

Selected Activities of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)

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Structure of the presentation

- Report of the Expert Group on Hinterland Connections of Seaports
- Activities of the Expert Group on Euro-Asian Transport Links
- Publication of the WP.5 report on the identification of bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service in infrastructure networks

Report on hinterland connections

- Report of the Expert Group on Hinterland Connections of Seaports approved by WP.5
- Includes
 - Questionnaire survey
 - Review of good practices
 - Conclusions and recommendations
- Draft report available at <u>http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/wp5/ECE-TRANS-WP5-2009-22-inf16e.pdf</u>

Issues for further consideration

- Explore frameworks within which port managers could be encouraged to minimize the negative impacts of port-hinterland flows
- Assess the relative merits of the continued development of hub ports or an alternative regional approach with shorter hinterland routes
- Identify areas in which amendments to international transport conventions and agreements administered by UNECE may be necessary and make relevant proposals

Issues for further consideration, cont'd

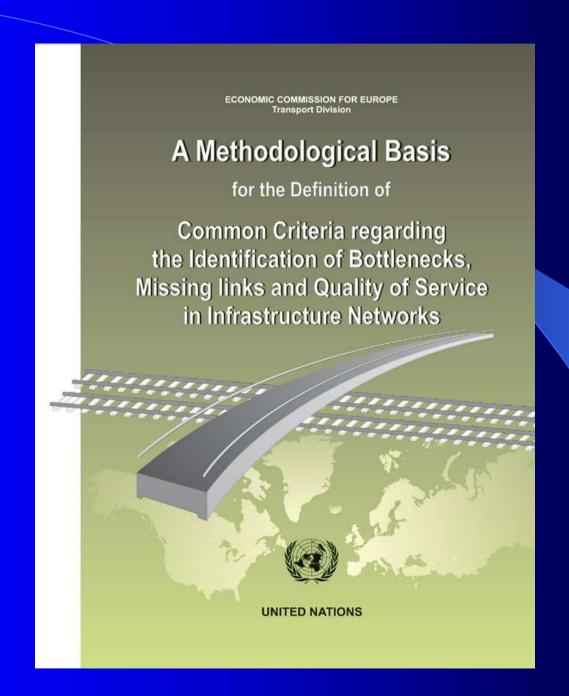
- Possible areas for amendments:
 - Harmonization Convention (a new annex)
 - AGTC Agreement (update list of seaports and specify minimum infrastructure and operational standards)
 - AGR and AGC Agreements (specify minimum infrastructure and operational standards for efficient connections of seaports with AGR and AGC networks)

EATL Expert Group

- Regional EATL workshop, Tehran, May 2009
- The 2nd EG session, Geneva, Sep. 2009
- WP.5 approved the request for a two-year extension of the EATL EG
- Extra-budgetary funding provided by the Russian government
- Currently 25 participating countries
- The 3rd EG session, hosted by Turkey and BSEC, Istanbul, Nov. 2009

EATL Expert Group, cont'd

- Identification of priority routes and investment
- Coordination with other international organizations
- Three studies to be elaborated
 - Collection of data on EATL transport flows
 - Comparison of EATL and maritime routes
 - Identification of non-physical obstacles
- Report to be submitted to WP.5 in 2011

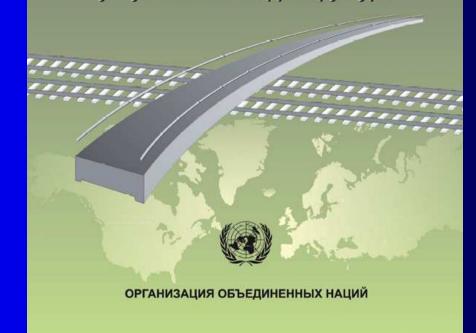




Методологическая основа

для определения

общих критериев, касающихся идентификации узких мест, недостающих звеньев и качества услуг на сетях инфраструктуры



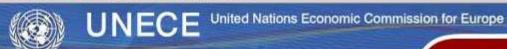
Bottlenecks

- Report available at http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/wp5/ECE-TRANS-205e.pdf
 http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/wp5/ECE-TRANS-205r.pdf
- Transport infrastructure in Europe provided mainly by governments (P < LRMC)
- Admin. process needed to identify bottlenecks and potential investment
- Report provides a robust methodology

Bottlenecks, cont'd

- Standard economic concepts used to analyze bottlenecks in road sector
- Expand link if PV (congestion) > C (inv)
- PV depends on available alternatives
- Application of road concepts to rail bottlenecks difficult (a number of conditions would have to be satisfied)

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- Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports (WP.5/GE.1)
- Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (WP.5/GE.2)

Special Projects

Project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

Events and Workshops

- > Hinterland Connections of Seaports
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Other

Information for Delegates

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Transport Trends and Economics

About transport trends and economics

The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) is an intergovernmental body that provides a pan-European forum for exchange of ideas about the progress and challenges concerning sustainable inland transport across the pan-European

The objective is to enhance the understanding of the main inland transport trends and developments in the UNECE region and strengthen international cooperation to develop sustainable Euro-Asian transport links.



Meetings

7 - 8 September 2010

Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (twenty-third session)

National Transport Trends (2008)

Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Norway, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

Previous years

Recent Events and Workshops

EATL Phase II - 1st Regional Workshop, 27 - 29 April 2009, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Hinterland Connections of Seaports: The role of Seaports as a Link between Inland and Maritime Transport, 17 - 18 September 2008, Piraeus, Greece

Analytical Reports

Methodological basis for the definition of common criteria regarding bottlenecks, missing