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## **Third Informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group Meeting on Transport Responses to COVID-19**

**Held under auspices of the UNECE  
Working Party on Transport Trends and  
Economics (WP.5)**

Geneva/ WebEx, 29 June 2021 (14:00 – 17:00 CET)

# UNECE Inland Transport Committee Mandate

Geneva, February 2020



- **At its 82<sup>nd</sup> session (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 WP.5 in September 2020 for consideration of further steps and for inclusion to its programme of work.**”*

# Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

## Establishment of informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group on transport responses to COVID-19



- Gathered virtually on **9 June** and **8 September 2020**
- Brought together delegates representing **transport, customs and health authorities** from over **40 countries** across the ECE region and beyond, including representatives of WHO, WCO and the EC
- Provided access to a wealth of **national, regional, international and sectoral** approaches and practices which have been incorporated into ITC Working document No. 4 **ECE/TRANS/2021/4** entitled [“Taking stock of the resilience of the inland transport sector to pandemics and international emergency situations”](#)

# UNECE Publication - Intermodal Transport in the Age of COVID-19: Practices, Initiatives and Responses

## Building pandemic-resilient transport systems



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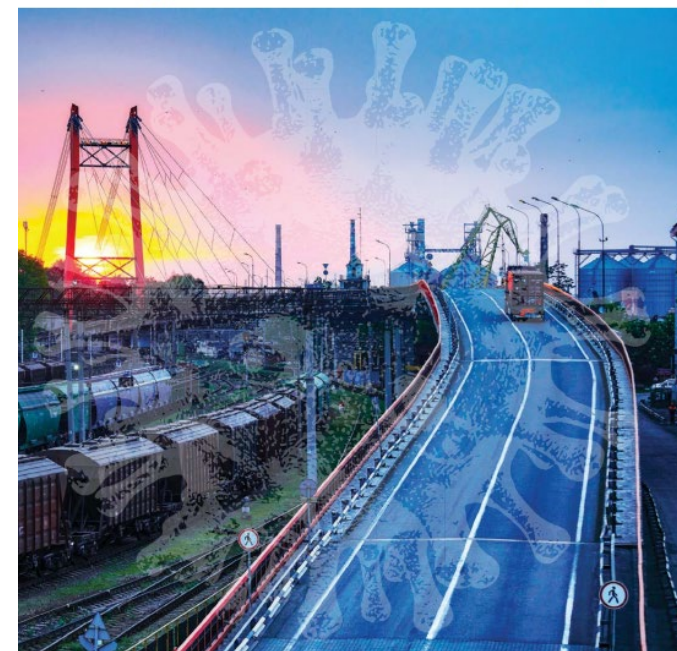


- Product of work of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division, with contributions by many Working Parties
- Provides an overview of UNECE supported COVID-19 mitigation measures in the road, rail, inland waterways and inter-modal transport sectors as well as in the field of border crossing facilitation, transport of dangerous goods, etc.
- Available at: [https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/2017694\\_E\\_web.pdf](https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/2017694_E_web.pdf)

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- **At its 83<sup>rd</sup> session the Committee decided:**

*“To prolong the work of the Advisory Group under WP.5 auspices” and “To enhance cooperation between working parties, and between the ITC and other specialized agencies of the UN System, including **IMO** and **ICAO** contributing to a better coordinated delivery of programme of work and increased interoperability”*

- Adopted a [Ministerial resolution on enhancing resilient inland transport connectivity in emergency situations: an urgent call for concerted action](#)

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## Purpose of discussions today



- Offer an inclusive, «**whole of transport sector**» platform for dialogue
- Identify commonalities and lessons learned in the way the maritime, aviation and inland transport (sub-)sectors have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic and the solutions developed (digitalization, protocols, emergency/ sanitation/ testing measures etc.)
- Lead question: “**Are we as international transport sector ready for a next pandemic, and if not, what needs to be done in order to get there?**”





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**Thank you!**