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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

##### Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

###### Sixty-second session

Geneva, 15–17 February 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Sixty-Second Session<sup>\*, \*\*</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,  
15 February 2023

### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Outcome of the Sixty-Sixth Session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. Workshop “Information and Computerization Technologies and Intelligent Transport Systems in the Inland Water Transport Sector”.
5. Inland Waterways Infrastructure:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
  - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book);

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\* 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: <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Inland-Water-Transport/events/373669>.

\*\* Participation is possible in-person only. Delegates are requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002285>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines (13, Avenue de la Paix), open on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 9172432) or by email ([sc.3@un.org](mailto:sc.3@un.org)). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, please visit <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.

- (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2).
- 6. 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) Ship-Borne Barges (Resolution No. 15);
  - (d) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (Resolution No. 21, Revision 2).
- 7. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping.
- 8. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation:
  - (a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 58);
  - (b) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe;
  - (c) Other Activities.
- 9. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation.
- 10. Inland Waterway Statistics.
- 11. Terms and Definitions in Inland Water Transport.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Other Business.
- 14. Adoption of the Report.

## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-second session on the basis of the provisional agenda, supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2023).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/123, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2023)

### 2. Election of Officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for the biennium 2022–2023.

### 3. Outcome of the Sixty-Sixth Session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixty-sixth session (12–14 October 2022).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217

### 4. Workshop “Information and Computerization Technologies and Intelligent Transport Systems in the Inland Water Transport Sector”

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraph 105), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the promotion of information and computerization technologies and the development of intelligent transport systems on inland waterways.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions and share their experience, best practices and developments in this field, discuss main challenges and strategies, and consider further steps that could be undertaken by SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/1

### 5. Inland Waterways Infrastructure

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

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress in implementing the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

The Working Party may wish to discuss follow-up activities of the round table on facilitating the alignment between AGN and the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations, held at the sixty-sixth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraphs 24–47).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217

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

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the consolidated text of amendments 1 to 5 to the Blue Book and provide further guidance to the secretariat.

Following its decision at its sixty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/122, paragraph 42), the Working Party may wish to consider the proposal on improvements to the structure of the Blue Book as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/3 and decide as appropriate.

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, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/2,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/3

**(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2)**

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2 and Amend.1

**6. 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 begin work on preparing amendments to the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), based on the list of the outstanding proposals for amendments to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/6), and recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/11) and the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/6).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Expert Group planned on 14 February 2023, and held back-to-back with the sixty-second session of SC.3/WP.3.

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraph 68), the Working Party may wish to discuss possible implications of the provisions for use of methanol for the propulsion of inland navigation vessels to the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN) developed by transmitted by the Chair of the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI), on the navigation rules and possible modifications to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/4).

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party about the current status and new developments in their navigation regulations.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/6,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2022/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/6,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/4

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

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2023, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/5.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/5

**(c) Ship-Borne Barges (Resolution No. 15)**

Following the decision at its sixty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/122, paragraph 56), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider possible updating of resolution No. 15 “Ship-Borne Barges” based on document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/6.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.3/131, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/6

**(d) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (Resolution No. 21, Revision 2)**

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider draft amendments to the annex to resolution No. 21, revision 2, based on the revised Recommendations on organizing the collection of waste from vessels navigating on the Danube, and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about additions or modifications to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels, if any.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2022/8,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/7

**7. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraph 66), the Working Party may wish to begin discussion on provisions for automated navigation on inland waterways as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/8 and provide guidance for the secretariat.

Governments are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about progress in the field of automation and smart shipping.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/8

**8. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation****(a) Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 58)**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraph 82), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating resolution

No. 58, as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/9, and provide further guidance for 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, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/9

**(b) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe**

The Working Party may wish to consider amendment proposals to the River Information Services (RIS) resolutions, as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/10, and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/10

**(c) Other Activities**

Delegations are invited to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

**9. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation**

The Working Party will be informed about recent progress and new developments in the field of professional requirements in inland navigation and mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates.

**10. Inland Waterway Statistics**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on an E waterway census, based on the proposal of the secretariat made at the sixty-sixth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraphs 90 and 91).

**11. Terms and Definitions in Inland Water Transport**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the release of the Glossary for Inland Water Transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/218).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the list of outstanding proposals that could be further discussed with a view to including them in the next edition of the Glossary as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/11.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/218, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/11

**12. 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 progress in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1-3

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

The Working Party will be informed about the progress thus far of the group, in particular, the progress made in developing test modules on the knowledge of CEVNI.

**13. Other Business**

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, proposals under this item were not available.

**14. Adoption of the Report**

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

**III. Tentative Timetable**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 15 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 16 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 5–6
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 7–8
Friday, 17 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 9–13
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 14