

Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP24)

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Main activities:

- (a) Mapping intermodal transport terminals;
- (b) Preparation of national master plans on freight transport and logistics;
- (c) Enhancement to the use of the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code);
- (d) Review of national policy measures to promote intermodal transport;
- (e) Look into intermodal issues along Euro-Asian Transport Links;
- (f) Workshop on operational challenges of regional intermodal transport and innovative solutions.



(a) Mapping intermodal transport terminals

- A study is under preparation (secretariat with UIRR and Europlatforms)
- Focus on mapping and categorizing the types of terminals that exist in the UNECE region and on the available facilities
- Will consider UIRR study on transparency in rail facility information and practices to be completed in course of 2019



(b) Preparation of national master plans on freight transport and logistics

- Master plans on freight transport and logistics are key to strengthening the sector and so the national economies
- A handbook on national master plans on freight transport and logistics under development
- Structure of the handbook agreed in November 2018
- Advanced draft expected for November 2019



(c) Enhancement to the use of the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code)

- Collection of information on the use of the CTU Code
- Search for solutions to make the CTU Code easily accessible (mobile application)



(c) Enhancement to the use of the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code)

- Agreement on the review of CTU Code
- Role for a Group of Experts on the CTU Code (in cooperation with IMO and ILO)
- **Request to ITC to approve the establishment of the Group for Experts based on Terms of Reference (ECE/TRANS/2019/14)**



(d) Review of national policy measures to promote intermodal transport

- Continuation of monitoring and analysis of national measures to promote intermodal transport
- 2019 collection of information



(e) Look into intermodal issues along Euro-Asian Transport Links

- Review of results of the last phase of Euro-Asian Transport Links project
- Contribution to EATL work on intermodal issues



Workshop 2018 “Operational challenges of regional intermodal transport and innovative solutions”

Rationale:

- Intermodal Transport can help achieve goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development since intermodality leads to economic, environmental and social sustainability
- To do so, different operational challenges that intermodal transport faces and which can vary between regions have to be identified and addressed



Outcomes:

- The workshop identified a good number of operational challenges that intermodal transport is facing, in particular in the following areas:
 - Competitiveness
 - Capacity and routing flexibility
 - The role of the polluter pays principle
 - Effective operation of freight centres/villages

- The workshop shared possible solutions to improve in these areas



Theme of 2019 Workshop:

Intermodal transport and logistics' role in making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Thank you!

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