

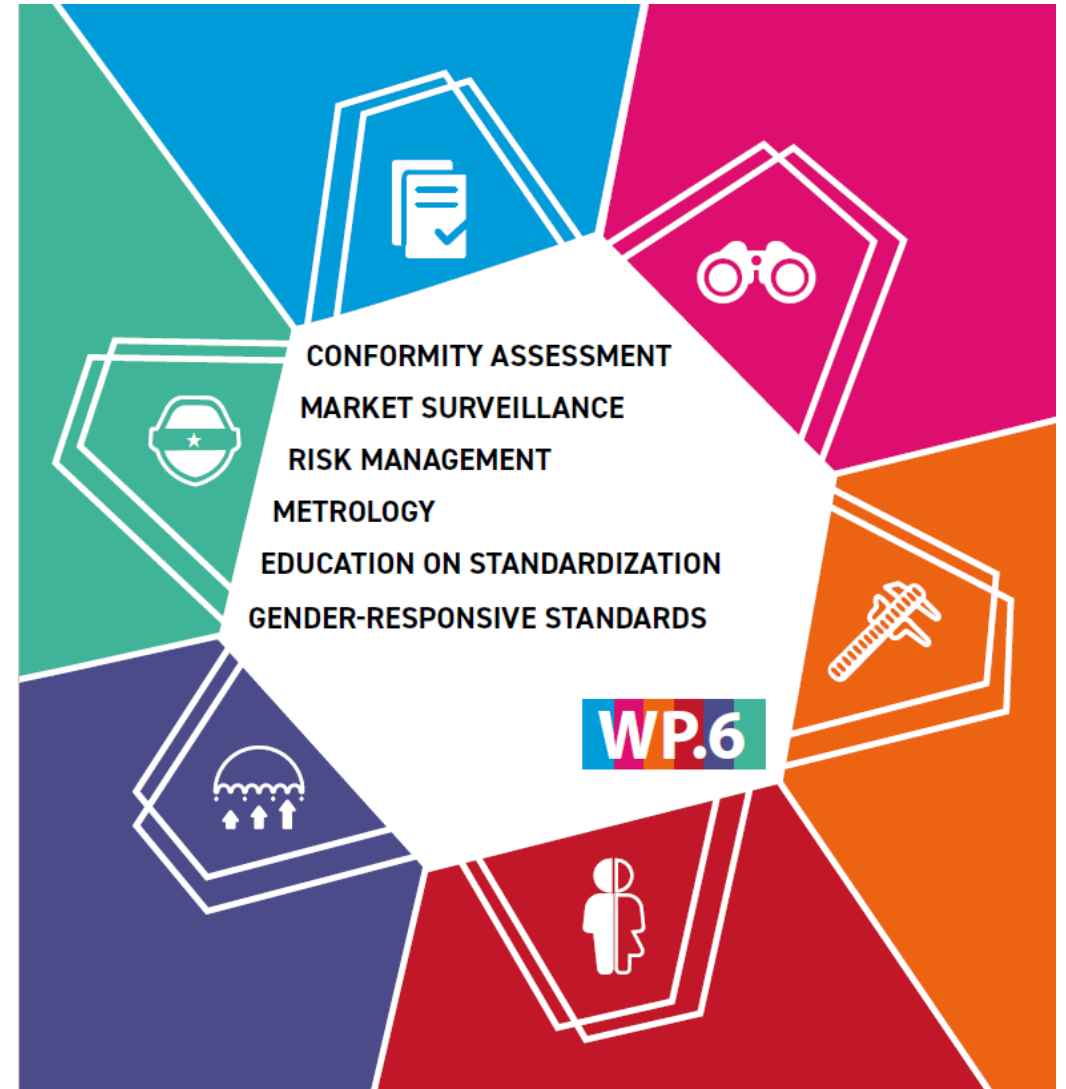
# Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

## Welcome to a WP.6 working meeting

Brief reminder of key points concerning  
participation within UNECE WP.6

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# Participating in WP.6 meetings



- Experts are welcome to participate in WP.6 activities as observers (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2022/11, section III)
- Membership of groups is comprised of government experts and may also include eminent specialists in the relevant field (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1)
- Members and observers participate in WP.6 activities as volunteers in their own right and do not represent any specific interests of their countries or institutions (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/12, §11)



# Intellectual property rights policy



- Guiding principle:
  - The main beneficiary of the standards and recommendations are the Member States.
  - In order to promote the widest adoption of the WP.6 deliverables, they can be implemented freely and without any restrictions.
- All new intellectual property generated through the development of WP.6 deliverables belongs to ECE.
  - As a condition for participating in a deliverable drafting team, drafting team members agree to waive their rights to enforce any prior IPRs used in the WP.6 deliverables against any party using the deliverables.
- ECE and the members of drafting teams have no duty of confidentiality with respect to any information transferred between them.
- For more information, see: [ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2022/11](#), Annex



# WP.6 inclusive meetings guidelines



- Contributions
  - Strive for balanced contributions from both women and men participants
  - Keep individuals' speaking time balanced (avoid monopolizing)
- Interruptions
  - Avoid interrupting the speaker
  - Avoid talking over each other
- Coded language
  - Be mindful of coded language that may perpetuate gender stereotypes
    - Example: Are women described as aggressive for behavior that would lead to a man being considered confident?
- Recognize contributions

For more information, see *Guidelines on Developing Gender-Responsive Standards* (ECE/TRADE/472)



# Representation and titles



- In general, only the secretariat interacts on behalf of WP.6 with other organizations. Please check with the secretariat before taking any engagements.
- Titles in connection with WP.6 may be used only by officers elected by member States (WP.6 chair and vice chairs), officers appointed by the sub-group (sub-group chairs and vice chairs) and experts confirmed by the WP.6 bureau as project leaders. No other titles can be used.
- For more information:  
[ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/13](#)



# Meeting report



- The secretariat prepares meeting reports for the official subgroup meetings (not project team meetings)
- Presentations and materials will normally be shared with members through the WP.6 website or emails
- The meeting may be recorded (by the secretariat only) – this is for note-taking purposes only
- **Participants in the meeting are NOT PERMITTED to record any part of the meeting (neither screen shots, nor audio recording, nor AI transcriptions, nor any other form of recording)**



# Thank you



- WP.6 is an expert-driven working party. The deliverables and the programme of work are lead and developed by volunteer experts.
- Given that our work is trade-related, we appreciate a balance between private sector and government officials to ensure that our deliverables are workable for all involved.



# Upcoming events



**WP.6 ANNUAL SESSION**  
**Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies**  
26 – 28 AUGUST 2024 | PALAIS DES NATIONS | GENEVA

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