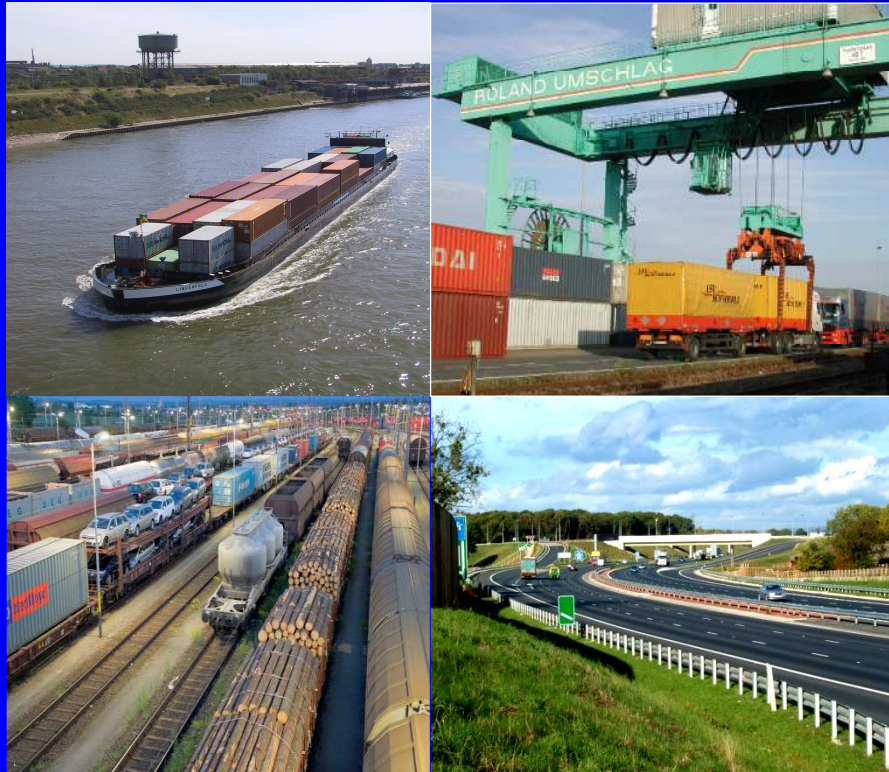




UNECE FOCUS ON INLAND TRANSPORT SECURITY

Achievements and Challenges



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What is UNECE?

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe <http://unece.org/>
- One of the five UN regional commissions
- 56 member states
- Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Southeast Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia, North America
- Transport, trade, environment, economic cooperation, energy, statistics, social issues

UNECE Transport Division

- Inland transport (rail, road, inland waterways)
- Administration of 57 UN legal instruments for facilitation of international transport
- Objective: safe, secure and sustainable transport of freight and passengers
- Through coherent infrastructure development and efficient practices & procedures

UNECE security initiatives

- Inland Transport Committee (ITC)
- Subsidiary bodies (working parties)
- Security issues addressed by some working parties in recent years
- Multidisciplinary Inland Transport Security Expert Group established by ITC in 2007

Some examples

- Vehicle regulations (alarm systems, protection against unauthorized use)
- Transport of dangerous goods (vehicle supervision requirements amended in 2009)
- Tunnel safety (new provisions since 2006)
- Border crossing facilitation (eTIR project to incorporate some WCO SAFE standards)

UNECE Inland Transport Security Expert Group

- Inventory of security measures
- National, industry and international levels
- Best practices incl. infrastructure and its surveillance (tunnels and bridges)
- Issues and recommendations to ITC in 2008 and 2009 reports

Inland transport security issues

- Issues identified at EG seminar in Jan. 2009
 - Division of responsibilities between public and private sectors unclear
 - Lack of an integrated approach to security
 - Norms, standards and procedures incomplete
 - Knowledge of existing norms insufficient
 - Risk assessment techniques underutilized
 - Best practice sharing most effective
 - Lack of awareness of security needs

Main challenges

- Expert Group emphasized:
 - Risk analysis challenges
 - Economic cost-benefit challenges
 - Challenges for future ITC work
 - Amend international legal instruments
 - Develop new norms and standards
 - Provide a forum for exchange of best practices

UNECE Inland Transport Security Forum

- *When?* January 2010 (tbc)
- *Where?* Palais des Nations, Geneva
- *How often?* Annually
- *For whom?* Governments, industry, international organizations
- *Needed:* Partners and sponsors

Informal Task Force on Rail Security

- Approved by ITC in February 2009
- Government and industry experts
- First meeting: Geneva, May 2009
- Main task: Identification of best practices
 - Intersectoral and intrasectoral cooperation
 - International cooperation
 - Cost-benefit assessments
- Report with recommendations to the UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport

Some questions

- Global economic downturn → impact on rail transport security?
- People respond to incentives → intelligent use of markets for better security?
- Market structure → vertical integration conducive to efficient provision of security?
- Root causes → need for thorough analysis and preventive intervention?

Thank you for your attention!

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**Multidisciplinary Expert Group on Inland
Transport Security**

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Task Force on Rail Security

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