



Actions of the inland transport sector to  
join the global fight against climate change

85<sup>th</sup> Session

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE



UNECE

## Road transport

Mr. Roman Symonenko, Chair

Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1)

# Summary & Highlights

## Road Transport



- Group of Experts on the AETR (GE.21) continued its work on reconciling the AETR regime in the European Union and non-European Union AETR contracting party countries, and also introducing the smart tachograph following its application in the EU as of June 2019.
- Group of Experts on Operationalization of eCMR (GE.22) was established and met four times. There were extensive discussions on article 5 of eCMR Additional Protocol and relevant key provisions of CMR Convention. In 2023, they started to discuss proposed concepts and processes.
- A workshop on cross-border insurance of motor vehicles was jointly organized by the five UN regional commissions as part of the 117<sup>th</sup> session of SC.1 in October 2022.
- Changes to Annex 1 (International motor insurance certificates) of the Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (RE.4) were approved by SC.1 at its 117<sup>th</sup> session.

# AETR Group of Experts (SC.1/GE.21)



- Three sessions since last year's ITC. The 31st session took place on 20 February 2023.
- Status of current proposals for amending the AETR Agreement:
  - no significant progress to reconcile proposals by Portugal/EU (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2) and Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/3)
  - extensive comments submitted by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1) in February 2023
  - amendment proposal concerning Article 4, paragraph 2 for applications of the AETR Agreement in the “force majeure situations” (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/2) submitted by Belarus. Supported by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1)
  - EU expected to submit a revised proposal on TACHOnet (exchange of information)
- At the 30<sup>th</sup> session in Oct 2022, Belarus and Russian Federation expressed the view that the co-operation with the Joint Research Centre should be terminated as it was not providing the services as per the last “administrative agreement”. GE.21 requested the secretariat to inform SC.1 about this issue at its 117<sup>th</sup> session.

# AETR discussions at SC.1's 117<sup>th</sup> session



- SC.1 agreed to extend the mandate of GE.21 until 30 June 2025, and requests that ITC endorses such.
- The Administrative arrangement between UNECE, the Joint Research Centre, and the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission ended in December 2022.
- Voting based on UNECE member States present and voting at the 117<sup>th</sup> session of SC.1 was taken with the outcome being 20 votes cast in favour of SC.1 mandating the UNECE secretariat to sign the Administrative arrangement for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024. There were no objections nor were there any abstentions. The Russian Federation stated that they did not recognize the vote nor the decision by SC.1 and would bring the matter to ITC, EXCOM and the UNECE Executive Secretary.

# e-CMR Contracting Parties



## 33 Contracting Parties as at 10 Feb 2023:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan.



# Group of Experts on Operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22)



- Established in May 2022 and had its first session in July 2022. There have been four sessions to date.
- Chaired by Latvia, with Uzbekistan as Vice-Chair. Participants include a number of contracting party countries, international organizations and NGOs such as IRU, and the private sector.
- Good progress in discussing article 5 of eCMR Additional Protocol and relevant key provisions of CMR Convention.
- Started discussing proposed concepts and processes at its January 2023 (fourth) session. These discussions will continue at its fifth session in April 2023, with a hope of participants coming to an agreement on a proposed high level architecture for a future eCMR environment/system to be adopted at the group's sixth (and currently planned final) session in July 2023.

# Other SC.1 updates



- SC.1 approved changes to Annex 1 (International motor insurance certificates) of the Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (RE.4). The changes were:
  - Possibility for an IMIC (green card) to be printed black on white paper or black on green paper; or
  - Presented in an electronic form independent of the software, hardware or operating system that an IMIC is displayed on.
- A workshop on cross-border insurance of motor vehicles was jointly organized by the five UN regional commissions as part of the 117<sup>th</sup> session of SC.1.
  - Representatives from the card systems from different regions exchanged information, experiences and good practices
  - The relevance of having a harmonized unique third party vehicles cross-border insurance system was pondered
  - Compulsory minimum third party insurance for all motor vehicles was strongly recommended
  - Another workshop in 2023 to further exchange experience and identify solutions to enhance cooperation between the card systems was recommended



Actions of the inland transport sector to  
join the global fight against climate change

85<sup>th</sup> Session

**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**



**UNECE**

**Thank you!**

SC.1 secretariat

**UNECE**

Date 23 February 2023, Geneva