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#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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

###### Sixty-third session

Geneva, 3–5 July 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

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

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

#### **I. Provisional Agenda**

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Workshop “Addressing Labour Market Challenges and Making the Sector More Attractive”.
3. 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);
  - (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2).

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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/377575>.

\*\* Participation is possible in-person only. Delegates are requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002199>. 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>.

4. 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).
5. Proposal for a New Classification of European Inland Waterways.
6. River-Sea Transport in Europe.
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. Terms and Definitions in Inland Water Transport.
10. Inland Waterway Statistics.
11. 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).
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-third 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. 7 (2023).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/125, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2023)

### 2. Workshop “Addressing Labour Market Challenges and Making the Sector More Attractive”

Following the decision of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (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 current situation at the inland water transport labour market, recent developments in the legislative framework, social security, impact of digitalization and automation, new jobs and opportunities for the sector and other relevant issues.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions and share their experience, best practices and developments in this field, discuss possibilities for making the sector more attractive for the qualified staff, and consider further steps that could be undertaken by SC.3.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/12

### 3. 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).

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 AGN.

As a follow-up of resolution No. 269 “Facilitating the Development of Container Transport on Inland Waterways” of the Inland Transport Committee, the Working Party may wish to begin discussion on establishing the joint management and/or monitoring of AGN and the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations to ensure alignment between the two legal instruments. SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to provide recommendations for SC.3.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/2023/31, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about progress in preparing the fourth revision of the 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 be included in the draft fourth revision of the Blue Book.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to finalize the table containing the list of missing links, prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/3) based on the information transmitted by countries.

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.3/2023/3,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/13

#### **(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

### **4. 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 consider and preliminarily approve the draft amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its thirty-eighth meeting held on 13 February 2023 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/14).

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-ninth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group that will be held back-to-back with the sixty-seventh session of SC.3.

The Working Party may wish to take note of (a) articles 8.01, 8.02, 8.05–8.08 and 8.10 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR), that may be of relevance to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraph 48), and (b) the amendments to RPNR adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) in 2022 at its autumn session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/15).

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217, paragraph 68), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on 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) 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.3/217, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/4,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/15

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

Following its decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraph 55), the Working Party may wish to consider the amendment proposal to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with Romania and

other interested member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/16), and provide guidance for the secretariat.

SC.3/WP.3 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.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/16

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

Following the decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraph 60), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on possible updating of resolution No. 15 “Ship-Borne Barges”.

**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)**

The Working Party may wish to take note of modifications to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels (resolution No. 21, revision 2, addendum 1) as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/17.

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.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of resolutions adopted by the Conference of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI) in 2021 and 2022 that may be of relevance to the Working Party and provide guidance for the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/17,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/18

**5. Proposal for a New Classification of European Inland Waterways**

The Working Party will be informed about consultations with members of the informal expert group on the proposal for a new classification of European inland waterways transmitted by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on this topic and provide guidance for the secretariat.

**Documentation**

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

**6. River-Sea Transport in Europe**

The Working Party may wish to go back to the discussion on river-sea transport in Europe held at the round table at its fifty-sixth session on 13 February 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, paragraphs 63–77) with a view to consider possibilities for harmonizing and simplifying the existing legal framework and promoting this transport mode. In particular, delegations may wish to discuss technical requirements of inland navigation vessels allowed to navigate in coastal areas, conditions for navigation, certificates of vessels and crews and other relevant issues. SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to provide recommendations for SC.3.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/19

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

Following its decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraphs 69 and 71), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on provisions for automated navigation on inland waterways based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/20 and provide guidance for the secretariat.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the updated definitions of automation levels in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/15) and decide as appropriate.

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

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/20

**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 its decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraphs 73 and 74), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the draft revision of the Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 58) and provide further guidance for the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/9

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

Following its decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraph 77), 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,  
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. Terms and Definitions in Inland Water Transport**

The Working Party may wish to provide feedback on the Glossary for Inland Water Transport to the secretariat, if any.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to provide comments on the list of outstanding proposals for the Glossary prepared by the secretariat for its sixty-second session or propose new terms to be added.

**Documentation**

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

**10. Inland Waterway Statistics**

The Working Party may wish to discuss barriers for increasing inland water transport volumes on European waterways.

Delegations may wish to transmit the data on transport volumes missing in the Eurostat statistics for extending the E waterway census to cover the entire ECE region.

**11. 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**

Following its decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraphs 92 and 93), the Working Party may wish to consider the updated draft second revision of the Guidelines to resolution No. 40 and decide as appropriate.

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.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2023/21

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

Following its decision at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/124, paragraphs 94–96), the Working Party may wish to consider the application of resolution No. 13 by countries and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.3/131

**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-third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

### III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 3 July	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–2
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 2
Thursday, 4 July	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 3–5
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
Friday, 5 July	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 9–12
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 13

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