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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

###### Fifty-ninth session

Geneva, 23–25 June 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session<sup>\*</sup>, <sup>\*\*</sup>, <sup>\*\*\*</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on  
Wednesday, 23 June 2021

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Workshop “Building up a solid international regulatory framework aimed at increasing the efficiency and safety of inland water transport”.
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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<sup>\*</sup> 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/transport/events/sc3wp3-working-party-standardization-technical-and-safety-requirements-inland-4>.

<sup>\*\*</sup> All delegates are requested to register online at the following address:  
<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=M4ed8M>.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Participation is possible both in-person and virtually. To take part in the session in-person, delegates are kindly requested to additionally register at <https://indico.un.org/event/35346>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) 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 [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

4. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
  - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5);
  - (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, revised);
  - (d) Modernization and greening of the inland waterway fleet in Europe.
5. 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 (annex to resolution No. 58);
  - (b) Booklet “River Information Services in the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe”;
  - (c) Satellite positioning systems on inland waterways;
  - (d) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe.
6. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
7. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
8. Inland waterway statistics.
9. Recreational navigation.
10. Theme topic for the sixtieth session of the Working Party.
11. Other business.
12. 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 fifty-ninth 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. 10 (2021).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/117, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 10 (2021)

### 2. Workshop “Building up a solid international regulatory framework aimed at increasing the efficiency and safety of inland water transport”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its fifty-eighth session, delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the international regulatory framework for inland water transport. The workshop will address:

(a) The efficiency of international conventions relevant to inland navigation and UNECE resolutions and possibilities how to improve the promotion and monitoring of the implementation of mandatory instruments;

(b) The need for updating the existing legal instruments as foreseen the strategy of the Inland Transport Committee until 2030;

(c) Potential new legal instruments to further facilitate the growth and use of inland waterways, pleasure navigation and tourism and increase the sustainability of transport.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to provide recommendations to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) on the implementation of the Strategy of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) till 2030 and Policy Recommendation No. 2 of the White Paper on the Progress, Accomplishments and Future of Sustainable Inland Water Transport.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/279, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/12

### 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 reached in the implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

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

The Working Party may wish to consider amendment proposals to the to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book), transmitted by governments and river commissions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/13).

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 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/13

**(c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2)**

The Working Party may wish to consider new amendment proposals, transmitted by member States to the second revised edition of 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

**4. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**

**(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

The Working Party may wish to take note of the progress made in the preparation of the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) by the CEVNI Expert Group: (a) the reports of its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh meetings held online on 8 February and 13 April 2021 and (b) the amendment proposals agreed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its thirty-seventh meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/14).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the outcome of its special session on CEVNI to be held on 22 June 2021 back-to-back with its fifty-ninth session and approve the decisions made at the special session.

The Working Party may wish to consider and preliminarily approve the draft CEVNI 6 in the three official languages based on the text prepared by the secretariat (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 11 (2021)) and transmit this to SC.3 for the final adoption.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on the draft proposal for a model waste water log as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/3.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine at its autumn session in 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/15).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/3,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/15 and Informal  
document SC.3/WP.3 No. 12 (2021)

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

The Working Party may wish to consider an amendment proposal to the annex to resolution No. 61, prepared by the secretariat based on provisions of the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2021 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/16).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue the discussion of a new draft chapter “Special provisions applicable to electric vessel propulsion” to the annex to resolution No. 61, based on the proposal by the Danube Commission and the feedback received by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/17).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/3,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/16 and  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/17

**(c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised)**

Governments are invited to provide updates to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels contained in addendum 1 to the annex to resolution No. 21, revision 2, if any.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the proposal on the additional categorization of waste generated on board inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29) and decide as appropriate.

Member States and river commissions are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 on the progress reached and the current activities aimed at the prevention of pollution of inland waterways from vessels.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29

**(d) Modernization and greening of the inland waterway fleet in Europe**

Following the decision at its fifty-eighth session, the Working Party may wish to continue exchanging information about the recent achievements, the ongoing projects and events dedicated to modernization and greening of inland waterway fleet.

**5. 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 (annex to resolution No. 58)**

The Working Party will be informed about the ongoing work of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) on the revision of the Recommendation 0120 (V-120) "Vessel Traffic Services in Inland Waters". SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on updating resolution No. 58 and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.3/166 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/18

**(b) Booklet "River Information Services in the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe"**

Following its decision at its fifty-eighth session to prepare a booklet that aims to promote the development of River Information Services, the Working Party may wish to discuss the draft prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/19). The Working Party may wish to preliminarily approve the draft and provide further guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/19

**(c) Satellite positioning systems on inland waterways**

Following its decision at its fifty-eighth session, the Working Party may wish to share information and best practice on the application of satellite positioning systems on inland waterways and ways for improving their accuracy.

**(d) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe**

The Working Party may wish to take note of the information about the ongoing work of the European Commission and CESNI on the preparation of the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS, Edition 2021/1).

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

**6. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation**

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 professional requirements, included in the European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation (ES-QIN) and national regulations of member States.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/10

**7. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made in the development of the Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider comments on the draft, if any, and to provide its guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/16

**8. Inland waterway statistics**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the proposal for an E waterway census, presented by the secretariat at the sixty-fourth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, paras. 90 and 91) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2021)

**9. Recreational navigation**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4, the progress made in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft and the activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4

**10. Theme topic for the sixtieth session of the Working Party**

The Working Party may wish to decide on a theme topic for its sixtieth session.

**11. Other business**

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

## 12. Adoption of the report

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its fifty-ninth session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

## III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 23 June	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–2
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 3–4
Thursday, 24 June	9.30 a.m.–11.30 p.m.	Agenda items 5–7
	12.30–16.30 p.m.	Agenda items 8–11
Friday, 25 June	9.30–11.30 a.m.	Agenda item 12