

Informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group Meeting on Transport Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis

9 June 2020, WebEx 13h00 – 16h30 CET

*Preparatory meeting to the 33rd
Session of the Working Party on
Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
Geneva, 7-9 September 2020*

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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COVID-19 crisis impact

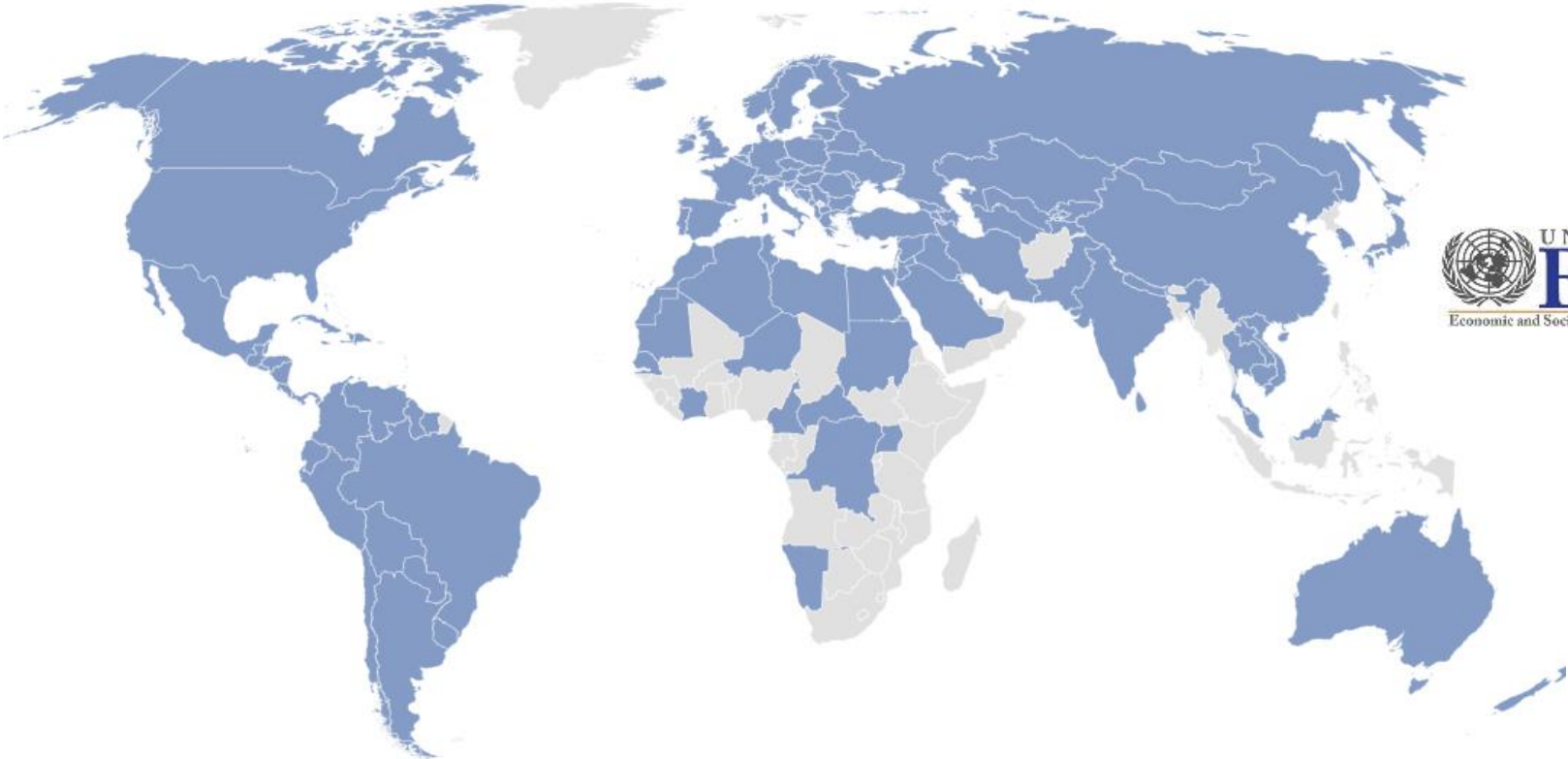
- Uncoordinated & unilateral actions resulted in huge delays at borders in many countries and made it increasingly difficult to keep transport and logistics supply chains function
- The delivery of essential goods, such as foods, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies were impacted
- Restrictions to cross-border and transit freight transport aggravated the economic and social impacts of the shock to the global economy



COVID-19 immediate crisis responses



Observatory on border crossing status due to COVID-19



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COVID-19 immediate crisis responses



- **UNECE transport statistics** developed a webpage to track, monitor and share key statistics relating to COVID-19 impact of the pandemic on the transport sector: <https://wiki.unece.org/display/DSOCIOT/Data+Sources+on+Coronavirus+impact+on+transport>
- The **Transport Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)** has established a task force to develop “Green and Healthy Sustainable Transport Principles”: <https://thepep.unece.org/events/task-force-development-green-and-healthy-sustainable-transport-principles-1st-meeting>
- The **Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)** organises a **Friends of the Chair meeting on 26 June 2020** to discuss impact of COVID-19 on intermodal transport and logistics: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=54453>

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ITC Mandate

- At the 82nd session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (Geneva, February 2020), the Committee:

*“Requested the secretariat, in close cooperation with the Bureau, with the support of interested governments and key stakeholders to conduct **necessary research on provisions in existing frameworks** and new needed areas of work to **promote cooperation between transport authorities** in the field of **counteracting the effects of emergency situations of cross-country nature, including epidemics and pandemics**, and present this information to Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) in September 2020 for consideration of further steps and for inclusion to its programme of work.”*

ITC Mandate – Timeline



- Today`s discussions will feed into the ITC mandated working document
Concise written inputs to be submitted to UNECE secretariat until 15 June 2020 COB
- Working document will be available from end of June on the UNECE webpage for discussion at the second informal advisory group to be held during the forthcoming 33rd WP.5 session in Geneva on 7-9 September 2020
- WP.5 discussion in September is expected to endorse next steps aimed at enhancing the inland transport sector`s resilience to and preparedness for future pandemics and/or international emergency situations



Agenda for today



13h15-14h30 – Lessons learned from the crisis and challenges in re-opening of cross-border traffic – national and regional organisations statements

14h30-15h30 – Lessons learned from the crisis and challenges in re-opening of cross-border traffic – initiatives by international organizations

- World Health Organization perspective
- Road transport sector
- Rail transport sector
- Customs/ transit and border management sector

15h30-16h20 – Exchange of views on possible recommendations to increase resilience to future outbreaks – by Governments, private sector operators and international organizations

16h20-16h30 – Wrap -up, agreement on next steps and closing





Thank you for your attention

