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SUMMARY MINUTES

The CCST meets at annual intervals in order to review progress in all areas of work related to EU transport statistics, and to contribute to plan future actions in this domain. The main objective of the meeting was to review in detail the state of implementation of the Community *acquis* on transport statistics in the 25 Member States as well as in other EEA countries, seen from Eurostat and from the individual countries.

This CCST meeting was attended by 29 countries: all EU Member States except Malta and Greece, three candidate countries (Bulgaria, Romania, and Turkey), Norway and Switzerland. The U.S. Bureau of transport statistics, the International Road transport Union (IRU), the European Environment Agency (EEA), and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) were also present.

The **policy context** (agenda point 4) was provided by the Directorate General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN). The policy agenda is dominated by the mid-term review of the White Paper and there is a need for statistics to monitor the 60 policy measures foreseen by 2010. Proposals on rail market liberalisation, maritime safety, security of transport infrastructures and services, charging on infrastructures and open skies are currently debated by the legislators. The importance of road safety, passenger mobility and logistics is growing. DG TREN's web site provides 10 questions on transport policy for public consultation:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/white_paper_transport_revision/lb_consultation_en.html

Eurostat G1 (Business Statistics) presented the general concepts and scope of SBS (Structural Business Statistics) and presented data availability on **transport enterprises and employment** collected under the Annex 1 of the Council Regulation 58/97/EC (agenda point 5).

The EEA Member States and Candidate Countries completed Eurostat's **progress report** (agenda points 6-7). New Member States stressed the importance of Multi-country Transition Facility as a means to improve the implementation of the *acquis*. Most participants agreed to improve the availability of data in the Common Questionnaire, even though the lack of resources lowers the priority of this exercise compared to statistics based on legal acts. The importance of the availability of data exchange tables from the Regulation 1172/98/EC to calculate total road freight transport on national territory was stressed. Some participants reported problems with the quality of the vehicle registers and the low response rate in the road freight survey according to the Regulation. All Member States declared that they can comply with all or most obligations of the Regulation 91/2003 on rail transport statistics. However, some problems in collecting rail data resulted from the opening of the rail market and the growing number of operators. The production of aviation, maritime and inland waterways transport statistics did not cause major problems in most countries. Some Member States recognised the growing importance of intermodality and mentioned their initiatives related to the collection of intermodal data. Several Member States also informed the CCST on national passenger mobility surveys.

CCST took note of the results of discussions on **"negative priorities"** (agenda point 8) in the maritime and road transport statistics working groups, and it was decided to set up two task forces to examine the situation of these modes. The task force on maritime statistics aims at providing input to a likely new Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council whereas the road task force will work on a suggestion for committee procedure. Several MS volunteered to participate in these two task forces.

CCST decided to replace NST/R goods classifications by NST-2000 from 2008 (reference year). Other **main developments of the EU transport statistics** (agenda point 9) focused on the new Regulation on inland waterways statistics that is advancing fast in the co-decision procedure: it was recently approved by the Council Working Group and by the Committee of Transport and Tourism of the European Parliament. Final adoption of the Regulation is expected in the first quarter of 2006 - and entry into force in 2007. CCST agreed with the road map to modernise maritime transport statistics, including the setting up of a specific task force. The importance of the Modal Split Indicators project was stressed, but some Member States expressed their scepticism as regards rudimentary estimation methods used for attributing road transport performance. The European Environment Agency (EEA) urged Eurostat to maintain the existing datasets in view of the Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism, and two recent requests from DG ENV were also presented. Eurostat informed the participants of its plans to publish data on container transport received under different legal acts. Recent co-

operation between the Commission services and transport industry is also likely to yield data on intermodal transport. Participants were also informed of a DG TREN's study that aims at classifying infrastructure expenditure and costs.

In the discussion on the **annual work programme** (agenda point 10), some Member States wished for more information on priorities of the work programme. As regards the work programme 2007, Eurostat was requested to arrange a preliminary consultation of Member States before the hearings of the Commission services.

Annex 1: List of participants

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