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Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Sixty-sixth session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session*.*.*.*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Wednesday, 12 October 2022

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
3. Promotion of the development of container transport on inland waterways:
 - (a) Workshop “Development of container transport on inland waterways”;
 - (b) Round table on facilitating the alignment between the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations and the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance.
4. Current situation and trends in inland water transport:
 - (a) Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”;

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website at <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Inland-Water-Transport/events/369059>.

** All delegates are requested to register online at the following address:
<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=YhLJ22>.

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- (b) Recent developments and ongoing activities in the inland water transport sector.
- 5. European inland waterway network:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
 - (c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).
- 6. Proposal for a new classification of European inland waterways.
- 7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 6);
 - (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2);
 - (c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revision 2).
- 8. Innovative materials, equipment and technologies in inland water transport.
- 9. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
- 10. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
 - (a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58);
 - (b) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services;
 - (c) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe.
- 11. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
- 12. Inland waterway statistics.
- 13. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4);
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.
- 14. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
 - (a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
 - (b) Application of resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on inland navigation.
- 15. Rules of Procedure of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
- 16. Theme topic for the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party.
- 17. Tentative list of meetings for 2023.
- 18. Other business.
- 19. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-sixth session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/216, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2022)

2. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe Bodies of Interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its eighty-fourth session (22–25 February 2022) that are relevant to the Working Party.

SC.3 will be informed about the recent activities of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and of the ADN Administrative Committee.

The Working Party will be informed about the recent activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/316 and Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/80 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, ECE/ADN/60, ECE/ADN/63, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/72, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/183

3. Promotion of the Development of Container Transport on Inland Waterways

(a) Workshop “Development of Container Transport on Inland Waterways”

Delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the current situation, potential and prospects for the development of container transport on inland waterways, organized jointly by the secretariats of SC.3 and the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24).

(b) Round table on facilitating the alignment between the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations and the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance

Following the request of WP.24 at its sixty-fourth session, supported by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions, delegations are invited to take part in the joint SC.3/WP.24 round table on facilitating the alignment between the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC Protocol) and the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

The Working Party may wish to (a) consider and endorse the draft ITC resolution “Facilitating the Development of Container Transport on Inland Waterways” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/2-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2022/15) and (b) to accept and promote

the road map for ratification, acceptance, approval and accession to the AGTC Protocol (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/3-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2022/16).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/1-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2022/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/2-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2022/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/3-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2022/16

4. Current Situation and Trends in Inland Water Transport

(a) Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixty-fifth session, delegations are invited to inform the session about the progress in implementing the Wroclaw Ministerial Declaration (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/215, paragraph 14).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the information transmitted by governments based on the questionnaire circulated by the secretariat after the sixtieth session of SC.3/WP.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/5

(b) Recent developments and ongoing activities in the inland water transport sector

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of information on the current situation, trends and ongoing projects in inland navigation. Governments are invited to exchange information

5. European Inland Waterway Network

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance

Contracting parties to AGN are invited to propose amendments to annexes I and II of the agreement, if any.

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress in acceding to and implementing the agreement.

SC.3 may also wish to continue discussion on how to facilitate the implementation of AGN and increase the number of contracting parties.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”)

The Working Party may wish to approve the amendment to the third revised edition of the Blue Book, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-first session, as amendment 5.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3 and Amends.1–4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/20 and Corr.1

(c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2)

Delegations are invited to propose updates to the second revision of the Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (annex to resolution No. 49, revision 2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2

6. Proposal for a New Classification of European Inland Waterways

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the proposal for a new classification of European inland waterways transmitted by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure, the outcome of the informal expert group and further steps.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/4

7. Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 6)**

The Working Party may wish to approve the questionnaire for updating the document on the application of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) by member States and river commissions (CEVNI status document), preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/120, paragraph 53), and provide further guidance to the secretariat.

SC.3 may wish to take note of the decisions of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions on possible amendments to be introduced to CEVNI 6 and other issues relevant to the activities of the CEVNI Expert Group.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel adopted by the Mosel Commission at its plenary session on 1 June 2022 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/6).

Member States and river commissions are invited to provide updates on their navigation regulations and the implementation of CEVNI on their inland waterways.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/6

(b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amendments to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-first session, as resolution No. 104 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/7).

Member States may wish to continue discussion on aligning the provisions of the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (ES-TRIN) and national regulations of member States.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amends. 1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/7

(c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revision 2)

SC.3 may wish to take note of the revised Recommendations on the organization of the collection of waste from vessels navigating on the Danube, adopted at the ninety-seventh session of the Danube Commission on 15 June 2022 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/8) and decide as appropriate.

Member States and river commissions are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 on the progress and current activities aimed at the prevention of pollution of inland waterways from vessels.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/8

8. Innovative Materials, Equipment and Technologies in Inland Water Transport

Following the decision at its sixty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/215, paragraph 98), SC.3 is invited to take part in the discussion on innovative materials, equipment and technologies in inland water transport.

9. Glossary of Terms and Definitions Related to Inland Water Transport

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-first session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/9

10. Promotion of River Information Services as well as Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation**(a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58)**

The Working Party may wish to approve the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-first session on (a) the structure of the annex to resolution No. 58 and (b) definitions related to Inland Vessel Traffic Services (VTS). SC.3 may wish to provide further guidance to SC.3/WP.3 and the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/13

(b) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services

The Working Party may wish to discuss the current status and future work on other resolutions of relevance to River Information Services and decide as appropriate. Delegations are invited to inform the session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions.

(c) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments, the European Union, river commissions and the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI).

11. Mutual recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating provisions of the annex to resolution No. 31 based on the standards for qualifications in inland navigation of the European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation (ES-QIN) and national regulations of member States.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on recent developments in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/10

12. Inland Waterway Statistics

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the progress made in developing an E waterway census. SC.3 may wish to continue discussion on this issue and provide guidance to the secretariat.

13. Recreational Navigation**(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4)**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and the progress made in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

Delegations are invited to provide updates to the national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft, if any, and other relevant information.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/10

(b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the seventh meeting of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation and may wish to provide further guidance to the Group.

SC.3 may wish to approve the revised Guidelines to resolution No. 40 “International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft”, prepared by the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/11

14. Harmonization of the Pan-European Legal Framework for Inland Navigation**(a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the updated status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/12). SC.3 may wish to invite governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/12

(b) Application of resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of ECE resolutions and their application and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

SC.3 may also wish to continue discussion on how to improve monitoring of the application of resolutions and their efficiency.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/13

15. Rules of Procedure of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

In accordance with its Terms of Reference, endorsed by the Economic and Social Council on 16 February 2022 (E/RES/2022/2), ITC shall adopt the terms of reference and rules of procedure of its subsidiary bodies. SC.3 may wish to discuss the draft of its Rules of Procedure based on those of ITC and recommend the draft for adoption by ITC.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/14

16. Theme Topic for the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Working Party

SC.3 may wish to decide on the theme topic for its sixty-seventh session.

17. Tentative List of Meetings for 2023

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2023:

15–17 February 2023	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-second session);
3–5 July 2023	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (sixty-third session);
11–13 October 2023	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-seventh session).

18. Other Business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no issues under this agenda item.

19. Adoption of the Report

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, paragraph 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-sixth session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 12 October	10.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	2.30–4.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3
Thursday, 13 October	10.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m.	Agenda items 4–7
	2.30–4.30 p.m.	Agenda item 8
Friday, 14 October	10.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m.	Agenda items 9–14
	2.30–4.30 p.m.	Agenda items 15–19
