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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

##### Sixty-fifth session

Geneva, 3–5 November 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-fifth session<sup>\*, \*\*, \*\*\*</sup>**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Wednesday, 3 November 2021

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport:
  - (a) Recent developments and ongoing activities in the inland water transport sector;
  - (b) Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”;
  - (c) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inland navigation and enhancing resilience to international emergency situations.
4. Workshop “Cybersecurity in inland water transport”.

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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 ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website at <https://unece.org/transport/events/sc3-working-party-inland-water-transport-65th-session>.

\*\* All delegates are requested to register online at the following address:  
<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=CDsFGc>.

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5. European inland waterway network:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
  - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
  - (c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).
6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
  - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5);
  - (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2);
  - (c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised).
7. Automation in inland navigation.
8. Circular economy in inland water transport.
9. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
  - (a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58);
  - (b) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services;
  - (c) Booklet “River Information Services in the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe”.
10. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
11. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
12. Recreational navigation:
  - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4);
  - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.
13. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
  - (a) International conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
  - (b) Application of resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on inland navigation.
14. Programme of work and the Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport:
  - (a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2022–2023;
  - (b) Review of the Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
15. Theme topic for the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party.
16. Tentative list of meetings for 2022.
17. Other business.
18. Adoption of the report.

## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-fifth session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/214, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2021)

### 2. 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its eighty-third session (23–26 February 2021) that are relevant to the Working Party.

SC.3 will be informed about the recent activities of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and of the ADN Administrative Committee.

The Working Party will be informed about the recent activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/304 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/76,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/78, ECE/ADN/56, ECE/ADN/58,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.24/149, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/70, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/181

### 3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport

#### (a) Recent developments and ongoing activities in the inland water transport sector

The Working Party will be informed about the current situation and trends in the sector in the ECE region: the action plan “NAIADES III: Future-proofing European inland waterway transport” by the European Commission, information from river commissions and the European committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI).

Governments are invited to exchange information on the current situation and trends in inland navigation in their countries.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/1

#### (b) Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”

Delegations are invited to inform the session on the progress made in the implementation of the decisions of the Ministerial declaration “Inland Navigation in a Global Setting” adopted at the International Conference in Wroclaw (Poland) on 18 April 2018.

#### (c) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inland navigation and enhancing resilience to international emergency situations

The Working Party may wish to continue exchanging information the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inland navigation and the lessons learned. Delegations may wish to consider a proposal for an assessment of conventions and agreements under the ECE

purview and ECE resolutions in the field of inland water transport in terms of preparedness for similar situations and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/2

#### **4. Workshop “Cybersecurity in inland water transport”**

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 87), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop “Cybersecurity in inland water transport”.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/3

#### **5. European inland waterway network**

##### **(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance**

The Working Party may wish to propose amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) and exchange information on the progress reached by member States in acceding to and implementing the agreement.

SC.3 may also wish to continue discussion on how to facilitate the implementation of AGN and increase the number of contracting parties.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

##### **(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”)**

The Working Party may wish to approve the amendment to the third revised edition of the Blue Book, preliminarily approved by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-ninth session, as amendment 4.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/4

##### **(c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2)**

The Working Party may wish to approve the amendment to the second revision of the Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-ninth session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/4

#### **6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**

##### **(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

The Working Party may wish to note that SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-ninth session preliminarily approved the revised text of the fifth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and decided to transmit it to SC.3 for final adoption. SC.3 may wish to adopt the

sixth revision of CEVNI by resolution No. 102 that would replace the annex to resolution No. 24 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/5, Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2021)).

SC.3 may wish to provide further guidance to the CEVNI Expert Group and extend its mandate for future work after the adoption of CEVNI 6.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel adopted by the Mosel Commission in May 2021 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/6).

Member States and river commissions are invited to provide updates on their navigation regulations and the implementation of CEVNI on their inland waterways.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/6 and Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2021)

#### **(b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2)**

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amendments to appendix 1 of the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/116, para. 56), as resolution No. 103 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/7).

Member States may wish to continue discussion on aligning the provisions of the annex to resolution No. 61 with ES-TRIN and national regulations of member States and provide guidance to SC.3/WP.3.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amends. 1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/11

#### **(c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised)**

SC.3 may wish to adopt amendment 1 to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste from vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1/Add.1), following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/116, para. 58).

SC.3 may wish to continue the discussion of the proposal on the additional categorization of waste generated on board inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29) and decide as appropriate.

Member States and river commissions are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 on the progress reached and the current activities aimed at the prevention of pollution of inland waterways from vessels.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29

## **7. Automation in inland navigation**

Delegations are invited to inform the session on the ongoing projects and activities related to automation in inland navigation, relevant to the road map “Forging international cooperation towards an international legislative basis for automation in inland navigation” (annex to resolution No. 95).

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the terms and definitions related to automation in inland navigation and smart shipping.

SC.3 may wish continue discussion on policy issues where a common approach is needed to facilitate automation in inland navigation, begun at its sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/211, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/13

## **8. Circular economy in inland water transport**

Following the outcome of the workshop “Circular economy in inland water transport” and its decision at its sixty-fourth session to include this item into the agenda of the present session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 32), SC.3 may wish to discuss the advantages and prospects of introducing the circular economy principles in inland water transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/8) and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/8

## **9. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation**

### **(a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58)**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) on the revision of Recommendation 0120 (V-120) “Vessel Traffic Services in Inland Waters”.

SC.3 may wish to continue discussion on updating resolution No. 58 and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.3/166 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/18

### **(b) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the current status and future work on other resolutions of relevance to River Information Services and decide as appropriate. Delegations are invited to inform the session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions.

### **(c) Booklet “River Information Services in the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe”**

The Working Party is invited to finally approve the draft booklet “River Information Services in the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe”, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-ninth session with a view of publishing this after the session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/19

## **10. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating provisions of the annex to resolution No. 31 based on the standards for qualifications in inland navigation of the

European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation (ES-QIN) and national regulations of member States.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on recent developments in this field.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/10

## **11. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made in the development of the Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport. SC.3 may wish to consider comments on the draft, if any, and to provide its guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/16

## **12. Recreational navigation**

### **(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4)**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and the progress made in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

Delegations are invited to provide updates to the national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft, if any, and other relevant information.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amend.1

### **(b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation**

**Documentation**

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the sixth meeting of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation and may wish to provide further guidance to the Group.

## **13. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation**

### **(a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the updated status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/9). SC.3 may wish to invite governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

The Working Party is invited to take note of the outcome of the workshop “Building up a solid international regulatory framework aimed at increasing the efficiency and safety of inland water transport” held at the fifty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/10). Delegates may wish to continue discussion and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/10

(b) **Application of resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of ECE resolutions and their application (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/21) and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

SC.3 may also wish to consider how to improve monitoring of the application of resolutions and their efficiency.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/11

**14. Programme of work and the Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

(a) **Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2022–2023**

The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its sixty-third session, it agreed to maintain the biennial programme of work and the 4-year plan for the future and adopted specific activities and expected accomplishments for its biennial 2020–2021 programme of work, aligned with the ITC Strategy to 2030 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, para. 99).

SC.3 is invited to review its programme of work and adopt the expected accomplishments for 2022–2023 biennium as contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/12.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/12

(b) **Review of the Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

In accordance with the ECE Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE (ECE/EX/1), the Working Party is invited to review its mandate, adopted in 2016, to align this with the ITC Strategy to 2030, the new tasks arising from the White Paper on the Progress, Accomplishments and Future of Sustainable Inland Water Transport and its programme of work for 2022–2023.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/13

**15. Theme topic for the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party**

SC.3 may wish to decide on the theme topic for its sixty-sixth session.

**16. Tentative list of meetings for 2022**

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2022:

16–18 February 2022	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixtieth session);
29 June–1 July 2022	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-first session);
12–14 October 2022	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-sixth session).

**17. Other business**

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

## 18. Adoption of the report

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-fifth session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

## III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 3 November	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 4 November	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 5–7
	2.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 8–11
Friday, 5 November	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 12–16
	3.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 17–18