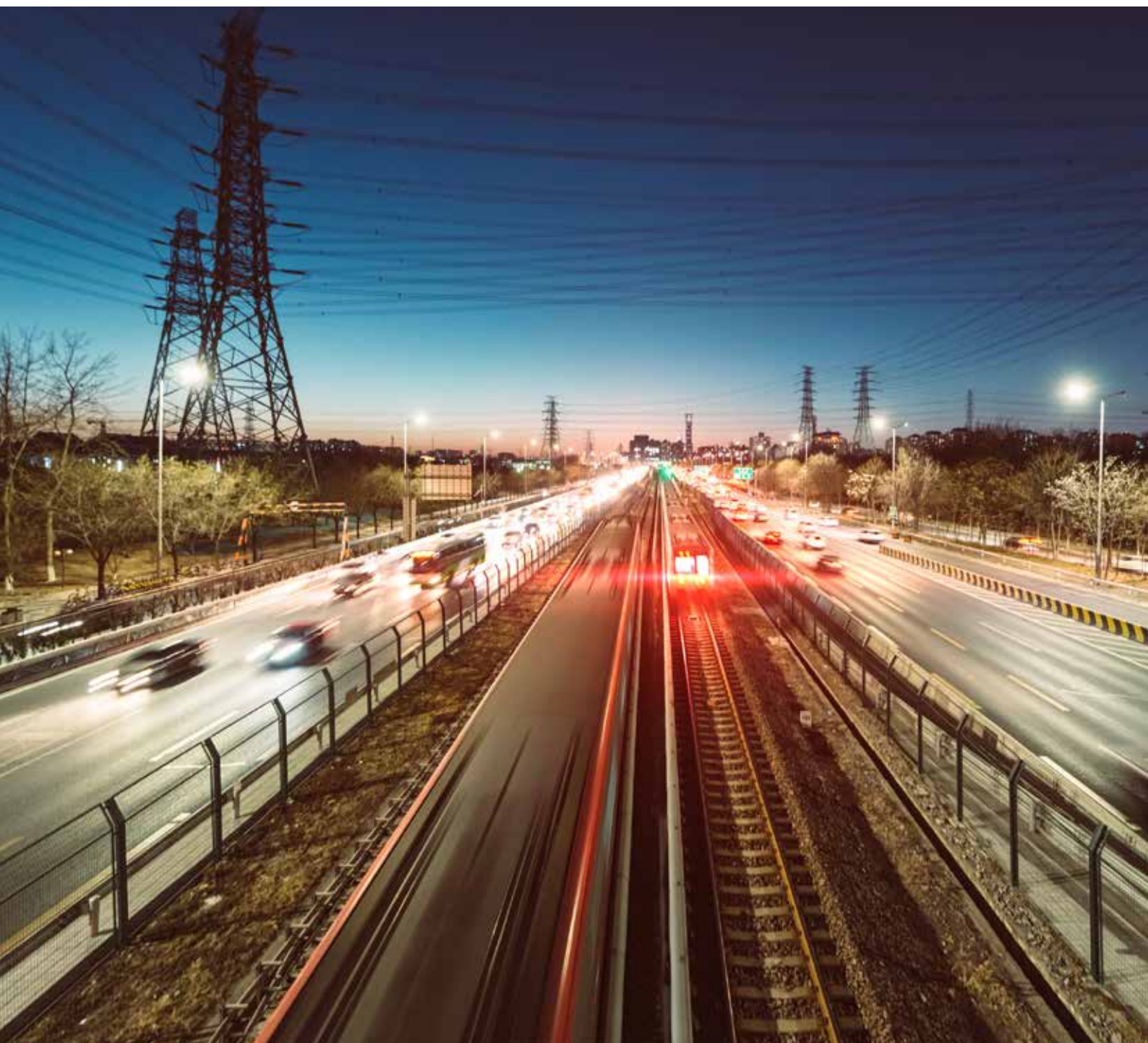


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Glossary Introduction

The Glossary for transport statistics was published for the first time in 1994 with the purpose of assisting member countries during the collection of data on transport using the Common Questionnaire developed by the UNECE, ITF and Eurostat. It has since evolved to cover all areas of transport statistics.

The present fifth edition is the result of continuing valuable cooperation between the three organisations, that — through the action of the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG. Trans.) — has put a sustained effort into harmonizing transport statistics at the European and international level. The IWG provided valuable input with respect to missing definitions, terminology that is outdated, as well as definitions that should be reformulated or clarified, revised and illustrated.

The new 5th edition of the Glossary comprises 744 definitions and represents a point of reference for all those involved in transport statistics. By following the guidance contained within these definitions, a considerable contribution will be given to the improvement in both the quality and comparability of the data.

In this edition, the rail, road, inland waterway, maritime, air and intermodal freight transport chapters have been substantially revised. In addition, a completely new Accidents section has been added to the Maritime transport chapter.

A new chapter 'Energy consumption' has been created, combining and harmonizing the previous energy sections in the individual modal chapters. The intermodal definitions in each transport mode were removed from all chapters and inserted into the updated Intermodal Freight Transport chapter.

The title of section III was changed to 'Enterprises, investment and maintenance' from 'Enterprises, economic performance

and employment'. The definitions for Enterprise, Employment and Turnover were deleted from all chapters as these are general terms and are not transport specific. New chapters on 'Environmental impact of transport' and 'Passenger mobility' were developed and added as new chapters to the Glossary. The new annex 'Symbols and Abbreviations' consists of all symbols, abbreviations, organisations and units mentioned in the 5th edition of the Glossary.

The proposed definitions have been extensively discussed and implemented with the input of a Group of Experts, relevant international sectoral bodies, agencies and Member States. The knowledge and experience of the EU agencies was useful for improving and completing the definitions contained in the 'Accidents' section for the modes of transport. The recent European legal acts in each specific domain were taken into account.

The fifth illustrated edition has been translated into all the official languages of the European Union. The objective of the illustrated version is to provide users with a better understanding of the concepts underlying the definitions on the basis that one picture is worth a thousand words.

Units of measurement given in the Glossary are those recommended for international comparison. Some countries may wish to collect and report data in other units for national use.

Notice:

The explanatory notes in italics, given below some of the definitions, are intended to help understanding of them and to assist countries in filling in questionnaires. The notes are not part of the definitions themselves.

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