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Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) promotes a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness in the UNECE region. The Committee serves as a platform for policy dialogue, the exchange of experience and good practices; drawing on this dialogue, it develops guidelines and policy recommendations for Governments. This policy-oriented and normative work provides a basis for demand-driven policy advisory services and other capacity-building activities in the mandated areas.

2. The draft Programme of Work of the Subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration for 2012–2013 was adopted at the sixth session of CECI held in Geneva from 30 November - 2 December 2011, pending formal approval by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee in accordance with the modalities of the 2011-2012 Review of the 2005 ECE Reform.

3. Without prejudice to the pending formal approval of the programme of work by the Executive Committee, the present document replicates those elements of the programme of work for 2012-2013 that remain to be implemented and adds details which were not yet available at the time of the sixth session, such as the exact titles, venues and dates of individual events.

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered in 2013

Cluster 1

Formulation of policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in the UNECE region

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased knowledge of good practices and policies targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities leading to the formulation of related CECI policy recommendations

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

1.1 Eighth annual session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) (4-6 December 2013) (6).

Documentation:

Report of the session of the CECI and other documents (4), in particular: Capacity-building report, Synopses of good practices, Policy recommendations and guidelines (3), Draft programme of work for 2014-2015 (1)

1.2 Sixth session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (25-26 April 2013) (4).

Documentation:

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists (1)

1.3 Seventh session of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (11-12 July 2013) (4).

Documentation:

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists (1)

1.4 Other expert group meetings to be organized as a series of policy-oriented international conferences under the common theme "Policies for Innovation and Knowledge-based Development in the 21st Century". Proposed topics of individual conferences include, among others, the following events:

- International Conference on Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Dubrovnik, Croatia (23-24 May 2013);

- Policy Seminar "Promoting the Introduction of Green Technologies", to be jointly organized with the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Centre (first half of 2013); and

- International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Development, to be organized jointly with the European Alliance for Innovation (second half of 2013).

Documentation:

Reports of the Conferences and Seminar (3), Synopsis of Good Practices and Policy Recommendations (2)

(b) Publications and other information material

1.5 Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine (1).

1.6 Innovation Performance Review of a country with economy in transition (subject to expression of interest by a requesting country and availability of extrabudgetary funding) (1).

1.7 Guidebook on Innovation in the Public Sector (1).

1.8 Policy dispatches on selected topics related to the knowledge-based economy, building on the outcomes of meetings (electronic format).

1.9 Regular newsletter on innovation-related issues, presenting the activities of the subprogramme and open to external contributions.

Cluster 2**Formulation of policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful public-private partnerships (PPPs)***Description of cluster (optional)**Expected accomplishments from this cluster*

Increased knowledge of good practices and policies targeting a legal and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs leading to the formulation of related CECI policy recommendations

Outputs/activities*(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

2.1 Fifth session of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (5-6 February 2013) (4).

Documentation:

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists (1)

(b) Publications and other information material

2.2 Publication under the series "UNECE PPP Toolkit" (1).

2.3 Revised and updated edition of the UNECE Guidebook on Promoting Good Governance in Public-Private Partnerships (1).

2.4 Good Practice Guide on Procurement in Public-Private Partnerships (1).

2.5 PPP Model Law for CIS countries (in cooperation with EBRD and the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly) (1).

2.6 Comparative Review on PPP-related legislation (electronic only) (1)

- 2.7 Policy briefs on selected topics related to the negotiation and implementation of PPPs, building on the outcomes of meetings (electronic only).
- 2.8 Regular newsletter on PPP-related issues, presenting the activities of the subprogramme and open to external contributions (electronic only).
- 2.9 Annual set of press releases (electronic format).

Cluster 3

Implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in the UNECE region

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Enhanced implementation of CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

3.1 2013 SPECA Economic Forum (1) and the eighth session of the SPECA Governing Council (3)

Documentation:

Report of the Economic Forum (1); Report of the session of the Governing Council (1) and other documents (2), in particular: Progress reports on the activities of SPECA Project Working Groups (1); SPECA Work Plan for 2014-2015 (1)

(b) *Technical cooperation*

The following policy advisory activities are envisaged:

3.2 Policy advisory project Innovation Performance Review of a country with economy in transition (subject to expression of interest by a requesting country and availability of extrabudgetary funding) (1).

3.3 Field-based policy advisory workshops to facilitate the implementation of the Recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Belarus (2).

3.4 Field-based policy advisory workshops to facilitate the implementation of the Recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan (2).

3.5 Field-based policy advisory workshop to present and discuss the main findings and conclusions of the Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine (1).

3.6 Policy advisory workshops and missions in countries with economies in transition on matters related to innovation and knowledge-based development, subject to the demand of requesting countries (2).

Cluster 4

Implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Enhanced implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a legal and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

4.1 International Conference on promoting PPPs, Istanbul, Turkey (10-13 April 2013).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

4.2 Reports on readiness assessments in the area of PPPs undertaken in countries with economies in transition (3).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

The following policy advisory seminars are envisaged¹:

4.3 Readiness assessments in the area of PPPs in countries with economies in transition (4).

4.4 National policy advisory workshops in countries with economies in transition on the results of their respective readiness assessment undertaken in the area of PPPs (4).

4.5 Delivery of demand-driven field-based policy advisory services in the area of PPPs (4).

4.6 Launching a PPP capacity-building programme in Belarus to be jointly implemented with the UNDP Office in Belarus (subject to approval of funding by the European Commission).

¹ Subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding.

Cluster 5

Building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement CECI policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in ECE member States

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

5.1 Sixth session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (3).

Documentation:

Report of the session (1) and other documents (2), in particular: Programme implementation report (1); Work programme for 2014-2015 (1)

(b) *Publications and other information*

5.2 Training materials and toolkits on policies to promote innovative, knowledge-based development (1).

5.3 Training materials and modules under the UNDA project "Building the capacity of SPECA member countries to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth" (2).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

The following capacity-building and training courses are envisaged:

5.4 Ongoing series of integrated/cross-cutting or thematic subregional capacity-building and knowledge sharing conferences and workshops on policies for promoting innovative, knowledge-based development (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding) (1).

5.5 Implementation of the UNDA project "Building the capacity of SPECA member countries to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth", including national capacity-building seminars, stakeholders meetings and a subregional capacity-building meeting on innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth (3).

The following field projects will be implemented:

5.6 Development of sustainable biomass trade and export opportunities for selected regions of the Russian Federation (1) (subject to continued funding by the donor).

5.7 Projects related to the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (in cooperation with ESCAP) (1).

Cluster 6

Building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

6.1 Fifth meeting of the Expert Group on Public-Private Partnerships for CIS Countries (1).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

6.2 Development of training materials in the area of PPPs based on the UNECE PPP Toolkit (1).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

The following capacity-building and training courses are envisaged:

6.3 Subregional and national capacity-building and knowledge sharing conferences and workshops on policies for promoting efficient PPPs (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding) (1).

6.4 Contribution to the implementation of the UNDA project "Building the capacity of SPECA member countries to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth" (3).

6.5 Awareness raising activities and familiarization visits to promote the further development of PPPs in countries with economies in transition (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding) (2).