



Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Rail Transport****Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs****First session**

Geneva, 7–9 July 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the first session* ****

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 July 2021

I. Provisional agenda

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7. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions.
8. Analysis of the legal framework governing international passenger transportation.
9. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics.

* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address:

<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=gnCosm>.

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** 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 Sustainable Transport Division's website at <https://unece.org/transport/rail-transport/group-experts-international-railway-passenger-hubs>.

10. Other business.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on International Passenger Railway Hubs (Group of Experts) will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/1

2. Election of officers

The Group of Experts may wish to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the duration of the Group of Experts.

3. Background to the Group

The Group of Experts will be informed about the background to the Group including the terms of reference, the key objectives and background data on international passenger rail connections. Experts may wish to inform the Group about related initiatives in other fora.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/4, ECE/TRANS/2021/6

4. Programme of work for the Group

The Group of Experts will be invited to review the draft Programme of work contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/3 setting out the deliverables and the timescales for the work.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/3

5. Identification of stations on the AGC network to be defined as an international passenger railway hub

The Group of Experts will discuss which stations are to be defined as international passenger railway hubs in line with Annex II of the AGC and Annex II of the AGTC.

6. Identification of the technical and service parameters necessary for the definition of an international passenger railway hub

The Group of Experts will discuss, in line with the approach of Annex III of the AGC and with Annexes III and IV of the AGTC, what principles should be defined as minimum requirements for international passenger railway hubs.

7. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions

The Group of Experts will discuss, in line with related provisions in other UNECE Legal agreements and Conventions, what legal instrument or tool to use in creating provisions for international passenger railway hubs.

8. Analysis of the legal framework governing international passenger transportation

The Group of Experts will discuss the legal framework governing international passenger transportation in order to identify restrictions hindering the development of international passenger transport by rail in East – West traffic and prepare recommendations for its improvement.

9. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics

The Group of Experts will discuss measures that have been introduced to support rail carriers during and after the pandemic with the aim of preparing recommendations, joint action plans or an ITC resolution on the matter.

10. Other business

At present, there are no proposals under this item. Proposals can be transmitted to the secretariat (sc.2@un.org).

11. Date of next session

The next session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 13-15 December 2021.

12. Summary of 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, will draft the report of the session.
