

UN GRSP IWG Equitable Occupant Protection (EqOP)

Draft minutes of the 8th meeting, which was held on November 7, 2024.
41 on-line participants, from Contracting Parties (CPs) and Industry.

Adoption of the agenda

Approved.

Approval of minutes of the 7th meeting

Approved.

Report from the Task Forces

See also the EqOP-08-03e.

1. TF1. Report on equity issues, putting the worktable in a written format.
 - a. 2 on-line meetings to date in 2024.
2. TF2. Rear impact assessment.
 - a. 4 on-line meetings to date in 2024.
 - b. 1 in-person workshop in 2024.
 - c. 4 ad hoc on-line meetings in 2024, to discuss specific proposals.
3. TF3. Virtual testing.
 - a. 5 on-line meetings to date in 2024.
 - b. Next meeting planned for November 22, 2024.
 - c. Proof of concept discussion. The technical expert of Japan asked if we shall take a discussion about the use of HBM also in GRSP as some CPs are concerned. The chair responded that the idea of the Proof of Concept is to be able to make an informed decision in 2027 how to proceed with VCT with HBM. Hence, the subject discussion in GRSP should be taken at a later point in time.
4. TF4. Restraint system requirements.
 - a. First meeting on November 22, in collaboration with TF3.
 - b. Separate TF4 meeting in Jan/Feb 2025 to create a workplan for TF4.
5. TF5. Extension to new injury types.
 - a. 3 on-line meetings to date in 2024.
 - b. Next meeting planned for November 20, 2024.

Report to GRSP December 2024 (76th session)

The report will include:

1. A timeline.
2. The IWG goals, for information.
3. A short update of the Task Forces.
4. An overview of upcoming meetings.
5. Conclusions regarding the Gender-responsive guidelines.
6. Conclusions from the Workshop in Brussels in 2023, i.e., the worktable.

The report to GRSP will be based on the chair presentation EqOP-08-03e. Feedback on this presentation is requested by November 21 at the latest.

Concluding discussion on UNECE (WP6) Gender-responsive guidelines

See also the EqOP-08-03e.

The chairs noted that we discussed, in the 7th meeting, whether adult men and women are a too narrow scope. As we know that several distributions describing the body shape significantly differ between females and males, it will make sense to start with the discrete distinction of sex (female/male/non-binary) and then go into detailed distribution of each group. In cases where we know that the sex and body shape does not affect the response, such distinction is not meaningful. For the regulations where it is meaningful, the chairs will prepare a first list where the gender-responsive guidelines should be applied for the May session of GRSP. The chairs concluded that the questions from the UNECE guidelines can help to clarify the knowledge which is needed and ensure that the regulatory framework is inclusive. The guidelines can thus be useful when drafting new vehicle regulations.

Confirmation of consensus on any action items

1. Updated workplan for TF3 and new workplan for TF4 will be drafted by the task forces.
2. The draft the report on regulations for the 2025 GRSP May session, as outlined in the Terms of Reference, will be driven onward by the chairs. The draft will be out for review before the next IWG meeting in April 2025.

Next meeting of the IWG

April 3 (2025) starting at 12 CET (on-line meeting).