

# Status report of the UNECE GRSG Task Force on **Accessibility** (UN R 107)

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During the 126th session of UNECE GRSG (General Safety) in October 2023, **UITP tabled a proposal** to modify UN R 107 in respect of **accessibility** requirements with a **main focus on class I-vehicles** (City-buses). GRSG decided to establish a **Task Force “Accessibility”** to discuss the proposals and to develop a consolidated document. The Task Force is piloted by Germany.

The members of the group are **governmental representatives from UNECE-Contracting Parties, representatives from operators and manufacturers** with a **wide expertise in the development of technical regulations for buses and coaches**. The experts **evaluate the proposal GRSG-126 tabled by UITP** taking into account the **needs of people with reduced mobility**.

TF Accessibility started its work end of December 2023 chaired by Germany. Meetings took place:

1. Meeting, 18.12.2023           online meeting
2. Meeting, 17./18.01.2024    TÜV Rheinland – Cologne (Paris)
3. Meeting, 15./16.02.2024    RATP - Paris (hybrid)
4. Meeting, 26./27.06.2024    TEC - Liège (hybrid)
5. Meeting, 09/10.09.2024    VDA Office Berlin (hybrid)

The discussions during the meetings showed the willingness of the members to **identify possible problems** in the current UN-Regulation and to find **good solutions to make buses better accessible**.

The original plan of the TF was to present a final proposal for this 128. session of GRSG. Unfortunately, consensus could not be reached on several items.

Thus, **for this 128. GRSG session an informal document** has been prepared showing only paragraphs on which general consensus could be reached within the group, to take the amendment onboard of the final proposal. Despite this general agreement **still some brackets are contained** on points, where further justification and discussion to amend the text is necessary.

The 6. meeting of the TF is scheduled for 17./18. December 2024 at TÜV Rheinland in Cologne. The aim is now, to prepare during this session a **final working document to be delivered to the secretary before the deadline for the 129. GRSG (13.01.2025)**.

**Thank you for your attention**