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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth session*, **

to be held virtually and in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 am. on Thursday 10 February 2022, 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 (unece.org/transport/trends-and-economics). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@un.org).

** Delegates are requested to register online at: uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=dLMHZy. In-person attending delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm) by registering at: <https://indico.un.org/event/36273/>.



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.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/26

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

The Group is invited to review ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/1. This document has been prepared by the secretariat as requested by the Group at its last session in November 2021. Inter alia, it builds further on the information contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/7/Rev.1 but also includes additional information provided by the Government of the Russian Federation. The Group is invited to consider this document and endorse it for inclusion in its final report.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/1

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used

The Group at its twelfth session in November 2021 considered and endorsed for inclusion in its final report ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.3 which consists of an expanded terminology list including also new terms related to maintenance and operation costs as per the Group's expanded mandate. No further discussions are expected under this agenda item.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.3

4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data

The Group is invited to review and analyse the additional replies received until 31 January 2022 (as per the extended deadline) from Member States, both the replies to the initial questionnaires on transport infrastructure construction costs as well as to the new questionnaires on maintenance and operation costs (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/5).

Depending on the quantity and quality of (additional) data and information received it may then decide: i) How to integrate the additional data on infrastructure construction costs into its existing benchmarking analysis and ii) Whether at the end of its current mandate it is still considering to request the establishment of a new Group of Experts that could continue the analytical work on benchmarking of transport infrastructure maintenance and operation costs.

Under this agenda item, the Group is invited to continue its discussions on the Geographic Information System (GIS) based International Transport Infrastructure Observatory established by the secretariat and to provide feedback and guidance on the potential that this platform offers to host and visualise its benchmarking analytical data and information on national and regional benchmarking best practices (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/5, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/2

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

Under this agenda item, GE.4 is invited to take stock of its achievements to date and evaluate whether and if so (which) chapters of its final report 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/GE.4/2022/3) which builds further on the information contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/6 but as requested by the Group at its last session has undergone editing by the secretariat and includes additional information provided by Governments. Furthermore, the Group is invited to review and improve its "Benchmarking analysis of transport infrastructure construction costs" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8) and the document consisting of its "Findings, conclusions and recommendations" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9). Depending on quality and quantity of data received from Governments in response to the new questionnaires on maintenance and operation costs, the Group is also expected to discuss and agree on how it wishes to develop the new chapter on "Benchmarking analysis of road and rail maintenance and operation costs". The Group is requested to discuss and agree on how it will prepare all of the aforementioned documents ahead of the documentation deadline of 14 March 2022 enabling their discussion and endorsement at the fourteenth (and final) session of the Group on 23–24 May 2022.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/3

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 Geneva on 23-24 May 2022.

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.
