
Working Party on Transport Statistics

Seventy-second session (held in a hybrid format)

Geneva, 9-11 June 2021

Item 13 of the provisional agenda

Summary of decisions

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1. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries and international organizations; Albania; Armenia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Canada; Croatia; Cyprus; Czechia; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Hungary; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Kyrgyzstan; Latvia; Malta; Montenegro; Netherlands; North Macedonia; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uzbekistan; UN-Habitat; United Nations Statistics Division; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; European Commission (EC) (DG MOVE and Eurostat); International Transport Forum (ITF); International Union of Railways (UIC); UNESCWA and the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR). Tunisia participated at the invitation of the secretariat.

Agenda item 1

2. The Working Party adopted its provisional agenda.

Agenda item 2

Big data for transport statistics

3. After presentations by Germany, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Sweden, United States of America, Russian Federation and the United Nations Statistics Division, the Working Party agreed to continue to share best practices on big data, both in future sessions and throughout the year with webinars and other activities where appropriate.

¹ Following the session, the ECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will establish the report of the session for formal transmission to the Inland Transport Committee in February 2022.

Agenda item 3
Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals

4. The Working Party took note of updates on road accident statistics collected by the secretariat and DG-MOVE, work on public transport access by UN-Habitat, and DG-MOVE and Eurostat's work on additional SDG indicators appropriate for the European region.

5. The Working Party agreed to further explore transport-related SDG indicators that are specific to the ECE region, building on the work of Eurostat and other regional organisations, and these indicators may be collated into an informal publication, the methodology for which will be confirmed with member States.

Agenda item 5 (a)
Urban Transport Statistics: Tram and Metro Statistics

6. The Working Party agreed to the continuation of collecting statistics on trams and metros on an annual level. The Working party encouraged its members to publish short-term urban public transport data in machine-readable form where possible.

Agenda item 5 (b)
Urban Transport Statistics: Tracking final leg deliveries

7. The Working Party took note of updates from Canada and Switzerland on tracking final deliveries and light utility vehicles, as well as the work of the UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), Eurostat's task force on light duty vehicles, and the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine's (CCNR) report on the use of inland waterways for urban freight logistics. It agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

Agenda item 6
Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics

8. The Working Party took note of the new system for common questionnaire data collection.

Agenda item 7
Traffic censuses in the ECE Region

9. The secretariat presented plans for the 2020 round of E-Road and E-Rail censuses, in particular the desire for data in a Shapefile format where possible. The Working Party encouraged member States to provide data for 2019 in addition, if available, in order to have a better understanding of how COVID-19 affected traffic volumes.

Agenda item 9
Implementation of the ITC Strategy to 2030 and the Programme of Work 2020-2021

10. The Programme of Work 2020-2021, and the updated terms of reference for the Working Party, were approved. The practice of conducting biennial planning and evaluations will continue.

Agenda item 10
The UNECE ITC and its subsidiary bodies

11. An update was given on relevant activities occurring at the ITC session of February 2021, including the ITC Strategy to 2030.

Agenda item 11
Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party

12. The Working Party took note of information provided by DG MOVE, EUROSTAT, ITF and UIC.

Agenda Item 13
Other business: Date of next session

13. The Working Party was informed that the next session is provisionally planned for 15–17 June 2022.

Agenda item 14
Report and decisions

14. The report of the session will be prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair.