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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-sixth session

Geneva, 19–21 February 2025

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,  
19 February 2025

#### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe Bodies of Interest to the Working Party:
  - (a) Outcome of the eighty-seventh session of the Inland Transport Committee;
  - (b) Outcome of the Sixty-Eighth Session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. Workshop “Challenges of the Sustainable Development of Inland Water Transport”.
5. Inland Waterways Infrastructure:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;

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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 UNECE Sustainable Transport Division’s website: <https://unece.org/info/Transport/events/397436>.

\*\* Participation is possible only in person. Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://indico.un.org/event/1011611>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should present their digital badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate Pavillon (14, Avenue de la Paix), opened on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by e-mail ([sc.3@un.org](mailto:sc.3@un.org)). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other practical information, please visit <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.



- (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);
  - (d) New Classification of European Inland Waterways.
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) 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. 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;
  - (c) International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13).
11. Theme Topic for the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Working Party.
12. Other Business.
13. 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-sixth 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 (2025).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/131, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2025)

### 2. Election of Officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, Vice-Chair(s) for the biennium 2024–2025.

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

#### (a) Outcome of the Eighty-Seventh session of the Inland Transport Committee

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-seventh session (11–14 February 2025).

#### (b) Outcome of the Sixty-Eighth 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-eighth session (23–25 October 2024).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/223

### 4. Workshop “Challenges of the Sustainable Development of Inland Water Transport”

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/130, paragraph 74), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to challenges and barriers to the sustainable development of inland water transport and ways of overcoming them.

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

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/1

### 5. Inland Waterways Infrastructure

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

At its sixty-eighth session, SC.3 adopted the amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2024/6) and

requested the secretariat to transmit them to the depositary. The Working Party will be informed about the current status of these amendments.

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress in implementing AGN.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

**(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).

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.4

**(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

**(d) New Classification of European Inland Waterways**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-eighth session, the Working Party may wish to discuss the draft terms of reference of the informal expert group on a new classification of European inland waterways established in accordance with the decision of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/215, paragraph 45).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/2

**6. Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

**(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 24, Revision 6)**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-eighth session on updating the status of the Expert Group on the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) as a formal group of experts, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the draft terms of reference for a new Group of Experts on CEVNI and its draft programme of work (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/3).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on new amendment proposals to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/3).

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the information on the application of CEVNI revision 6 and updates to the CEVNI status document transmitted by member States.

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.3/2025/3,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/4

**(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), based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/5.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/5

**(c) 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

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

The Working Party may wish to discuss its future tasks and activities for the implementation of the Road Map for 2025–2028 “Forging International Cooperation Towards an International Legislative Basis for Automation and Remote Operation in Inland Navigation” adopted by SC.3 at its sixty-eighth session and provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the terms and definitions related to automated navigation.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about progress in automated 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)**

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on the application of the Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58, revised).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/166/Rev.1

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

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on harmonizing resolutions of relevance to River Information Services (RIS) with the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS) and provide guidance for 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

(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 progress of the informal working group on issues related to labour market challenges.

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 and national regulations of member States.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about recent progress and new developments in the field of professional requirements in inland navigation and mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates.

**10. 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.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider answers to the questionnaire on the application of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft by countries and recreational boaters and provide guidance to the secretariat on a possible review of resolution No. 40.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/6

(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.

(c) **International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13)**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on revising resolution No. 13 and its annexes based on the proposal prepared by the secretariat.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.3/131, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/10,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/7

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

The Working Party may wish to decide on the theme topic for its sixty-seventh session.

**12. Other Business**

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

**13. Adoption of the Report**

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

**III. Tentative Timetable**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 19 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 20 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 5–6
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 6–7
Friday, 21 February	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 8–12
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 13