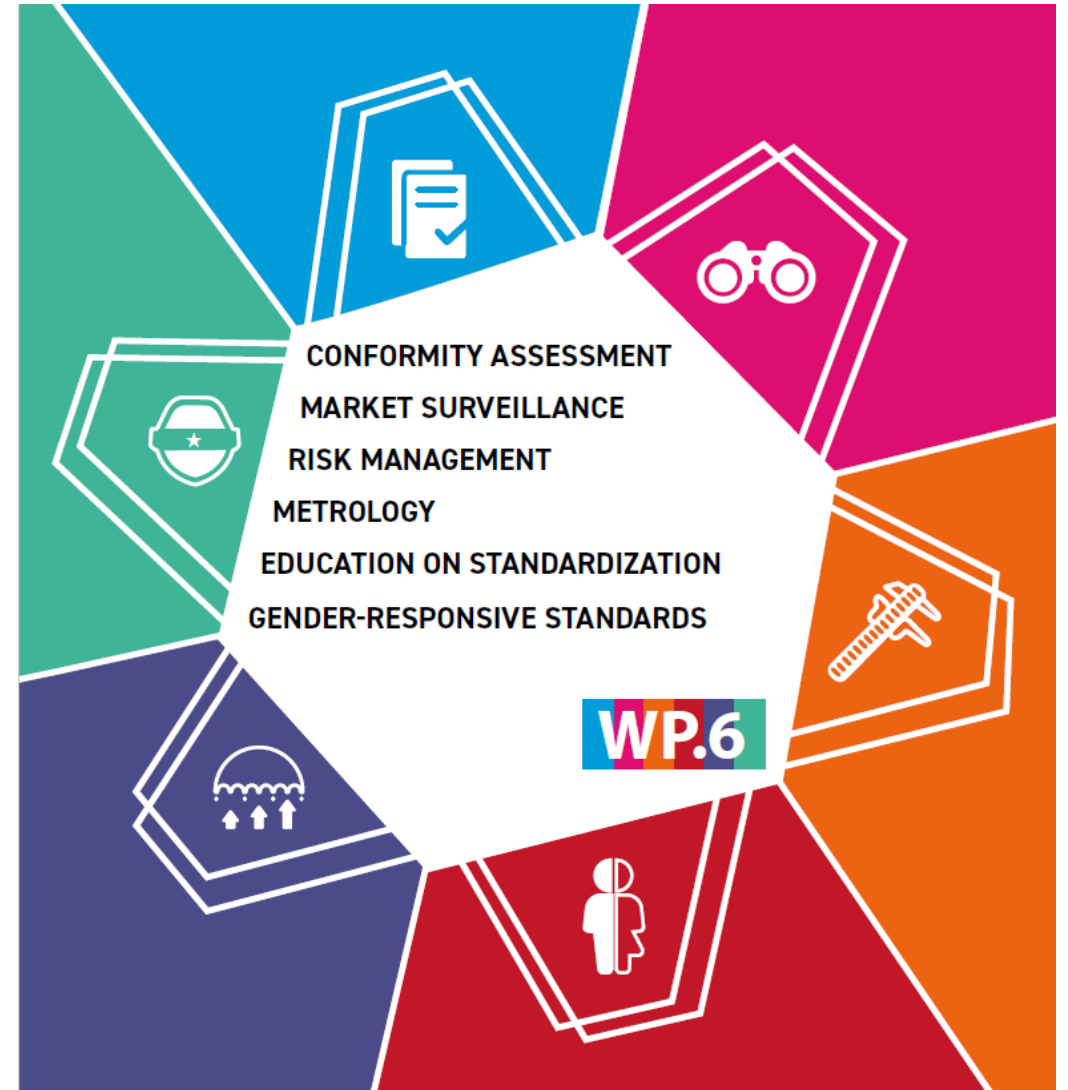


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ToS-GRS meeting

11 September 2024



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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)



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Meeting report



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- **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.



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Guest speaker



Mr. Leonhard den Hertog

- Policy Officer, EC DG-JUST, Unit D3

Commission directive on gender balance in decision making

(see separate slides)

Update of WP.6 34th Session



- GRS segment of the agenda
 - Approximately one hour – concentrated on implementation of GAPs
 - Gender activity presented by ISO, UNE (Spain), GeoSTM (Georgia), DPS (Albania and PTB (Germany)
- Beijing +30 review presented by UN Women
- Panel conference on green, digital transformations with examples of capacity building work to support this transformation
- Programme of Work 2025 was approved

Guide on GRS related GAP



- See document [ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2024/7](#) and presentation from Lance Thompson
- Analysis compares targeted replies to the annex of Recommendation U and the UN/CEFACT Trade Facilitation Roadmap
- Most GRS-related GAPs today concentrate on:
 - Gender balance, cooperation with other organizations and sex-disaggregated data
- Next steps?

Gender mainstreaming throughout the quality infrastructure for trade



- Project should launch in the coming months
- Capacity building activities in Albania, Benin and Georgia
- Plans to approach the bodies involved in QI
 - (metrology, standardization, market surveillance, conformity assessment, accreditation, testing, technical regulations)
- Launch events planned in November / December 2024 (in each capital)
- End event planned in September 2026 (in Istanbul)
- Local consultants to be hired to help roll out the deliverables and accompany the bodies involved

Plan for next 12 months



- From the Programme of Work 2025, main topics include:
 - Enhance implementation of Rec. U and signatories of Dec.
 - Develop model best practice for GAP
 - Enhance research on gender mainstreaming throughout QI
 - Exchanges of experience
 - Further areas where GRS could add guidance
- Exchanges of experience (during Forum?) – volunteers?
- Regular meetings' guest speaker – any requests?

Update from secretariat



- No additional signatories to the declaration (still 86)
- Reorganization of the GRS section of the website (requests?)
- Update on the GRS Glossary
- Update on the code lists next step
- Update from the 9th Steering Committee meeting (June 2024)
 - WP.6 Report approved
 - Programme of Work 2024 approved
 - Mandate for all subgroups including ToS-GRS approved
 - Presentation from Caitlan Kraft Buchman

Next Meeting



- 6 November 2024 (12:00-14:00 Geneva-time)
- WP.6 Forum 2025 = March/April to be confirmed (Berlin?)
- Schedule of meetings for 2025 will be proposed before the end of the year

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Thank you

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