



Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics****Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs****Eleventh session**

Geneva, 8 and 9 April 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh session*, ****

to be held virtually and in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 2 p.m. on Thursday 8 April, Room TPS2.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used.
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* For reasons of economy, 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Sustainable Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@un.org).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs (GE.4) is invited to adopt its agenda.

At the outset of the meeting, the secretariat will inform the Group about the decision of the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-third session in February 2021 to extend the Group's mandate with one more year until 2022. This extension requested by the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/68, para. 34) mandates GE.4 to hold at least two sessions annually in 2021 and 2022 with interpretation in the three United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) official languages with the purpose to continue and revamp its data collection efforts across all modes resulting in a more data rich final report.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/22

2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating construction costs

In view of the extension of its mandate by the Inland Transport Committee until 2022, GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the part of the final report which is to provide an overview of models, methodologies, tools and good practices for evaluating, calculating and analysing inland transport infrastructure construction costs and decide how it can be further improved and enriched. In this regard, GE.4 will review the inputs received from ECE member States so far, as compiled in working document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/7.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/7

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used

GE.4 at its ninth session (Geneva, 30 September – 1 October 2019) has adopted the consolidated list of terminologies for road, rail, and inland waterways (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.2) and approved it to be an integral part of the final report. In view of the current extension of its mandate, GE.4 may wish to consider whether specific parts of the current terminology list such as the parts on inter-modal terminals and inland waterway transport could be reviewed and/ or further expanded.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.2

4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data

GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the part of its final report, which should illustrate and describe the benchmarking analysis of the construction costs for the different inland transport networks and nodes. A tentative benchmarking analysis has been submitted to WP.5 at its thirty-third session in September 2020 as ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8. Following the Group's tenth session which was held on 30–31 January 2020 and the informal virtual consultations the Group conducted on 14 May and 18 June 2020, additional filled out questionnaires have been received from various Governments, covering road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal terminals.

GE.4 is expected to analyse these additional replies, n, including the information contained in Informal document WP.5 (2020) No. 3 submitted to WP.5 at its thirty-third session consisting of data which, due to time constraints, had not been incorporated in Working Document No. 8, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8, and decide how to reflect all of this in its final report.

In light of the proposal made by the Government of Turkey to utilise this 1 year extension to prepare an additional benchmarking analysis of transport infrastructure maintenance and operation costs, two preliminary questionnaires on road and rail infrastructure respectively have been prepared and distributed as Informal Documents No. 1 and 2. The Group is invited to review, finalise and adopt these two draft questionnaires enabling a timely launch of data collection efforts.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8; Informal document WP.5 (2020) No. 3; Informal document WP.5/ GE.4 (2021) No. 1; Informal document WP.5/ GE.4 (2021) No. 2

5. Discussion on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts

Based on the materials prepared by the Group so far and submitted to WP.5 for consideration at its last session in September 2020, GE.4 is invited to take stock of its achievements to date and evaluate whether and if so/ which chapters need further improvement.

Inter alia, it should consider and review the following documents not yet referred to under agenda items 2, 3 and 4 above: "A Benchmarking literature review – definitions concepts and methodologies" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/6); "Findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9

6. Other business

GE.4 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

7. Date and place of next meeting

GE.4 will be informed that its next meeting will take place in autumn at a date to be confirmed in the near future.

8. Adoption of main decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will draft the final report.
