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### Inland Transport Committee

### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

#### Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure module

#### Third session

Geneva, 23 and 24 March 2023

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the third session\*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday,  
23 March 2023, Room XXV, Palais des Nations

## I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe cycling network
3. Cycling infrastructure definitions and standards.
4. Other business
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## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure module (GE.5) is invited to adopt its agenda as contained in this document.

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\* 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Transport Division's website ([unece.org/transport/events/wp5ge5-group-experts-cycling-infrastructure-module-third-session](http://unece.org/transport/events/wp5ge5-group-experts-cycling-infrastructure-module-third-session)). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([maria.mostovets@un.org](mailto:maria.mostovets@un.org)).

Delegates are requested to register online at: [indico.un.org/event/1002059](http://indico.un.org/event/1002059) two weeks prior to the session. Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines (Avenue de la Paix 13, 1211 Genève 10) (see the map on our website [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm) or at registration page).



**Documentation**

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

**2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe cycling network**

GE.5 is expected to collect and analyze data on national cycling infrastructure in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) countries in order to devise an ECE cycling network. GE.5 is invited to work with data received from countries and uploaded in the ECE International Transport infrastructure Observatory (ITIO).

ITIO shows data on national cycling networks (in some cases partial networks) from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom. Also, relevant EuroVelo routes data as well as data developed in Danube Cycle Plans are incorporated on the platform.

In working on devising the ECE cycling network, GE.5 may wish to invite experts from countries who have not yet shared national data but have already designated national cycling networks to report on their data sharing effort. GE.5 is then expected to start devising the network based on the collected data. In doing so, GE.5 may wish to agree on the desired density of the network.

GE.5 is then expected to discuss a revised draft of a guide with recommended steps for the initial designation of national cycling networks, which could be applied by countries which neither have procedure in place nor experience in designating cycling network. Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 1 contains the revised draft guide.

GE.5 is also expected to consider a revised discussion paper, as contained in Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 2, which provides tables with parameters value propositions differentiated for the three agreed user categories for each of the agreed types of infrastructure. GE.5 will be requested to modify them further if deemed appropriate so that they can be incorporated in the guide on designation of national cycling network.

**Documentation**

Informal documents WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 1 and 2

**3. Cycling infrastructure definitions and standards**

GE.5 has been reviewing for its first two sessions proposals for common definitions for various types of cycling infrastructure as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/6 and informal documents WP.5/GE.5 (2022) Nos. 3 and 4. In this work, GE.5:

- Agreed to make a proposal for modifications to Articles 23 and 24 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals concerning traffic light signals for cyclists. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/1 provides such a modification proposal.
- Requested preparation of an official document with the common definitions agreed so far. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2 contains these definitions.
- Invited the sister group of experts on signs and signals to advise on sign design and markings for advanced stop line/bike box, indirect/hook/two-stage turn provision and for lane preselection.
- Invited countries with experience in using traffic-light exemption for cyclists to showcase advantages from using this solution as well as explain how safety concerns are addressed.
- Requested countries to share their own definitions for cycle highway and experience with using this type of infrastructure.

- Requested the secretariat to collect cycle definitions from countries and consolidate them together with the views from industry. Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 3 provides this consolidation.
- Invited European Cyclists' Federation and the secretariat to appraise if the accepted and considered definitions would necessitate making proposals for additions or modifications to the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals in addition to those already prepared or considered. Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 4 provides this appraisal.

At the current session, GE.5 is expected to:

- Discuss on putting in place communication modalities with the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety on (a) modifications proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/1 to 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and (b) definitions contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2 and their possible inclusion in the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and/or on Road Signs and Signals.
- Consider the advice from the sister group of experts on markings and signs concerning preselection lane, two-stage turn provision and bike box if such can be provided in time for the current session.
- Discuss, based on presentations made, the experience and good practice in using traffic-light exemption for cyclists and for cycle highway and agree, if appropriate, on the definitions for these types of infrastructure.
- Consider the cycle definitions collected from countries and decide on a possible proposal for modifications to cycle definition as contained in the 1968 Conventions Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals.
- Consider the appraisal for further modifications to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2, Informal documents WP.5/GE.5 (2023) Nos. 3 and 4

#### **4. Other business**

GE.5 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

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

The secretariat will inform GE.5 about its next meetings in 2023.

#### **6. Summary 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 prepare the final report.