

WEBINAR: TOWARDS DEVELOPING A SET OF COMMON STANDARDS FOR HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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CONTEXT

Humanitarian transport and logistics is an essential component of disaster response, and many different organisations and individuals – government staff, the military, UN agencies, NGOs, private companies – need to work together to ensure that it is done efficiently and effectively. However, each of these groups have different ways of responding to a crisis, and this can create significant challenges as there are no common set of standards widely adopted, though a range of guidance exists.

As such, the Inspire Consortium, with funding from DG ECHO, intends to consult with the humanitarian logistics community on whether there is a need to build a set of universal standards and guidelines for humanitarian transport and logistics. The initial phase of the process will look carefully at the current situation, identify existing materials, as well as the gaps that are to be addressed, if any. This webinar will serve as one of the platforms to undertake this consultation.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

This webinar will serve as an opportunity to:

- Introduce the project to stakeholders from across the sector.
- Receive the endorsement of these stakeholders on the inception of the project.
- Identify potential contributors to the project, especially through participation in future surveys.
- Identify existing standards.
- Understand the gaps that exist with the wide adoption of these standards.

FORMAT AND PLAN OF THE WEBINAR

The one-hour webinar will be organized in three languages. The first, in **English**, is scheduled for Friday, September 13 at 12:00 GMT. The **Spanish** webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 17 at 12:00 GMT, while the **French** version will be presented on Thursday, September 19 at 12:00 GMT. The webinars are intended to be participatory and the different sessions for each webinar will include:

- Introduction to the project generally and objectives of the webinar specifically.
- Open discussion on the need for universal standards for humanitarian transport and logistics and how the proposed tool would complement all existing guidance across the sector.
- A presentation of the background work/desk review done so far, including of HLA survey results.

TARGET GROUP

In order to ensure that this consultation is truly encompassing and representative of the stakeholders involved across the sector, we would like to invite the participation of:

- Senior staff (programs, logistics, finance, etc.) of aid organizations including national and international NGOs.
- Senior staff of donor agencies supporting aid and relief efforts.
- Representatives of government agencies responsible for the delivery of humanitarian aid, including national disaster management organizations.
- Representatives of private sector companies involved in the supply chain of humanitarian transport and logistics.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WEBINAR

Individuals wishing to participate should register their interest through this **link**, before CoB on Friday September 6th, 2019. Please provide all the relevant information requested including about your professional background, your organization's activities, your knowledge about the identified problem, how you can contribute to this process of identifying a solution, and what your expectations are from participating in the webinar. A confirmation email of participation will be sent out in the week beginning September 9th, with instructions on how to access the webinar.

We encourage you to share this between your networks and we look forward to your registration and active participation.

