annual publication of the “Main Transport Indicators in the UNECE region”.

47. The Working Party adopted the following general recommendations:

(a) Continue to streamline data collection procedures in the field of transport and road traffic safety and to review user needs on a permanent basis, including those of other UNECE intergovernmental bodies;

(b) Request the UNECE secretariat to pursue its efforts to provide high-quality and up-to-date data and indicators on transport and road traffic safety;

(c) Request the UNECE secretariat to cooperate with international organizations and national offices, in particular Eurostat, ITF, UIC, OSJD, CCNR and DC towards harmonization of methodologies and streamlining of data collection procedures;

(d) Request the UNECE secretariat to put in place a coordinated approach with other international organizations in the collection of transport and road traffic safety data, possibly by establishing a calendar of action to be continuously updated;

(e) Support the UNECE secretariat in the organization of capacity building events in the collection of transport and road traffic safety statistics, particularly for EECCA countries and invite national statistical offices and other authorities as well as international organizations to assist UNECE in these activities through in-kind or financial contributions.

48. The Working Party requested the secretariat to implement the road map as soon as possible.

VII. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics
(agenda item 6)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/7


50. The IWG was encouraged to present concrete proposals concerning inclusion of activities on capacity building, for discussion and decision at the next session of WP.6.
VIII. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party (agenda item 7)

A. European Commission (DG MOVE)

51. The representative of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission informed the Working Party of recent developments and projects in European transport policy, in particular the preparations for the White Paper on the European transport policy of the next ten years. The White Paper will contain the main strategic guidelines of the transport policy of the future and announce a number of measures to be adopted until 2020. It is expected to be adopted by the Commission towards the end of 2010.

52. The representative of DG MOVE also announced two calls for tenders which the DG had launched and which involve some form of data gathering and/or data management:

(a) A study on data collection and statistics in the field of urban mobility (outcome expected in late 2011); and

(b) A study on European railway vehicles and infrastructure databases (outcome expected in mid-2011).

B. European Commission (Eurostat)

53. The representative of Eurostat informed the Working Party of the activities carried out by his organization and the main objectives of their programme of work for 2010, in particular:

(a) Implementation of the Community « acquis » (all data for year 2009 available by December 2010);

(b) Production of transport infrastructure, equipment, enterprises, safety indicators, etc. through the use of the Common Questionnaire accessible via Internet;

(c) Systematic updating and quality improvement of regional transport indicators based both on the annual survey and on the legal data collections;

(d) Consolidation and further development of methodology and production for structural indicators, sustainable development indicators, modal split indicators and Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism (TERM) indicators;

(e) Consolidation of the development of the Community data collection on road traffic measurement (road VKm);

(f) Dissemination of Community transport statistics both in electronic format and publications.

C. International Transport Forum

54. The representative of the ITF reported on the recent ITF Forum in Leipzig on transport and innovation (26-28 May 2010) and on its main statistical activities, in particular ITF publications and dissemination through the web page for:

(a) Data for Investment in Transport Infrastructure;

(b) The Quarterly Transport Statistics; and
Based on the latest ITF 2009 data, he illustrated the impact of the economic crisis on the transport sector. He also presented a WEB tool, the ITF is working on, that will allow the user to combine different transport indicators and see how they interact with each other.

D. Danube Commission

55. The representative of the DC informed the Working Party that the DC is participating actively in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.

IX. Other business (agenda item 8)

A. Use of the German Maut system for the collection of transport statistics

56. The Working Party took note of the possible use of the toll system in Germany for heavy good vehicles for the collection of transport statistics and appreciated the information given on this supplementary data source. It urged countries with similar systems to inform the Working Party at its next session, on:

(a) Use of toll roads for collection of data on nationality of vehicles;
(b) Data availability for users and producers of national transport statistics.

B. Relation between energy statistics and transport statistics: challenges and benefits


58. The Working Party invited its members to intensify cooperation with international producers of energy statistics. The relation between transport statistics and energy statistics will be on the agenda of the next session of WP.6.

C. Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

59. The Working Party took note of preliminary dates and venues of meetings in 2010-2011 of the following bodies:

| Coordinating Group for Statistics on Transport (CGST, Eurostat) | 15-16 December 2010 |
| Working Group on Inland Waterways Statistics (Eurostat) | Q1. 2011 |
| Task Force on road Traffic (Eurostat) | April/May 2011 |
| UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) | 8-10 June 2011 |
| Working Group on Road Freight Transport (Eurostat) | June 2011 |
| Working Group on Road Traffic (Eurostat) | October 2011 |
| Task Force on Intermodal transport and performance indicators (Eurostat) | To be decided |
| Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (Eurostat) | December 2011 |
X. Election of officers (agenda item 9)

60. In accordance with the Commission’s rules of procedure and established practice, the Working Party elected Mrs. Olga Kastlova (Czech Republic) as Chair for its sessions in 2011-2012.

XI. Date of next session (agenda item 10)

61. The next session of the Working Party is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 8 to 10 June 2011.

XII. Summary of decisions (agenda item 11)

62. As agreed and in line with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, has prepared this report.
Annex

Pilot Questionnaire on transport of gas through pipelines

D.II. Gas pipeline transport

I. Infrastructure / II. Transport equipment

Country:

1. PIPELINES OPERATED
   Length at 31.12 (km)
   01010. total
   Carrying capacity
   (1000 tonnes/day)
   01040. total

III. Enterprises, economic performance and employment (not applicable)

IV. Traffic / V. Transport measurement

Country:

1. TRANSPORT WITHIN THE NATIONAL TERRITORY
   Tonnes* (1000)
   0101000. total
   by type of transport operation
   0101010. national transport
   0101021. international transport - loaded
   0101022. international transport - unloaded
   0101031. transit throughout
   Tonne-kilometres* (million)
   0102000. total
   by type of transport operations
   0102010. national transport
   0102021. international transport - loaded
   0102022. international transport - unloaded
   0102031. transit throughout

* kilometres within the territory of the reporting country
## Country:

### 2. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT BY GAS PIPELINES LOADED IN THE REPORTING COUNTRY

**tonnes (1000)**

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