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Session's workshop: Recent actions and projects in support of the sustainable development of intermodal transport and logistics

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Workshop in the framework of the 64th session of the UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) 20 October 2021

Background

As evidence shows, the performance in freight transport and logistics sector of a country is interconnected to the development of its national economy and creation of income. Further development of the sector, in particular such that follows a sustainable path, should be a priority for governments.

The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) elaborated a Handbook for national master plans for freight transport and logistics to assist governments in developing the sector – a list of recommended actions and measures in support of these actions have been included in the Handbook.

Sharing good practice in implementation of actions and measures but also providing information on the impacts these actions and measures had on the sector can assist governments in prioritizing own work.

The workshop on recent actions and projects in support of the sustainable development of intermodal transport and logistics is organized to facilitate sharing of good practice for development of the sector. The workshop will focus on measures and solutions, government should consider, to support/assist the sector to:

- increase efficiency or optimize processes,
- enhance environmental performance,
- create decent jobs,
- enhance staff competence, and
- improve resilience.

Programme

10:00-10:30

I. Opening

Ms. Julia Elsinger, Chair, WP.24

Mr. Francesco Dionori, Chief, Transport Networks & Logistics Section
Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE

Introduction to the workshop:

Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski, Secretary to WP.24, Sustainable Transport Division,
UNECE

10:30- 12:00

II. Measures and solutions to support optimization/increased efficiency in the sector

- UIC ITS tools and platforms for rail freight transport – *Mr. Philip Van Den Bosch, UIC*
- The Swiss approach to a user-optimised and market-oriented rail network usage – *Dr Thomas Isenmann, Managing Director, Swiss Capacity Allocation Body TVS*
- Increased productivity of trains due weight, length and speed – some economic examples – *Mr. Alberto Grisone, Director Development Russia & CIS Countries, Hupac Intermodal SA*
- XLTrain Technology – *Mr. Alexander Besedin, Deputy Director of Transportation, United Transport and Logistics Company – Eurasian Rail Alliance (UTLC ERA)*
- Optimization processes in freight transport sector: the way forward – *Ms. Madeleine Gourier, Trade and Transport Assistant, International Trade and Law Unit, FIATA International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations*

Discussion and conclusions

12:00-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-13:00

III. Measures and solutions to assist further greening of the sector

- The future of European Mobility: A high performing multimodal transport system with rail as a backbone – *Mr. Paul Hegge, Director Public affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility, Lineas*
 - Recent developments and challenges of intermodal transport in Poland: On the way to green transformation of freight transport – *Mr. Krzysztof Rodziewicz, Director, Transport Analysis and Programming Department, Centre for European Union Transport Projects, Poland*
 - Measures of the environmental policy of the Russian Federation in the field of decarbonization of freight transport – *Prof. Dr Irina Karapetyants,*
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Director of Institute of International Transport Communications, Russian University of Transport (RUT)

Discussion and conclusions

13:00-15:00

Lunch break

15:00-16:00

IV. Measures to assist creation of decent jobs and enhanced development of competence in the sector

- Upping the quality of employment in the sector through decent work and gender equality – *Ms. Alejandra Cruz Ross, International Labour Organization*
- Development of vocational training and improved professionalization of the sector in collaboration with industry associations, unions, vocational schools and universities – *Mr. Jan Schlierf, Project Manager, The German Promotion Centre for Intermodal Transportation*

Discussion and conclusions

16:00-16:15

Coffee break

16:15-17:45

V. Measures to increase resilience in the sector

- Resilient infrastructure – risk and ways to address them - *Prof. Dr Bryan T. Adey, Institute of Construction and Infrastructure Management (IBI), ETH Zürich (ETHZ)*
- The role of global supply chains in the transmission of weather induced production shocks – *Mr. Stefan Borsky, Assistant Professor, Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change, University of Graz*
- Climate impact assessment for the German railway network, and criticality of the network – *Ms. Carina Herrmann, German Federal Railway Authority*
- Activities of the Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport in support of increasing resilience of transport systems – *Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski*

Discussion and conclusions

17:45-18:00

VI. Closing by Chair
