

ITF Working Group on Big Data & Open Data

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Background

- National Statistical Offices and other public data providers are facing a number of challenges:
 - Rising budgetary pressure to meet information needs
 - Need to minimise reporting burdens
 - Declining response rates from traditional approaches (e.g. surveys)
 - Strong demand from data users for more timely information
- Amount and diversity of data generated from the digitalisation of transport and public services
- Ubiquitous use of smartphones/ mobile devices with internet access and the rise of social media
- Potential for a paradigm shift in how and for what purpose these data sets could be used in transport policy



Introduction

- Big and open data seen as solution to fill data gaps and to provide detailed information more efficiently and timely
- This WG is intended to assist member countries in leveraging and curating big data and open data by exploring:
 - Recommendations for a partnership framework for data sharing between the private and the public sector
 - Based on case studies describing existing partnerships member agencies have entered into and the lessons learnt
 - Further input from structured interviews with key stakeholders on views on and experiences with data sharing partnerships
 - Plus extensive literature reviews on related topics, incl. data validity



Objectives

- Provide guidelines to assist member countries in establishing data sharing partnerships between the private and public sector
- Describe and consider topics related to e.g. data governance, data curating, cybersecurity, privacy/ confidentiality protection
- Assist member countries in developing methodology to leverage big data and open data with appropriate level of statistical vigor
- Key data sets of interest in relation to public-private partnerships for data sharing identified by the group include the following:
 - Efficiency: network reliability/ resilience
 - Safety: near misses
 - Environment: emissions



Working Group Members

- Countries
 - USA (Chair)
 - Canada
 - UK
 - Netherlands
 - Germany
 - Austria
 - France
 - Norway
 - Finland
 - Greece
 - Italy

- Organisations
 - UNECE
 - SEETO



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Timeline

23-24 March 2016	14-15 November 2016	16-17 March 2017	September 2017	Spring 2018
First Working Group Meeting, Paris	Second Working Group Meeting, Paris	Third Working Group Meeting, Paris	Fourth Working Group Meeting, Vienna (tbc)	Publication of Final Report Preceded by Editorial Meeting(s) late 2017



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