

ITF VIRTUAL TRANSPORT STATISTICS MEETING

“Transport data and the Covid-19 crisis”

Thursday 4th June 2020

The meeting will be virtual using ZOOM

Starting at 14h30, Paris time

Ending at 16h30, Paris time

Objective

Last March, the ITF decided to postpone its annual international transport statistics meeting given the pandemic situation and the spread of the Corona-19 Virus worldwide.

The lockdown of countries generated an unprecedented decline in transport activities and consequently an urgent need for transport data to set the required policy measures to face the Covid-19 crisis. At the same time, most established data collection networks became unavailable and could not provide the required information. Governments had to find new ways to gather the necessary transport data to fulfil their needs.

The aim of this meeting is to share the current challenges countries are facing to fulfil decision makers' needs for transport statistics.

Organisation and contact

The meeting will be held virtually using the ZOOM link below, which has also been sent to all registered participants. The meeting language is English.

<https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/j/97663723153?pwd=bTltanJBNm4xYXNBNzhyRVJIM3hmQT09>

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DRAFT – PROGRAMME

Meeting starts at 14h30 (Paris time)

1. Welcome and objectives of the meeting

Presentation of technical issues related to running the virtual meeting.

*Opening speech by M. Young Tae KIM, ITF Secretary General
Introduction to the topic (Patricia HU and Jari Kauppila).*

2. Country presentations (5mn each presentation)

Moderator Jari Kauppila.

- 2.1. Canada** (Michael Scrim & Larry McKeown): “Covid-19: The Statistics Canada Response”.
An overview and timeline of the response of Statistics Canada to the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic. The presentation will outline the types of metrics and measurement efforts being undertaken by the agency.
- 2.2. Denmark** (Peter Ottosen): “Sources and results of fast traffic indicators in Denmark in view of Covid-19”.
Flash traffic indicators that are published by Statistics Denmark and their sources as well as details on the development of the AIS based maritime traffic indicators.
- 2.3. Estonia** (Marek Rannala): “Covid-19 mobility analysis tool”.
A tool based on anonymised and aggregated mobile data from three mobile network operators. This is a presentation from the private company Positium.
- 2.4. India** (Sankar TP): “Covid-19 and its impact on India's Transport Sector”.
The impacts of Covid-19 on India's transport sector due to the resulting cessation of most rail, road and air transport for passengers and freight across the country.
- 2.5. Slovenia** (Apolonija Oblak): “Transport statistics in Slovenia in the times of Covid-19 pandemic crisis and beyond”.
How the Slovenian NSI prepared for the crisis, including organisation of NSI staff, prioritisation of certain transport data collections, and goal setting and planning for the future.
- 2.6. Switzerland** (Ferenc Biedermann): “When public statistics become ‘Experimental’”.
Solutions found when facing the compulsory cancellation of passenger transport surveys. This presentation will show Switzerland's response to the Covid pandemic in the field of passenger transport statistics.

2.7. USA (Steven Beningo): "Covid-19 Related Transportation Data in the United States".

Development of flash indicators to measure transportation in near real time to portray the transportation impacts of Covid-19, and the dissemination of that information to U.S. Department of Transportation management and the general public.

3. Open discussion

Moderator Patricia HU.

Open discussion including lessons learned during the covid crisis and what operations could be sustained post pandemic.

4. Conclusions and next steps

End of the meeting: 16h30