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Fourteenth session

Geneva, 23–24 May 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session*, **

to be held virtually and in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on 23 May 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/events/wp5ge4-group-experts-benchmarking-transport-infrastructure-construction-costs-14th). 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=fKUqEx. 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.4/28

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

The Group, at its thirteenth session in February 2022, considered and endorsed for inclusion in its final report ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/1. No further discussions are expected under this agenda item.

Documentation

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

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used

The Group, at its thirteenth session in February 2022, considered and endorsed for inclusion in its final report ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/1/Rev.3. No further discussions are expected under this agenda item.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/1/Rev.3

4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data

The Group, at its thirteenth session in February 2022, reviewed document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8 "Benchmarking analysis of transport infrastructure construction costs" and decided that lead countries Croatia (on inland waterways), Poland (on rail) and Turkey (on rail) should: (a) Shorten, finetune, and, wherever possible, improve the existing text and analysis, inter alia based on additional national data received; and (b) Split the current text into two separate documents, focusing on road analysis and on rail and inland waterway analysis respectively. The Group is requested to review and consider for inclusion in its final report the following documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/4 and ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/5 prepared by the lead countries.

Documentation

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

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 ahead of their submission to the thirty-fifth session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) for final endorsement.

Inter alia, it should consider for adoption the document "A Benchmarking literature review – definitions concepts and methodologies - revised" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/3/Rev.1) which in follow-up to the last session of the Group

has been enriched by the lead countries with additional definitions and concepts relating to the management of road and rail infrastructure maintenance and operation costs. Furthermore, the Group is also invited to review the document entitled “Rationale for the establishment of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking of Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs, its added value, current achievements and way ahead” (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/6), which is expected to serve as the introduction to its final report. Finally, the Group will be invited to consider for adoption the document consisting of “Findings, conclusions and recommendations” as prepared by the lead countries in follow-up to its thirteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/7).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2022/7

6. Other business

GE.4 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

7. Date and place of next meeting

Upon conclusion of its fourteenth session the Group will have fulfilled its current mandate. No further meetings are scheduled.

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.
