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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

##### Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure module

###### Fifth session

Geneva, 30 and 31 January 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday,  
30 January, Room XXII, Palais des Nations

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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3. Cycling infrastructure definitions and standards.
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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 ([www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html)). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([maria.mostovets@un.org](mailto:maria.mostovets@un.org)).

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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.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/8

### **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.

At the previous sessions, GE.5 agreed on 3 principles to be applied for devising ECE cycling network based on the national networks as well as density indicator. It invited countries which have designated their national cycling networks to consider the three agreed principles and the indicator and, based on them, send to the secretariat in time for the current session their proposal for their national routes to form ECE cycling network. GE.5 should review these proposals and, as far as possible, start devising the ECE cycling network.

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 may also wish to invite experts from countries which still work on designation of networks to inform about progress achieved.

GE.5 is then expected to review the version of draft 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. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/3/Rev.1 contains the guide, which now incorporates the cycle route parameters concerning crossings, separation with pedestrians and inclination and refer to attributes concerning shade, priority of way and accessibility of cycling infrastructure.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/3/Rev.1

### **3. Cycling infrastructure definitions and standards**

GE.5 has been reviewing at its previous sessions proposals for common definitions for various types of cycling infrastructure which resulted in preparation of ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2/Rev.2. The latter includes now the definition for cycle highway.

GE.5 will be invited to review the definitions on which comments were raised in the consultations with experts of the informal intergovernmental road signs group of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). This concerns the definition of cycle track and advisory cycle lane.

GE.5 should also continue discussing the proposal for new definitions for cycle. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2024/1 provides the definitions contained in Informal document WP.5/GE.5 (2023) No. 6 and further modified based on comments made at the fourth session.

GE.5 should also continue its discussion on the proposals for possible modifications to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals taking into account the accepted definitions of the various types of cycle infrastructure. ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/4 contains an appraisal of the accepted definitions of the various types of cycle infrastructure in the context of the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and proposals for possible modifications to the Convention.

GE.5 should review ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/4 taking into account the comments raised in the consultations with experts of the WP.1 informal intergovernmental road signs group and conclude which modifications it would want to propose in its final report.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/2/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2023/4,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2024/1

#### **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 the place and date its sixth and final session.

#### **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.

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