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Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

Sixty-first session

Geneva, 29 June–1 July 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-first session*, **, ***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
29 June 2022

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Implementation of the Wroclaw Ministerial Declaration.
3. Workshop “Towards a Modern, Sustainable and Resilient E Waterway Network”.
4. Inland waterways infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).
5. Proposal for a new classification of European inland waterways.

* 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: <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Inland-Water-Transport/events/366151>.

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

*** Participation is possible in-person or virtually. For in-person participation, delegates are requested to additionally register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000498>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by email (sc.3@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, please visit <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.

6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 6);
 - (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, revision 2).
7. Modernization and greening of the inland water transport sector.
8. Promotion of River Information Services and 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) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe.
9. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
10. Mutual recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
11. Recreational navigation.
12. Theme topic for the sixty-second session of the Working Party.
13. Other business.
14. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-first session on the basis of the provisional agenda, supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2022).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/121, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2022)

2. Implementation of the Wroclaw Ministerial Declaration

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixtieth session, delegations are invited to inform the session about the progress in implementing the Wroclaw Ministerial Declaration based on the questionnaire circulated by the secretariat after the sixtieth session of SC.3/WP.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/1

3. Workshop “Towards a Modern, Sustainable and Resilient E Waterway Network”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixtieth session, delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the development of modern, sustainable and resilient E waterway network, as set out in Policy Recommendation No. 1 of the White Paper on the Progress, Accomplishments and Future of Sustainable Inland Water Transport: (a) monitoring of the implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN); (b) infrastructure projects and initiatives on European waterways of international importance; (c) existing challenges and ways of increasing the resilience of the E Waterway Network, and (d) further steps and other relevant issues.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions to share their experience and best practice in building up a sustainable and resilient inland waterway network, improving the coordination between countries in this field and consider further steps that could be undertaken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) and SC.3/WP.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/9

4. Inland waterways infrastructure

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

Contracting parties to AGN are invited to propose amendments to annexes I and II of the agreement, if any.

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress in acceding to AGN.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book)

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

The Working Party may wish to consider possible improvements to be introduced in the fourth revision of the Blue Book planned for 2023, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/10.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/10

5. Proposal for a new classification of European inland waterways

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the proposal for a new classification of European inland waterways transmitted by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure, the outcome of the informal expert group and further steps.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/4

6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 6)

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on possible amendments to be introduced to the European Code for Inland Waterways and other issues relevant to the activities of the CEVNI Expert Group.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine at its session in autumn 2021 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/11).

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party about the current status and new developments in their navigation regulations.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/11

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

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion of a new draft chapter “Special provisions applicable to electric vessel propulsion” to the annex to resolution No. 61, based on the proposal by the Danube Commission and the feedback received by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3).

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/7

(c) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (resolution No. 21, revision 2)

Governments are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about additions or modifications to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels, if any.

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party about recent developments in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1

7. Modernization and greening of the inland water transport sector

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixtieth session, delegations are invited to continue discussion on the various aspects of modernization and greening of the sector as a follow-up of the workshop held at the sixtieth session of SC.3/WP.3.

8. Promotion of River Information Services and other information and communication technologies in inland navigation**(a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58)**

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixtieth session, the Working Party may wish to consider the proposal for updating resolution No. 58, revised, based on the Guideline “Vessel Traffic Services in Inland Waters” of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/13

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

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixtieth session, the Working Party may wish to discuss possible aligning of the River Information Services (RIS) resolutions with the European Standard on River Information Services.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/14

(c) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe

Delegations are invited to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

9. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport

Delegations are invited to discuss the draft of the glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/17

10. Mutual recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, paragraph 72), 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 professional requirements, included in the European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation (ES-QIN) and national regulations of member States.

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party about recent developments in this field.

Documentation

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

11. Recreational navigation

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

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the outcome of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation, in particular, the proposal for updating the Guidelines to resolution No. 40 "International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft" and provide its guidance to the Informal Working Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4

12. Theme topic for the sixty-second session of the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to decide on a theme topic for its sixty-second session.

13. Other business

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

14. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 29 June	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	2–4 p.m.	Agenda item 3
Thursday, 30 June	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Agenda items 4–5
	2–4 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
Friday, 1 July	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Agenda items 9–13
	2–4 p.m.	Agenda item 14