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Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth session*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
6 November, Room VII, Palais des Nations

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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 Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@un.org).

Delegates (including those holding long-duration badge) are requested to register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002844/> and delegates who do not hold a long-term access badge should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact by telephone the ECE secretariat (internal extension 75975). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.



II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure module (GE.5) is invited to adopt its agenda as contained in this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/6

2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe cycling network

GE.5 is expected to collect and analyze data on national cycling infrastructure in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) countries in order to devise an ECE cycling network. GE.5 is invited to work with data received from countries and uploaded in the ECE International Transport infrastructure Observatory (ITIO).

ITIO shows data on national cycling networks (in some cases partial networks) from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom. Also, relevant EuroVelo routes data as well as data developed in Danube Cycle Plans are incorporated on the platform.

At the previous session, GE.5 agreed on 3 principles to be applied for devising ECE cycling network based on the national networks. It invited countries which have designated their national cycling networks to consider the three agreed principles and, based on them, send to the secretariat in time for the current session their proposal for their national routes to form ECE cycling network. GE.5 should review these proposals and, as far as possible, start devising the ECE cycling network.

In working on devising the ECE cycling network, GE.5 may wish to invite experts from countries who have not yet shared national data but have already designated national cycling networks to report on their data sharing effort. GE.5 may also wish to invite experts from countries which still work on designation of networks to inform about progress achieved. The secretariat and the European Cyclists Federation (ECF) will report on effort undertaken to promote the work of GE.5 in particular with focus on designation of cycling networks.

GE.5 is then expected to finalize as far as possible the draft guide with recommended steps for the initial designation of national cycling networks, which could be applied by countries which neither have procedure in place nor experience in designating cycling network. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/3 contains the guide, which now incorporates the tables with cycle routes and user categories as well as related cycle route parameters.

GE.5 is also expected to consider additional quality parameters for crossings, separation with pedestrians, inclination (slopes) and as far as possible shadow of cycling routes. Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 5, provides proposals for these parameters. GE.5 will be requested to modify them further if deemed appropriate and agree on how they should be incorporated in the guide on designation of national cycling network.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/3, Informal documents WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 5

3. Cycling infrastructure definitions and standards

GE.5 has been reviewing at its previous sessions proposals for common definitions for various types of cycling infrastructure based on ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/6 and informal documents WP.5/GE.5 (2022) Nos. 3 and 4. As a result of this work, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2/Rev.1 contains all the agreed definitions to date.

GE.5 will then continue to discuss the definition of cycle highway based on the definition proposed in the European Union-funded Cycle Highways Innovation for smarter People Transport and Spatial Planning project (CHIPS) and the minimum requirements/expectations with regard to priority of way, reduction of required stops at intersections, and aspects of accessibility. Proposals for these parameters have been included in Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 5.

GE.5 should also continue discussing the proposal for new definitions for cycle. Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 6 provides such a proposal prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with ECF and CONEBI/WBIA. This proposal includes the factors agreed at the previous session by GE.5, based on which a vehicle should be considered a cycle admitted to cycling infrastructure.

GE.5 should also continue its discussion on the proposals for possible modifications to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals taking into account the accepted definitions of the various types of cycle infrastructure. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/4 contains an appraisal of the accepted definitions of the various types of cycle infrastructure in the context of the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and proposals for possible modifications to the Convention.

In discussing the proposals, GE.5 should consider outcomes of informal consultations held with the experts working in the framework of the informal intergovernmental road signs group under the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). At the time of preparation of this agenda, the secretariat has been exploring with the WP.1 secretariat possibilities for informal consultations to take place prior to the GE.5's fourth session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/4, Informal documents WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 6

4. Other business

GE.5 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The secretariat will inform GE.5 about its next meetings in 2024.

6. Summary 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 prepare the final report.
