



WP.5 role in the implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030

Working Document No. 2
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/2

WP.5, 33rd session
Geneva, 7-9 September 2020
Agenda item 3 (a)

TRANSPORT



Background

- At its eighty-first plenary session (19-22 February 2019), the ITC adopted its **Strategy until 2030** defining its role across 4 key pillars of work
- The Committee invited its **subsidiary bodies** to take follow-up actions to **align their work with the ITC Strategy** (ECE/TRANS/288, para 15 (a) and (c))
- In response, **WP.5 at its thirty-second session** (2019) reviewed its activities and agreed on **six main clusters of work** included in its long-term programme of work



WP.5 Mandate

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/2

***Inter alia* stipulates WP.5 role to:**

- Review general trends regarding transport developments and transport policy, and analyze specific transport economic issues
- Encourage exchanges of data between member countries on transport policy developments in order to review the medium- and long-term evolution of the transport sector
- Improve inter-modal coordination and integration with a view to establishing a sustainable European transport system considering the interrelationship of the UNECE Agreements (AGR, AGC, AGTC and its Protocol, AGN) and the UNECE TEM and TER projects with the Pan-European network planning procedure



WP.5 Mandate (2)

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/2

- Monitor the developments relevant for the Pan-European Transport Corridors, including transport in the Mediterranean region and the Black Sea region
- Foster world-wide participation in its activities by encouraging cooperation and collaboration with countries, the EC, IGOs, NGOs and REIOs as well as other organizations in the UN system



WP.5 record of achievements

- Over the last 20 years, WP.5 has undertaken considerable work regarding the development of **sustainable regional and inter-regional connectivity, transport infrastructure networks and corridors** including **transport infrastructure financing**
- Over the last 10 years WP.5:
 - Held more than 20 capacity building workshops, focusing on interregional transport connectivity
 - Issued 19 publications and research papers
 - Organized 62 formal group of expert sessions
- **Flagship activities incl:** EATL, TEM & TER, GE.3, Hinterland Connections of Seaports, establishment of the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory etc.



WP.5 six main clusters of work

- A. Development of transport networks and/ or links**
- B. Transport and climate change**
- C. Sustainable urban mobility**
- D. Transport infrastructure data**
- E. Review and monitoring of emerging issues and sustainable development goals (SDGs)**
- F. Inland transport security**

See Annex to ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/2



WP.5 complementarities with ITC Strategy



Pillar IV

- WP.5 mandates and programme of work is fully aligned with the priority actions of the Strategy included under the ITC's fourth role as “**United Nations Platform for Promoting Sustainable Regional and Interregional Inland Transport Connectivity and Mobility**”
 - Interregional connectivity including through EATL and corridors, through its work under **cluster A** on the development of transport networks and/ or links, **cluster D** on infrastructure data as well as **cluster F** on inland transport security
 - Promoting sustainable transport and urban mobility through **cluster B** on transport and climate change, **cluster C** on sustainable urban mobility and **cluster E** on emerging issues and SDGs



Conclusion/ Next steps (1)

Based on its track record of achievements and its agreed long term programme of work WP.5 is well equipped to offer an interregional platform for dialogue on connectivity

- The WP.5 program of work fully supports the implementation of the ITC Strategy and in particular its 4th role
- Next step aimed at consolidating this role could be the annual (or biennial) hosting of an **“interregional sustainable connectivity forum”** as an integral part of the working party
- This can be performed within existing financial and staffing resources, where and if applicable with the support of other relevant working parties



Conclusion/ Next steps (2)

- WP.5 could partner up with **UNESCAP** (following a recent exchange of letters) and other UN regional commissions and is open towards cooperation with other stakeholders such as the EC, TRACECA, OSCE etc.
- Through hosting the inter-regional connectivity forum, WP.5 can provide a platform to discuss intermodal coordination and integration and encourage data and information exchanges between and among countries and partner organizations
- This role as inter-face platform is highly compatible with its role in operationalization of EATL



Thank you for your attention

