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The transport-related Sustainable Development Goals**Updates on the Glossary for Transport Statistics****Note by the secretariat****Background**

1. The Glossary for Transport Statistics has been the definitive methodological document for the common questionnaire administered by UNECE, Eurostat and the International Transport Forum since it was first released in the 1990s. After extensive work from a country-led informal group under the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), in 2019 the fifth edition was published¹.
2. It is important to periodically review and update where necessary all definitions, in order to reflect changes in technology, law or behaviour. After the fifth edition, partner organizations considered future timescales on when updates should take place, and the idea of updating the glossary around every five years was noted.
3. Member States should share their views on if a glossary update should be considered for 2024, in which case the updating process should start in the coming months.
4. An alternative to a full glossary update would be to agree on and publish any necessary updates as separate annexes, for incorporation into a future edition. Updated or new definitions published in the short-term would enable countries to report on indicators in a comparable way.
5. In terms of indicators that any such update could cover, the area of electric vehicles (where the distinction between different types of hybrid vehicles is evolving) and electric charging infrastructure (not currently collected at international level) are possible candidates for any such annex or stand-alone update. Further, any such annex could include recommended indicators that countries can use to monitor national progress towards the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals.

¹ <https://unece.org/transport/publications/glossary-transport-statistics>.