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**Economic Commission for Europe****Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics****Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs****Twelfth session**

Geneva, 22 and 23 November 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth session\*, \*\***

to be held virtually and in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday 22 November, Room TPS1.

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data.
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## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs (GE.4) is invited to adopt its agenda.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/24

### 2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating construction costs

The Group is invited to review ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/Rev.1. This revised document has been prepared by the secretariat as requested by the Group at its last session in April 2021. As per the Group's request, the original version of this document has been fact checked and updated. The Group is invited to consider this revised document and possibly endorse it for inclusion in its final report.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/7/Rev.1

### 3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used

The Group is invited to review ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.3 which consists of an expanded terminology list including also new terms related to maintenance and operation costs as per the Group's expanded mandate. The Group is invited to consider this revised document and possibly endorse it for inclusion in its final report.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.3

### 4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data

At its previous session in April 2021, the Group decided to strengthen its efforts aimed at increasing the number of countries which contribute data to the current transport infrastructure costs benchmarking analysis. In this regard, it identified a large number of additional countries that would be approached by the secretariat in close cooperation with the lead countries Turkey (on road), Croatia (on inland waterways) and Poland (on rail) for a final round of data and information gathering.

At the same time, the Group, at its previous session, has also approved two new questionnaires on maintenance and operation costs for the road and rail sectors. These new questionnaires were submitted as Working Document 5 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/5) to the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (September 2021) and have also been shared with ECE Working Parties on Road Transport (SC.1) and Rail Transport (SC.2) for feedback and replies.

The Group is invited to review and analyse the (additional) replies received from Member States, between September and November 2021, both to the initial questionnaires on transport infrastructure construction costs as well as to the new questionnaires on maintenance and operation costs.

Depending on the quantity and quality of (additional) data and information received it may then decide: (a) How to integrate the additional data on infrastructure construction costs into

its existing benchmarking analysis and (b) Whether at the end of its current mandate it is still considering to request the establishment of a new Group of Experts that could continue the analytical work on benchmarking of transport infrastructure maintenance and operation costs.

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will also brief the Group on the establishment of a Geographic Information System (GIS) based International Transport Infrastructure Observatory. The Group is invited to provide feedback and guidance on the potential that this platform has to host and visualise its benchmarking analytical data and information on national and regional benchmarking best practices (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/4).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/5

## **5. Discussion on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts**

Based on the materials prepared by the Group so far and submitted to WP.5 for consideration at its sessions in September 2020 and September 2021, GE.4 is invited to take stock of its achievements to date and evaluate whether and if so (which) chapters need further improvement.

Inter alia, it should consider and review the following documents not yet referred to under agenda items 2, 3 and 4 above: "A Benchmarking literature review – definitions concepts and methodologies" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/6); "Findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9

## **6. Other business**

GE.4 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

## **7. Date and place of next meeting**

GE.4 will be informed that its next meeting will take on 10 and 11 February 2022 in Geneva.

## **8. Adoption of main decisions**

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will draft the final report.

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