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Subprogramme 4

Economic Cooperation and Integration

Objective of the Organization: To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to the sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness of economies in the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved dialogue on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness	(a) Number of policy recommendations resulting from the exchange of national experiences and best practices among member States <i>Performance measures</i> 2012-2013: 8 policy recommendations Estimate 2014-2015: 5 policy recommendations Target 2016-2017: 5 policy recommendations
(b) Enhanced implementation of ECE recommendations on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness	(b) Number of measures adopted by member States to implement ECE recommendations <i>Performance measures</i> 2012-2013: 10 measures Estimate 2014-2015: 12 measures Target 2016-2017: 12 measures
(c) Strengthened national capacity of countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement ECE recommendations on a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness	(c) Number of capacity-building events organized for countries with economies in transition <i>Performance measures</i> 2012-2013: 12 activities Estimate 2014-2015: 13 activities Target 2016-2017: 13 activities

1. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management Division. The subprogramme will contribute to the follow-up to Rio+20 and to the post-2015 development agenda by assisting ECE member States, particularly those with economies in transition, to create an enabling environment for innovation and competitiveness at the national and regional levels.
2. The strategy for achieving this objective rests on three pillars: (a) a regional dialogue aimed at identifying relevant policy issues and generating policy recommendations; (b) implementation of policy recommendations and best practices; and (c) technical cooperation.
3. The subprogramme focuses on two complementary areas: (a) innovation and competitiveness policies; and (b) public-private partnerships (PPPs) for infrastructure development. The work on innovation and competitiveness policies will support sustainable economic growth, innovative development and competitiveness by promoting improvements in national innovation systems, innovation financing, and the creation of a supportive business climate. The work on public-private partnerships will support the same objective by promoting innovative ways of financing, building and managing critical infrastructure for innovation and international competitiveness.
4. Policy dialogues will draw on the knowledge of national and international experts. Implementation will be supported through wide dissemination of the resulting good practices and policy recommendations. Policy advisory services and capacity-building assistance will be based on this normative work.
5. The subprogramme will draw on the work of other organizations and institutions and will strengthen its partnerships with United Nations country teams, the Eurasian Economic Community, the Eurasian Development Bank, the European Commission, the Asian Development Bank, and national PPP units.
6. The work of the subprogramme will be supported by two teams of specialists (on innovation and competitiveness policies and on PPP), involving Government representatives and other stakeholders, as well as a broader network of experts.
7. The subprogramme will contribute to the work of the Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development under the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).

External factors

8. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is active participation and contribution by experts from Governments, academia and the private sector to expert group meetings and networks; (b) Governments are willing to engage in policy dialogue and take measures to implement policy recommendations; and (c) extra-budgetary resources for capacity-building, advisory services and field projects are available.

Legislative mandates

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General Assembly resolutions

66/223	Towards global partnerships
66/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
66/228	The Future We Want
67/7	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
67/195	Information and communications technologies for

- development
- 67/199 Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing
for Development
- 67/225 Industrial development cooperation

Economic and Social Council resolution

- 2013/1 Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic
Commission for Europe
- 2013/10 Science, technology and innovation for development (
- 2013/44 Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for
Development
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