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Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Inland Water Transport****Sixty-eighth session**

Geneva, 23–25 October 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda**Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Sixty-Eighth Session^{*, **}**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Wednesday, 23 October 2024**I. Provisional Agenda**

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe Bodies of Interest to the Working Party:
 - (a) Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport;
 - (b) Other Activities.
3. Current Situation and Trends in Inland Water Transport.
4. Workshop “Digitalization and Greening of Inland Water Transport”.
5. European Inland Waterway Network:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);

* 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 at <https://unece.org/info/Transport/events/393067>.

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- (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2).
- 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. River-Sea Transport in Europe.
- 8. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping.
- 9. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation:
 - (a) Round Table “Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways”;
 - (b) Resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”;
 - (c) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe;
 - (d) Other Activities.
- 10. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters’ Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation.
- 11. Inland Waterway Statistics.
- 12. Harmonization of the Pan-European Legal Framework for Inland Navigation:
 - (a) Status of International Conventions and Agreements Affecting Inland Navigation;
 - (b) Application of Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on Inland Navigation.
- 13. Recreational Navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, Revision 4);
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation;
 - (c) International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13).
- 14. Theme Topic for the Sixty-Ninth Session of the Working Party.
- 15. Tentative List of Meetings for 2025.
- 16. Election of Officers.
- 17. Other Business.
- 18. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure adopted by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its eighty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/328, paragraph 29 (d)), the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-eighth session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/222, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2024)

2. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe Bodies of Interest to the Working Party

(a) Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft proposal for collecting information on national activities, measures and plans aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from inland water transport, agreed by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its sixty-fifth session.

The Working Party may wish to discuss how to align its Terms of Reference with the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport and incorporate the Initial ITC Climate Action Plan into its work programme.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2024/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/7

(b) Other Activities

The Working Party will be informed about (a) other relevant decisions of ITC taken at its the eighty-sixth session (20–23 February 2024); (b) outcome of the meetings of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN Safety Committee) and of the ADN Administrative Committee; (c) the activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24); (d) the activities of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), and (e) the activities of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

The Working Party may wish to consider an overview of the activities of its informal working groups and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/88, ECE/ADN/69, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/153, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/187, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/12

3. Current Situation and Trends in Inland Water Transport

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on the current situation and trends in inland navigation in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and recent developments of member States, the European Union and river commissions, based on a report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/2

4. Workshop “Digitalization and Greening of Inland Water Transport”

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220, paragraph 85), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to activities on digitalization and greening of inland water transport, strategies, programmes and projects in this field, progress made by countries, international organizations and other key stakeholders and the way forward.

Participants are invited to share their experience, best practices and developments in this field and consider further steps that could be undertaken by SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/3

5. European Inland Waterway Network

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

The Working Party will be invited to consider draft amendments to annex I of the *European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance* (AGN) received by the secretariat so far (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/3). SC.3 may wish to adopt the draft amendments and request the secretariat to transmit it to the depositary in accordance with the procedure set up in Article 13 of the Agreement.

The Working Party may wish to propose further amendments to AGN and exchange information on the progress reached by member States in acceding to and implementing the Agreement.

SC.3 may also wish to continue discussion on how to facilitate the implementation of AGN and increase the number of contracting parties.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/4

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

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft amendments to the fourth revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book), agreed by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-fifth session and complemented by countries.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.4

(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2)

The Working Party may wish to preliminarily approve the draft amendments to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network, agreed by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-fifth session and complemented by countries.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2

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 approve the draft amendments to the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-fifth session.

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the application of CEVNI, revision 6, transmitted to the secretariat and provide guidance to the secretariat for updating the CEVNI status document.

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.3/2024/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/6

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

The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the amendments to appendix 1 of the annex of resolution No. 61, revision 2, as resolution No. 108.

SC.3 may wish to continue discussion on aligning the provisions of the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard Laying Down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels and national regulations of member States and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3 on recent developments in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amends. 1–4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/7

(c) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (Resolution No. 21, Revision 2)

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

SC.3 may wish to take note of recent resolutions adopted by the Conference of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI) that may be of relevance to the Working Party and provide guidance for the secretariat.

Member States and river commissions are invited to inform SC.3 on the progress and current activities aimed at the prevention of pollution of inland waterways from vessels.

Documentation

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

7. River-Sea Transport in Europe

The Working Party may wish to take note of the information on river-sea vessels in Europe transmitted to the secretariat by member States and other key stakeholders.

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on harmonizing and simplifying the existing legal framework for river-sea vessels in Europe, promoting this transport mode and possible activities of SC.3, including a resolution in support of this transport mode.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/8

8. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping

The Working Party may wish to approve the revised road map “Forging international cooperation towards an international legislative basis for automation in inland navigation” (annex to resolution No. 95) for 2025–2028 and provide guidance for the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to consider the terms and definitions related to automated navigation and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3 about progress in the field of automation and smart shipping.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/211, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/10

9. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation

(a) Round Table “Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways”

In accordance with the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/128, paragraph 68), the Working Party is invited to take part in the round table “Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways”, dedicated to the regulatory framework and current practice of member States and other key stakeholders in this field and the application of the *Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways* (annex to resolution No. 58, revised).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/166/Rev.1

(b) Resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”

The Working Party may wish to note detailed information about the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) edition 2023 by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure.

SC.3 may wish to consider possible updating of the annex to resolution No. 57 “*Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services*” and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1

(c) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on harmonizing resolutions of relevance to RIS with the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS) and provide guidance for the secretariat.

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

(d) Other Activities

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

10. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation

The Working Party will be informed about progress of the informal working group on issues related to labour market challenges.

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 of the European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation and national regulations of member States.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3 about recent progress and new developments in the field of professional requirements in inland navigation and mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates.

11. Inland Waterway Statistics

The Working Party may wish to consider draft recommendations for conducting an E waterway traffic census for 2025 and provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party is invited to take part in a round table on the challenges faced by countries in collecting statistics for an E waterway traffic census and ways to overcome them.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/11

12. Harmonization of the Pan-European Legal Framework for Inland Navigation

(a) Status of International Conventions and Agreements Affecting Inland Navigation

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the updated status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation.

The Working Party may wish to discuss how to increase the efficiency of legal instruments and updates to their provisions, where necessary.

SC.3 may wish to invite governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/13, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/14

(b) Application of Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on Inland Navigation

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of ECE resolutions and their application (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/15) and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/15

13. Recreational Navigation

(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, Revision 4)

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

SC.3 may wish to consider answers to the questionnaire on the application of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft by countries and recreational boaters and provide guidance to the secretariat on a possible review of resolution No. 40.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/16

(b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation

The Working Party will be informed about the progress thus far of the Group.

(c) International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13)

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on revising resolution No. 13 and its annexes based on the proposal prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/131, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/10

14. Theme Topic for the Sixty-Ninth Session of the Working Party

SC.3 may wish to decide on the theme topic for its sixty-ninth session.

15. Tentative List of Meetings for 2025

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2025:

19–21 February 2025	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-sixth session);
18–20 June 2025	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-seventh session);
29–31 October 2025	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-ninth session).

16. Election of Officers

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for the biennium 2025–2026. Governments are encouraged to nominate candidates for either post in order to facilitate the election process.

17. Other Business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, proposals under this item were not available.

18. Adoption of the Report

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, paragraph 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-eighth session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 23 October	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 24 October	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 5–6
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 7–9
Friday, 25 October	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 10–17
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 18
