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Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2025

Note by the Secretariat¹

Introduction

1. This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2025. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024, with modified or new elements highlighted in track changes. The Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (“the Committee”) is invited to consider this information and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or member States’ recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2025. It will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2023 and included in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2025.

Outline of key components of the programme of work

I. Objective

2. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen policies on innovation, competitiveness and public-private partnerships in the ECE region.

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II. Strategy

3. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division.

4. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of three core interlinked functions in the subprogramme's two areas of work (innovation and competitiveness policies; and public-private partnerships): international policy dialogue; normative and analytical work; and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

5. To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

(a) support member States in creating a conducive business environment by developing good practices to inform innovation policy reforms to drive sustainable development, including through on-demand analyses of national innovation systems, policies and institutions; and through capacity-building workshops and seminars at the national and subregional levels;

(b) build capacity of member States in creating regulatory frameworks and public-private partnership project pipelines that can help to close the SDG infrastructure financing gap, including through:

- (i) promotion of innovative modalities of financing, development and management of critical infrastructure;
- (ii) development of international guidelines and standards to design public-private partnership projects and legal and regulatory frameworks;
- (iii) the use, on-demand, of a methodology to evaluate and score public-private partnership projects in support of sustainable development; and
- (iv) cooperation with multilateral platforms for sustainable infrastructure (including SOURCE²).

(c) focus some of its policy dialogues, analyses and recommendations, standards, and capacity-building on addressing economic challenges through innovation policies and public-private partnership infrastructure projects that can facilitate innovation and develop infrastructure to make economies more resilient and sustainable.

6. This work will help member States make progress to achieving SDGs 8, 9, 12 and 17 and contribute to enhancing sustainable use of natural resources, and digital and green transformations for sustainable development.

7. The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

(a) improved innovation-related policies and institutions in member States for sustainable development; and

(b) the improved design and operation of public-private partnerships by member States that contribute to sustainable development and lead to more sustainable projects.

III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2025

8. The below table provides an outline of deliverables that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	18	18

² SOURCE is the multilateral platform for sustainable infrastructure.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>
1. Documentation for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18	18
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	19	19
2. Meetings of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18	18
3. Meetings of the Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development	1	1
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge:		
Technical cooperation and field projects (number of projects)	3	0
4. Innovation and competitiveness policies	2	0
5. Public-private partnerships	1	0
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	16	16
6. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on innovation and competitiveness policies for sustainable development	8	8
7. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on public-private partnerships	8	8
Publications (number of publications)	3	3
8. Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	1	1
9. Comparative reviews on innovation policy and/or public-private partnership	2	2
Technical materials (number of materials)	0	0
none		
C. Substantive deliverables:		
• Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: Fact-finding missions for Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and public-private partnership needs assessments benefitting 3 countries		
• Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services under the Working Party on Public-Private Partnership and the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies reaching 30 government ministries and agencies and stakeholder entities.		
• Databases and substantive digital materials: database of public-private partnership case studies from around 15 member States.		
D. Communication deliverables:		
• External and media relations: press releases and launch events for the above publications for regional, subregional and national access.		
• Digital platforms and multimedia content: subprogramme's website for regional access.		