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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

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

#### **Thirty-ninth session**

Geneva, 15–17 June 2011

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

#### **Strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure**

### **Expert meeting on strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure in Europe**

#### **Preliminary programme**

##### *Note by the secretariat*

1. At its thirty-eighth session, Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) welcomed the secretariat's proposal to organize, back-to-back with its next session, an expert meeting on inland waterway infrastructure development, in line with Policy Recommendation No. 1 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189) in Europe and in the light of the ongoing revision of the UNECE Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E-Waterway Network ("Blue Book") (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.1) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 18).
2. In accordance with this decision, the secretariat proposes in this document a preliminary programme of an Expert meeting on Strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure in Europe, which will take place on the second day of the thirty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3 (16 June 2011).

## Expert meeting on Strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure in Europe

16 June 2011  
Palais des Nations, Geneva.

### SCOPE AND PURPOSE

1. Under the auspices of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the UNECE secretariat is organizing on 16 June 2011 an expert meeting on strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure in Europe. The meeting will be held during the thirty-ninth session of the UNECE Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) (15-17 June 2011).
2. The goal of the meeting is to discuss the next steps on the further development of inland water transport (IWT) infrastructure in the UNECE region and elaborate proposals on joint actions by the institutions involved in the IWT promotion and development. The results of the meeting shall be disseminated to the relevant international institutions and submitted to the fifty-fifth session of SC.3 (12-14 October 2011).
3. The target audience is the representatives of UNECE member States, river navigation commissions, waterway operators and administrations, inland navigation promotion and development organizations, inland navigation educational institutions and experienced consultants and research institutes.
4. **For more information**, please contact [sc.3@unece.org](mailto:sc.3@unece.org).

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

10.00 – 10.15

WELCOME and OPENING

*International cooperation on promoting the development of inland waterway (IW) infrastructure*

Ms. Eva MOLNAR  
Director, UNECE Transport Division

10.15 - 10.45

INVENTORY OF MAIN STANDARDS AND PARAMETERS OF THE E-WATERWAY NETWORK AND INVENTORY OF BOTTLENECKS AND MISSING LINKS

*UNECE Inventory of main standards and parameters of the E-Waterway network (Blue Book): state of play and next steps*

Ms. Valerie Blanchard  
UNECE Transport Division

*Inventory of Bottlenecks and Missing Links on the European Waterway Network as compiled within the framework of PLATINA*

Mr. Roeland van Bockel  
Platform for the implementation of the EU NAIADES programme (PLATINA)

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10.45 – 11.30

**NATIONAL APPROACH TO ASSESSING THE VALUE  
ADDED OF IW INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

*Assessing IW infrastructure projects in the Russian Federation*

Ms. Anna Isaeva  
Deputy Director  
Department of State Policy on maritime and river transport  
Ministry of Transport  
The Russian Federation

*Assessing IW infrastructure projects in the Republic of Belarus: restoration of the  
Dniepr-Oder-Vistula waterway*

Mr. Zacharenko, Directorate for maritime and river transport  
Ministry of Transport and Communications  
Republic of Belarus

*Time to go digital? Options for a new format of the Blue Book to facilitate planning  
and decision-making*

Mr David Edwards-May  
Vice-president, Inland Waterways International  
CEO, Euromapping consultancy and publishing

11.30 – 12.30

**DISCUSSION: NEXT STEPS FOR THE FURTHER  
DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Moderator:** Azhar Jaimurzina, UNECE Transport Division

12.30 – 13.00

**CONCLUDING REMARKS AND FOLLOW UP  
ACTIONS**

Ms. Eva MOLNAR  
Director, UNECE Transport Division

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