



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
16 June 2014

Original: English

Economic Commission for Europe

Inland Transport Committee

Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

Twenty-seventh session

Geneva, 8–10 September 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 September 2014.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Second workshop on “Good practices and new tools for Financing Transport Infrastructure”, organized jointly by Euro-Asian Transport Links project, Trans-European Motorways (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects and the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics.
3. Workshop on “Transport Trends and Economics in Mediterranean region: haring experiences among EuroMed and UNECE countries”.
 - (a) EuroMed Transport Project;
 - (b) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre (CETMO);

¹ Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat two weeks prior to the session by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (+41-22-917 0039). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).

- (c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean;
- (d) Transport Trends and Economics: Cases from ECE region;
- (e) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network;
- 4. Ports Hinterland connections and customs procedures: The case of the European Union programme Med Net.
- 5. Monitoring developments in pan-European transport networks:
 - (a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in developing the Trans-European Transport Network;
 - (b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects.
- 6. Euro-Asian Transport Links:
 - (a) Progress in Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) work;
 - (b) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives.
- 7. Climate Change and Transport:
 - (a) Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for International Transport Networks;
 - (b) Climate Change mitigation: UNECE ForFITS tool;
 - (c) Diesel engine exhausts.
- 8. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region:
 - (a) Transport Trends and Economics 2012–2013: Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility;
 - (b) Transport Trends and Economics 2013–2015: Financing Transport Infrastructure;
 - (c) Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector;
 - (d) Transport Trends and Challenges in the rail sector;
 - (e) Transport Trends and Challenges in the inland waterways sector;
 - (f) UNECE Transport statistics analysis.
- 9. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition.
- 10. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.

Participation of non-ECE countries, Contracting Parties to UNECE conventions, in the activities of Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies.
- 11. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2015 and 2016.
- 12. Other business.
- 13. Date of next session.
- 14. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/55

2. Second workshop on “Good practices and new tools for Financing Transport Infrastructure” jointly organized by Euro-Asian Transport Links project, Trans-European Motorways (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects and the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

The revised TEM and TER Master Plan reflected the changes in the road and rail backbone network as well as the forecast of traffic flows on articular sections of the TEM (motorway/road) and TER (rail) networks. The Master Plan lists the road and rail projects, comprising 294 motorway/road construction and/or rehabilitation and 191 rail projects with a total cost of approximately 188 billion euros.

The EATL project Phase II resulted in a multi-country transport investment plan, which is the outcome of the review and prioritization of 311 priority projects. The total cost of these projects is over 200 billion United States dollars, with 188 project identified as high priority requiring special attention. Their estimated costs are US \$ 78 billion.

At this workshop, experts from TEM and TER as well as EATL participating States (39 countries) as well as experts in financing transport infrastructure, will have the opportunity to present their countries' transport infrastructure case studies and good practices and new innovative tools for financing transport infrastructure.

The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. The Working Party may wish to review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

3. Workshop on “Transport Trends and Economics in the Mediterranean region: Sharing experiences among EuroMed and UNECE countries”

(a) EuroMed Transport Project

The EuroMed project aims to assist the implementation of the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) on terrestrial transport modes: road, rail and urban transport, by supporting the implementation of the Trans Mediterranean Transport network and promoting sustainable and efficient transport in urban areas. It seeks to create a regional level-playing field which would facilitate gradual liberalisation and harmonization of cross-border road and rail haulage. This complements other efforts to develop the Transmediterranean transport infrastructure network. Countries participating in the project will present their recent transport developments, trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

(b) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre (CETMO)

CETMO had been asked to prepare a report on its activities for the twenty-seventh session of the Working Party. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated for consideration.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

(c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean

The Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) secretariat may prepare a report on its activities for the consideration of the Working Party.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

(d) Transport Trends and Economics: Cases from ECE region

Representatives from UNECE countries may present the recent transport developments, trends and challenges in their countries. The Working Party may wish to discuss the countries' experiences and indicate whether it would appreciate receiving national reports from other UNECE member countries in 2015.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

(e) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

4. Ports Hinterland connections and customs procedures: The case of European Union program Med Net

MEDNET is a European project, co-financed by the MED Programme, aimed at simplifying and harmonizing maritime and port procedures in the Mediterranean region.

When completed, the project will primarily recommend actions and measures for facilitating maritime freight exchange, speeding up logistic procedures, and reducing logistics costs. More efficient operating maritime routes will contribute to increasing modal shift from the currently congested European road network while reducing at the same time adverse environmental impacts and enhancing social and economic cohesion among the European and Mediterranean populations.

The project will develop pilots, test in partner ports and at administrative or customs institutions in participating partner countries. This will enable the identification of opportunities for simplifying and harmonizing procedures. In parallel, monitoring and data collection studies will feed information into a database to be set up as an "Observatory of Port Operations in the Mediterranean", made available to partners and all maritime sector stakeholders.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the project's developments and take note of presentations made by experts from countries participating in the project.

Documentation

Informal document No. 6

5. Monitoring of the developments in pan-European transport networks

(a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in developing the Trans-European Transport Network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party about the recent progress of TEN-T activities and extending the network to countries neighbouring the European Union (EU).

Documentation

Informal document No. 7

(b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects

The managers of the TEM and TER projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2013–2014.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2014/1, ECE/TRANS/WP5/2014/2

6. Euro-Asian Transport Links

(a) Progress on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) work

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the progress of the work of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) and the recent developments of the EATL project Phase III (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/20). The Working Party may wish to consider, discuss and provide guidance on the effective implementation of the work plan of the Group of Experts.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/20

(b) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives

Representatives of other Euro-Asian transport initiatives/projects will brief the Working Party about their activities and cooperation with the EATL Expert Group.

7. Climate Change and Transport

(a) Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for International Transport Networks

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the UNECE publication on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for International Transport Networks. In addition, the Working Party may wish to consider continuing the work of the Group of Experts on climate change impacts and adaptation to international transport networks and approve its

Terms of Reference, based on the approved recommendations of Group's final report, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2014/3).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2014/3 and UNECE publication

(b) Climate Change mitigation: UNECE ForFITS tool

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the developments in the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) project during 2013–2014. .

(c) Diesel engine exhausts

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the discussion paper "Diesel engine exhausts: Myths and realities" prepared by the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to consider the discussion paper, provide guidance for disseminating its findings and possible follow-up.

Documentation

UNECE publication

8. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region

(a) Transport Trends and Economics 2012–2013: Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the 2012–2013 publication Transport Trends and Economics 2012-2013 Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility prepared by the secretariat on the basis of national inputs.

Documentation

UNECE publication

(b) Transport Trends and Economics 2013–2015: Financing Transport Infrastructure

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the proposal for 2014-2015 publication "Transport Trends and Economics: Financing Transport Infrastructure".

(c) Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector

A representative of the International Road Transport Union will present recent road transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8

(d) Transport Trends and Challenges in the rail sector

A representative of the International Union of Railways will present recent rail transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 9

(e) Transport Trends and Challenges in the inland waterways sector

A representative of an international organization will present recent inland waterways transport trends and challenges.

(f) UNECE Transport Statistics analysis

The secretariat will present its work and transport statistics data for 2013.

9. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser and the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT) during the biennium 2013–2014. The Working Party may wish to invite governments, international organizations and institutions to contribute to the UNECE TFACT and indicate the type of assistance.

Documentation

Informal document No. 10

10. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party**Participation of non-ECE countries, Contracting Parties to UNECE conventions, in the activities of ITC and its subsidiary bodies.**

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of the seventy-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee (25–27 February 2014) on issues of interest to the Working Party.

During the seventy-sixth session of ITC, a closed session (for government delegates only) of the Chairs of ITC's subsidiary bodies was organized. The session was dedicated to discussing the participation of non-ECE countries that are also Contracting Parties to the UNECE transport conventions and agreements in the Working Parties and other intergovernmental bodies of UNECE. The Committee decided, *inter alia*, to request the secretariat to transmit the issues at stake to the Working Parties for discussion and to collect and consolidate their views and current practices for the consideration of the ITC at its seventy-seventh session. Against this background, the Working Party is invited to continue its discussions on the issue and to provide guidance to the secretariat. To facilitate this task, the secretariat prepared Informal document No12, outlining the various applicable ToRs and RoPs and their relevance for the current discussion.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/240, Informal document No. 11

11. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2015 and 2016

The Working Party will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2015 and 2016.

12. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

13. Date of next session

The Working Party's twenty-seventh session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 7 to 9 September 2015.

14. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the decision of the Working Party taken at its fifteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/32, para. 56), decisions taken at the session will be adopted at the end of the session. The report of the session, including the decisions, will be established by the Chair and Vice-Chair with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.
