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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

##### Thirty-first session

Geneva, 3–5 September 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-first session<sup>1, 2</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,  
3 September 2018, Room IX, Palais des Nations

#### I. Provisional agenda

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2. International Conference on “Making Euro-Asian Transport Corridors Operational”.
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4. Ports Hinterland connections.
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;
  - (b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to register online at: [uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Rxs9Ey](http://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Rxs9Ey) or to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website ([www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html](http://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](mailto:maria.mostovets@unece.org)). 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](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm)).



6. Transport in the Mediterranean Region:
  - (a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre;
  - (b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network;
  - (c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean;
7. Euro-Asian Transport Links:
  - (a) Progress in Euro-Asian Transport Links work;
  - (b) International Transport Infrastructure Observatory;
  - (c) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives.
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9. Urban mobility and Public Transport: pan-European master plan for cycling.
10. Climate Change and Transport:
  - (a) Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes;
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  - (a) Transport Trends and Economics 2018–2019: Mobility as a Service;
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  - (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.
12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition.
13. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
14. Elections of Officers for the Working Party sessions in 2019 and 2020
15. Other business.
16. Date of next session.
17. Adoption of main decisions.

## 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.5/63

### 2. International Conference on “Making Euro-Asian Transport Corridors Operational”

This year's international conference comes as a follow up to the workshops organized by the Working Party during its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 7–9 September 2015) on “Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia” and during its thirtieth session (Geneva, 4–6 September 2017) on “Transport Infrastructure Corridors along Europe and Asia” as well as to the finalization of phase III of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Group of Experts.

The EATL Project, Phase I (2002–2007), Phase II (2008–2012) and Phase III (2013–2017) made transport between Europe and Asia a reality. The identification of routes, the prioritization of infrastructure investment projects, the development of a Geographical Information System (GIS) database, the analysis of non-physical obstacles to transport, the comparison study between maritime and inland transport, the organization of a number of national capacity-building workshops on transport facilitation as well as the efforts to operationalize those corridors by preparing common time schedules and tariffs, have all helped to lay the foundation for an operational Euro-Asian transport network.

The International Conference will focus its work and discussions on future cooperation among Governments, International Financial Institutions, private sector and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) secretariat in order to further facilitate the development of those corridors, eliminate if possible any non-physical obstacles and make inland transport major contributor to the economic development and trade facilitation of the region. Representatives from key private companies that already perform transportation services along those corridors or they tried to do so, will be invited in order to share with conference participants not only the results of their efforts but also their experience, lessons learnt and challenges that they still face.

The Working Party may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. The program of the international conference can be found in informal document No. 1. It may also wish to review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of conference participants.

#### Documentation

Informal document No. 1

### 3. Workshop and study on “Integrated Transport and Urban Development including environmental, health and quality of life perspective”

There exist major knowledge gaps on the development of integrated transport and urban planning which undermine the developmental efforts of many ECE member States and cities to achieve sustainable transport and make progress on transport-linked environment and health objectives. At its fifteenth session, the Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP) Steering Committee (Geneva,

6–8 November 2017) proposed the development of a manual on current practices and solutions in the field of sustainable transport and urban planning, to be launched and potentially adopted at the Fifth High-level Meeting in Vienna, in autumn 2019. At the same time, THE PEP secretariat presented a proposal for a publication on case studies and good practices on integrating transport and land-use planning in cities. The Steering Committee welcomed both proposals. A project was initiated funded by Russian Federation with the overall objective to improve knowledge of the ECE member States on integrated transport and urban development including environmental, health and a quality of life perspective. The Inland Transport Committee during its eightieth session in Geneva, 20–23 February 2018 (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 33) requested WP.5 as the analytical body of the Sustainable Transport Division to undertake this study in close cooperation with THE PEP.

The main objectives of the project are:

- (a) support the development of integrated transport and urban development and land use policies that take into account environmental and health issues and quality of life;
- (b) raise awareness among policy-makers at national level of the relevance and benefits of promoting national policies that support local action towards integrated transport and urban planning, and providing them with inspiring examples of practices;
- (c) raise awareness internationally of the importance of linking sustainable transport policies into urban planning, to achieve multiple targets of the 2030 Agenda.

This Workshop is being organized in order for the member States to brainstorm on this topic as well as discuss and suggest proposals on how better prepare the above-mentioned publication on case studies and good practices. The Working Party may also wish to consider formal document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/1 which includes a questionnaire to be distributed to member States in order to collect as many case studies and good practices on the topic under discussion as possible. The program of the Workshop can be found in informal document No.2.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/1, Informal document No. 2

## **4. Ports Hinterland connections**

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 7–9 September 2015) took note of the ports hinterland connections observatory prepared by Mediterranean Network (MedNet) programme (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3). It noted also that the secretariat had already received an unofficial invitation from MedNet project in taking over the hosting, maintenance and further expansion to all UNECE countries of the ports hinterland connections observatory. Furthermore, during its last session (Geneva, 5–7 September 2016) the Working Party agreed that the objective should be that no extra costs will be generated and the operations of this observatory will be organized on a self-sustained way. This means that government experts will be responsible for inserting and updating any information provided in the system. In addition, the secretariat informed the Working Party that no official correspondence from MedNet project had been received so far. Furthermore, during its last session decided to postpone decision on this issue and requested the secretariat to provide updates at its next session especially about the GIS project being funded by Islamic Development Bank which could create economies of scale.

The Working Party may wish to be informed by the secretariat for any developments on this issue.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3

## **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.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 3

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

The managers of the TEM (Trans-European Motorway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/2) and TER (Trans-European Railway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/3) projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2017–2018.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/3

## **6. Transport in the Mediterranean Region**

### **(a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre**

The Mediterranean Transport Study Centre (CETMO) had been asked to prepare a report on CETMO activities for the thirtieth session of the Working Party. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated for consideration by the Working Party.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 4

### **(b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network**

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

### **(c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean**

The Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) secretariat will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Mediterranean transport network.

## **7. Euro-Asian Transport Links**

### **(a) Progress on Euro-Asian Transport Links work**

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the final report of the EATL Group of Experts and about recent developments of the EATL project Phase III (EATL publication phase III). The Working Party may wish to consider, discuss and provide guidance regarding future work on Euro-Asian Transport Links.

#### **Documentation**

EATL phase III Publication

### **(b) International Transport Infrastructure Observatory**

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its last session approved the development of a transport infrastructure observatory in Europe and Asia which should include all

existing initiatives on transport infrastructure development in the European and Asian continents (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/3, ECE/TRANS/2018/4, [www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/international\\_transport\\_infrastructure\\_observatory.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/international_transport_infrastructure_observatory.html)).

The Working Party may wish to be informed about any developments on this topic by the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/3, ECE/TRANS/2018/4

**(c) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives**

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

**8. Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs**

The Working Party may wish to be informed on developments in the work of this Group of Experts and the results of its sessions (fifth session, Geneva, 30 and 31 January 2018; sixth session Geneva, 1 and 2 May 2018; seventh session, Geneva, 28 June 2018) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/14).

Since the mandate of the Group finished this year, the Working Party may wish to be informed by the Chair and the secretariat about the work done so far as well as the request of the experts of the Group to extend its mandate for one more year. This extension for one more year should be realized after the final approval by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) in 2019 in order for the experts to have the opportunity to meet at least four times before submitting their final report to the thirty-third session of WP.5 in 2020.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/14

**9. Urban mobility and Public Transport: pan-European master plan for cycling**

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its last session took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the preparation of the infrastructure module of the THE PEP Pan-European Cycling Master Plan (Informal Document No. 5) based on a methodology used for the development of TEM & TER master plan as well as of the EATL project. The Working Party welcomed the cooperation with the THE PEP and took note of the methodology.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about any developments on this topic by the secretariat.

**Documentation**

Informal Document No. 5

## 10. Climate Change and Transport

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

The Working Party may wish to recall that at its last session approved the extension of the mandate of the Group for one more year after the final approval from EXCOM in order to report back its final report to the working party in September 2019.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about developments on the work of the Group (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/29)

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/29

### (b) Climate Change mitigation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe For Future Inland Transport Systems tool

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the developments on the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) project during 2017–2018.

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

### (a) Transport Trends and Economics 2018–2019: Mobility as a Service

The Working Party during its last session and while discussing the possibility to develop a transport trends and economics publication on achievement of sustainable development goals through the development of Sustainable Transport requested the secretariat to prepare a document on a draft road map on the contributions of member States and of the Working Party sessions in implementing the 2030 Agenda in order for the Working Party to consider it and finalize it. The Working Party may wish to consider formal document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/4 which includes the draft road map.

Furthermore, the Working Party decided that its transport trends and economics publication for the period 2017–2018 should focus on “Mobility as a Service”. The Working Party may wish to consider informal document No. 6 which includes a first draft of this publication.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/4, Informal Document No. 6

### (b) Transport Trends and Economics 2016–2017: Innovative ways for financing Transport Infrastructure

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the 2016–2017 publication on “Transport Trends and Economics: Financing Transport Infrastructure”. The Working Party may wish to be informed about this publication.

#### Documentation

Publication

### (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. 7

**(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. 8

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

The secretariat 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 2017.

**12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition**

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser (Informal document No. 9) on technical assistance provided by ECE to countries with economies in transition.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 9

**13. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party**

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of the eightieth session of the Inland Transport Committee (20–23 February 2018) on issues of interest to the Working Party.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/274

**14. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2019 and 2020**

The Working Party will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2019 and 2020.

**15. Other business**

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

**16. Date of next session**

The Working Party's thirty-second session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 2019.

**17. Adoption of main decisions**

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.

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