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Report on capacity-building activities¹

I. Introduction

1. The terms of reference of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) stress the importance of demand-driven policy advisory services and other capacity-building activities in its mandated areas of work.

2. At its eighth session, held from 12 to 14 February 2014, the Committee welcomed the positive results of capacity-building activities, in particular, from field-based events, organized upon the request of member States. It also thanked the donors who had made voluntary contributions, and emphasized the importance of these financial and in-kind contributions for the success of the policy advisory services and capacity building activities as well as for extending the outreach of such activities.

3. This document reports capacity-building activities carried out by the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme from 1 January 2014 till 30 June 2015. These activities were funded through the regular budget of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme and through extra-budgetary resources raised by the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division. It also includes activities undertaken or coordinated by the Regional Advisor of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme.

4. During the reporting period, the secretariat benefited from voluntary contributions (including in-kind contributions) from the Government of Israel, the Government of the Netherlands, the Government of the Russian Federation, the Eurasian Development Bank, the European Union, the Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank) of the Russian Federation, and Toyo University, Japan.

¹ The document is submitted on the above date because of the need to correct an error in the meeting dates in the version submitted previously.



5. The document includes capacity-building activities where the secretariat took the lead in organizing the activity, taking responsibility for the major part of the substantive, logistical and financial arrangements and where the secretariat staff participated as co-organizers and/or contributed to the substantive part of an event. In all of these activities, the secretariat mobilized substantive support from its extensive networks of experts.

6. In order to extend the outreach of policy recommendations, the secretariat strives to design Geneva-based meetings in such a manner that they include capacity-building components for participating member States.

7. The document is structured as follows. The second section describes some highlights from the capacity-building activities during the reporting period. Section III discusses plans for capacity-building and policy advisory activities in the near future. Annex I presents a table with a complete list of all capacity-building activities which were carried out by the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme during the reporting period. It lists information on the objectives, results, total expenditures, sources of funding and partners for each activity.

II. Major results in capacity-building activities in the reporting period

8. In the area of Innovation and knowledge-based development, the secretariat conducted an Innovation Performance Review together with the Government of Tajikistan and worked with the Governments of Armenia, Belarus and Kazakhstan on the implementation of policy recommendations that were made in the respective Innovation Performance Reviews of these countries.

9. The secretariat supported science, technology and innovation policy development of the member countries of UN Special Programme for the Economy of Central Asia (SPECA), organizing two high-level meetings for the Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development with capacity-building components.

10. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies developed new policy recommendations on smart specialization and facilitated the networking and cooperation among the member States. The secretariat also contributed to the capacity-building of member States, in sharing lessons learnt and by providing advices at seminars and events organized by the partner organisations.

11. In the field of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), the programme International PPP Centre of Excellence has carried out capacity building and advisory missions along four main kind of activities: (i) consultative missions of the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board with national authorities on national PPP policies, programmes and projects; (ii) a PPP capacity building project in Belarus; (iii) Master classes and trainings on PPPs; (iv) international fora and conferences for the exchange of PPP best practices and models.

12. These PPP related capacity building activities contributed to the better understanding on the need of enabling environment (policies and institutions); to improve PPP projects development and delivery; to enhance the ability of national officials to develop and implement successful PPP projects; to identify international PPP best practices and models in different sectors and to agree and understand the UNECE process for the development of international PPP standards for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

III. The way forward

13. The demand from countries with economies in transition for the Committee's capacity-building and policy advisory activities is growing, in particular for activities that have a national focus. The secretariat will continue to respond to this growing demand within available resources and mandates.

14. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are expected to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015, will commit all member States, including those of the UNECE region, to take active measures to reconcile economic development with environmental sustainability and social inclusion over the coming 15 years.

15. Achieving the SDGs will require massive investments in infrastructure; therefore public-private partnerships have the potential to play a key role in mobilizing the necessary financial resources, while harnessing private sector expertise to deliver optimal value for money. It will also require innovation and international cooperation to ensure that innovative solutions to sustainable development challenges are not only developed but also deployed rapidly and at the necessary scale everywhere. The capacity-building and policy advisory activities of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-private Partnerships are expected to contribute to UNECE's work on advancing the SDGs at the regional level.

16. Taking into account the valuable experiences gained and the relative strengths of each organization, the secretariat will continue to carry out its capacity-building activities in close cooperation with other international organizations in areas of common interest with a view to assuring complementarities and synergies.

17. The secretariat will continue to invite member countries, and members of the teams of specialists to actively contribute to capacity-building activities and other technical-cooperation activities.

Annex

Capacity-building activities financed through the regular budget and extra budgetary projects (RB and XB)

1 January 2014 – 30 June 2015

Capacity-building activities on Innovation Policies

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Expenditures in US dollars²</i>	<i>Project id³</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	Contribution to the conference “International Clustering and Technology Match-making” Kazan, Russian Federation, 23 April 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The participants reached a better understanding of policy options to facilitate the emergence of high-tech clusters and technological cooperation among firms	675 (XB)	E 158	Association of Innovative Regions of the Russian Federation
2.	Session on “International experience of the venture capital market and state cooperation” at the IXth Kazan Venture Fair, Kazan, Russian Federation, 24 April 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The participants reached a better understanding of good international practices with regard to government support for venture capital	676 (XB)	E 158	Russian Venture Capital Association

² Expenditures listed are often small compared to the output, thanks to contributions in kind from the requesting country, experts and other organizations. For example, they may consist of only the travel expenditures for one or two experts and/or staff. Expenditures for events in 2015 are approximate, as not all final payments were disbursed as of 30 June 2015.

³ For activities financed from extra-budgetary sources, the Project Id # is the identifier of the respective project as available in the UNECE Project Monitoring Tool <http://www.unece.org/info/open-unece/pmt.html>. For activities financed from the regular budget, the relevant budget section is given.

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No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars ²	Project id ³	Partners
3.	Policy advisory workshop on “Public support to venture capital financing”, Astana, Kazakhstan, 28 May 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The participants reached a better understanding of current obstacles in Kazakhstan to the emergence of venture capital financing and of specific policy options to reduce these obstacles.	10,710 (XB) 2,533 (XB)	E214 E158	National Agency for Technology Development of Kazakhstan
4.	High-level meeting on “Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development in SPECA Countries” on the occasion of the sixth session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 11 June 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs. To strengthen regional cooperation and networking among CIS practitioners, involved in the advancement of innovation and competitiveness (including knowledge-based development), and PPPs.	The policymakers from SPECA countries reached a better understanding of the role of innovation policy in making economies more sustainable, of the shared challenges in this regard in the SPECA region, and of policy options to address these challenges.	30,730 (XB) 6,228 (RB)	E213 RB, Sec.20 (ECI RB)	ESCAP Government of Turkmenistan
5.	High-level workshop on “Innovation Policy and Environmental Challenges”, Minsk, Belarus, 19 June 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The participants reached a better understanding on how innovation policy can address environmental challenges and can help to create a green economy	7,137 (XB)	E215	State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus.
6.	Policy Workshop “Innovation Performance Review Armenia”, Yerevan, Armenia, 14 October 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and	As a result of this launch event, the participants reached a better understanding of the current performance of the Armenian innovation system in light of	3,423 (XB) 12,508	E226 E180	State Committee on Science of Armenia, UNDP

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		competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs.	international best practice, and of policy options for improving performance.	(XB)		
		To strengthen regional cooperation and networking among CIS practitioners, involved in the advancement of innovation and competitiveness (including knowledge-based development), and PPPs.	The launch event was attended by representatives of the State Committee on Science, the Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Economy, the Eurasian Development Bank, the UNIDO, and two representatives of the Government of Tajikistan.			
7.	International policy conference “Smart Specialization Strategies for Sustainable Development” as the substantive segment of the 7th session of the UNECE Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-17 October 2014	To strengthened regional cooperation and networking among CIS practitioners, involved in the advancement of innovation and competitiveness (including knowledge-based development), and PPPs	Some 75 experts representing national government agencies, academic institutions, the private sector and international organisations participated in the session, among them experts from 7 different CIS countries. These experts were able to establish new and strengthen existing professional contacts with their peers	11,304 (XB) 7.108 (RB)	E226 RB, Sec.20	n/a
8.	Public conference at the Kazakh Agricultural and Technical University, Astana, Kazakhstan, 28 October 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	Researchers and students of the Kazakh Agricultural and Technical University reached greater awareness about the benefits of university-industry cooperation in research and innovation, and about good international practices in this area.	2,000 (XB)	E226	Kazakh Agricultural and Technical University

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9.	“International technology transfer: Policies and practices”, Astana, Kazakhstan, 29 October 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The event was attended by some 30 representatives of Kazakh ministries (Education and Science, Industry and Investment, Foreign Affairs), the National Agency for Technological Development, and scientific research institutes. The participants improved their capacity to create an environment that is conducive to bringing foreign technology into Kazakhstan and adapting it for domestic application.	2,000 (XB)	E226	National Agency for Technology Development of Kazakhstan
10.	Workshop to provide policy advice on Kazakhstan’s Strategy for International Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovations, Astana, Kazakhstan, 29 October 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The draft national Strategy was improved in the light of international good practices.	3,000 (XB)	E226	National Agency for Technology Development of Kazakhstan
11.	Symposium on “System Innovation”, Graz, Austria, 17 Nov. 2014	To improve understanding of the system innovation needed to support sustainable development.	Participating national experts reached a better understanding on system innovation which can help support the development of a green economy	1,556 (RB)	RB, Sec.20	OECD

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12.	Preparatory mission for the Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 24-28 Nov. 2014	To improve understanding of the innovation performance of Tajikistan	During this event, UNECE experts met with a large number of innovation policy makers and stakeholders in Tajikistan. As a result of the mission, the involved parties reached a better understanding of international good practice in assessing innovation performance and policy	6,526 (XB)	E235	Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of Tajikistan
13.	Second Regional Internet Governance Forum, "Multi stakeholder platform for regional economic growth and cultural development via ICT", Baku, Azerbaijan, 2-3 Dec. 2014	To enhance understanding on the role of innovation and innovation policy in the digital age. To facilitate networking of stakeholders.	Participating national policymakers, experts and researchers reached a better understanding on the role of the government, lessons learned. Improved communication and networking among local and regional stakeholders.	152	RB, Sec.20 Staff travel financed by UNDP Azerbaijan	Ministry of Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, UNDP, UNDESA, Internet Governance Forum
14.	High-level Seminar on "Public – Private Partnership in Innovation Activities", Minsk, Belarus, 4 Dec. 2014	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The event was attended by some 45 representatives of government ministries, agencies and the private sector. The participants reached a better understanding of current obstacles in Belarus to the emergence of high-tech clusters and of specific policy options to reduce these obstacles. It was also agreed to carry out a second Innovation Performance Review to take stock of progress made since the first review and to further develop recommendations.	2,092 (XB)	E226	Belarus Institute for Systems Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere; Belarus Academy for Public Administration

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No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars ²	Project id ³	Partners
15.	Fact-finding mission for the preparation of the Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 2-6 March 2015	To improve understanding of the innovation performance of Tajikistan	During this event, UNECE experts met with a large number of innovation policy makers and stakeholders in Tajikistan. As a result of the mission, the involved parties reached a better understanding of how the current innovation performance and policies of Tajikistan compare to reference countries	26,000 (XB)	E235	Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of Tajikistan
16.	Seminar on “Smart Specialization and Regional Innovation Strategies”, at the 10th Kazan Venture Fair, Kazan, Russian Federation, 23-24 April 2015	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs	The participants reached a better understanding of the smart specialization approach to regional innovation policy and how to apply it in Russian-speaking regions	9,957 (XB)	E226	Russian Venture Capital Association, Association of Innovative Regions of the Russian Federation
17.	International Conference “Practical steps towards a knowledge-based economy” at the occasion of the seventh session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 16-17 June 2015	To enhance national capacity, including new knowledge and practical skills, for the purpose of advancing innovation and competitiveness and new business models such as PPPs To strengthen regional cooperation and networking among CIS practitioners, involved in the advancement of innovation and competitiveness (including	At the event, an international peer review of the policy recommendations from the Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan was held. Policymakers from SPECA countries reached a better understanding of the methodology for evaluating national innovation systems and policies, of the shared challenges in innovation performance in the SPECA region, and of policy options to	33,644 ⁴ (XB)	E235	ESCAP, Government of Tajikistan,
				11,114 (XB)	E226	SPECA countries, UNDP

⁴ Obligated funds; the final cost was not known at the time of preparing this document because the event took place only a week before the deadline for submitting the document, and it takes several weeks for final payments to be done.

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No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars ²	Project id ³	Partners
		knowledge-based development), and PPPs To agree measures for improving the innovation policies of Tajikistan	address these challenges. An agreement was reached with the Government of Tajikistan on priority reforms in innovation policy			

Capacity-building activities on Public-Private Partnerships

No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars	Project id	Partners
18.	Meeting on PPP assessment of Kazakhstan. Astana, Kazakhstan, 8 April 2014	To present results of the UNECE PPP readiness assessment in Kazakhstan	Better understanding of the changes needed in the PPP enabling environment to improve PPPs projects delivery in Kazakhstan	2,386 (XB)	E158	PPP Centre of Kazakhstan
19.	Session of the Team of Specialists on PPPs, Geneva, Switzerland, 23-24 June 2014	To launch the UNECE international PPP standards development process and to discuss priority areas for the development of the standards	Member states agree that the standards to be developed should be those of high priority for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Member States agreed to launch the first three project teams on Health PPPs, zero tolerance to corruption on PPPs, and a certification scheme for compliant PPP units.	9,534 (XB) 1,731(XB)	E216 E182	-
20.	PPPs Master Class for Belarus, 7-11 July 2014	To provide training on PPPs to senior policy makers and government officials of Belarus	Better understanding of the PPP policies and models and how it can be developed and implemented in Belarus	Staff time only	Financed by local UNDP	UNDP Ministry of Economy of Belarus
21.	PPPs Master Class in Geneva, Switzerland, 16 – 18 September 2014	To introduce international PPP best practices in different sectors to participants from 10 developing countries and transition economies	Enhance the ability of participants to develop and implement successfully PPP projects in their respective countries.	Staff time only		Institute for Public Private Partnerships (IP3)

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22.	Meeting between Belarus national authorities and Infrastructure UK, London, United Kingdom, 1-3 October 2014	To organize a meeting between a high level delegation from Belarus with Infrastructure UK (IUK). Discuss and learn from PPP best practices	Better understanding by the Belorussian delegation of the UK PPP experience and higher awareness of the importance of national infrastructure plans	1,476 (XB)	E202	Infrastructure UK (IUK)
23.	PPPs in water and sanitation sector, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 October 2014	To review and exchange international best practices on PPPs in urban and rural water	Identification of international best practices and models for PPPs in rural and urban water. Participants and Member states agreed on the need to establish an international Centre on water and sanitation PPPs and to launch three project teams for the development of international PPP standards on: "urban water and sanitation", "rural water" and "water management"	1,776 (XB)	E182	World Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Islamic Development Bank
24.	International Conference on PPPs in Moscow, Russian Federation, 28-29 October 2014	To launch and promote the work of UNECE on an international standard on PPP procurement	Better understanding of the UNECE standard developing process and the importance to have a set of international agreed recommendations on procurement.	3,927 (XB)	E182	Vnesheconom-bank
25.	Meeting on improvement of PPP enabling environment and advice on potential PPP projects, Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey, 12-13 November 2014	To facilitate dialogue between the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board and government officials. Discuss the national PPP policy in healthcare and PP projects in healthcare	Better understanding on international best practices on PPPs in the healthcare sector	7,952 (XB)	E182	Turkish Ministry of Health
26.	PPP session in the Global South-South Development Expo 2014, Washington DC, United States, 17-21 November 2014	To promote the UNECE work on PPP international best practices and standards	Better understanding of the UNECE standard developing process and its work with developing countries and transition economies	18,608 (XB) 8,275 (RB)	E182	UNDP

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No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars	Project id	Partners
27.	PPP Consultation in Casablanca, Morocco, 8-11 November 2014	To consult and provide advice on the draft PPP law and advance discussion on ADEREE becoming a Specialist Centre on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	Better understanding of the international PPP legal standards and agreement of ADEREE to become a PPP Specialist Centre on energy efficiency and renewable energy	4,065 (XB)	E182	ADEREE (Moroccan government agency on renewable energy and energy efficiency)
28.	PPP Parliamentary Hearing, Minsk, Belarus, 24-26 November 2014	To speak at the Parliamentary hearing of the Joint House of Parliament of Belarus on the draft PPP Law	Better understanding of the Belarussian Parliament on the international legal PPP best practices and the changes needed to improve the national draft PPP law	5,660 (XB)	E202	UNDP, Parliament Belarus, Ministry of Economy of Belarus
29.	Conference on inauguration of the Specialist Centre on PPP Policy and Institutions and meetings with public and private sectors, Paris, France, 21 May 2015	To sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a Specialist Centre on PPP Policy and Institutions in France To launch the Centre's work on international PPP best practices	Establishment of the Specialist Centre on PPP policy and Institutions. Better understanding of the work of the Centre and best practices in PPP law.	947 (RB)	RB, Sec.20	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France Confederation of International Contractors' Association (CICA), Institut Français d'Experts Juridiques Internationaux (IFEJI)

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No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars	Project id	Partners
30.	BAB mission to Ukraine – Fifth International Seminar on Trade Facilitation “From Local Solution to National Strategy”, Odessa, Ukraine, 1 -2 June 2015	To present the work of the UNECE International Centre of Excellence on PPPs on international PPP standards and implementation advisory services of the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board To advise the Ukrainian authorities on the enabling environment for PPPs and on the models to develop for PPPs in ports	Better understanding of the policies and models to apply to develop PPP in ports. Invited Ukraine to join the PPP UNECE project team on Ports and on a national consultation of with the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board to evaluate a pipeline of projects on PPP inn ports.	3,676 (XB)	E226	Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine
31.	2015 PPP Days, London, United Kingdom, 16-17 June 2015	To increase private investments in infrastructures through PPP in emerging markets. A number of countries from emerging economies presented their projects to investors and other Member States	Better understanding of government officials from developing countries and transition economies of the latest developments in private investments in infrastructures	12,288 (XB) 7,855 (RB) (Same budget with 32)	E226 RB Sec.20	World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank
32.	Team of Specialists on PPPs meeting in London, United Kingdom, 18 June 2015	To present the UNECE draft international PPP standards under preparation in the key areas of the SDGs: health, water and sanitation, zero tolerance to corruption, procurement, transport and renewable energy	Feedback from PPP experts and Member States on the draft standards to be incorporated in the document. Commitment by member states to host consultative meetings with the UNECE Business Advisory Board, to assist them with PPP project preparation in different sectors	Same budget with 31	E226 & RB, Sec.20	

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No.	Title, Venue, Date	Objective(s)	Results	Expenditures in US dollars	Project id	Partners
33.	Support to the Belarussian Government implementing PPPs including: the establishment of the PPP unit in Belarus; establishment of the Inter-ministerial Infrastructure Board; drafting of PPP law; provide methodology for the development of a national infrastructure plan; support the implementation of the twinning arrangement between the PPP Unit in Belarus and the PPP Unit of Germany; provide technical support to the development of proposals for pilot PPP projects; coordinate the process of screening of PPP project proposals by experts from the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board and prepare initial project appraisals;prepare strategic service models in two sectors (health and transport) and participate and contribute to various regional PPP awareness raising activities in Minsk, Brest, Mogiliev, Grodno, Gomel and Vitebsk, January 2014 to June 2015	To enhance national capacity in PPPs, to improve the enabling environment, including the business climate and the legal framework, to increase institutional capacity to do PPPs, and to identify pilot PPP projects	Better understanding of all stakeholders (senior policy makers and public officials, the private sector, NGOs and academia) about the PPP mechanism. Increased institutional capacity with the setting up of a fully functional and training PPP Unit and an Inter-ministerial Infrastructure Board. A draft PPP law that meets most international PPP legal best practices. Identification and initial appraisal of seven pilot projects for procurement as PPPs.	153,000 (XB) Some of these activities were financed by the local UNDP office	E202	UNDP, Parliament Belarus, Ministry of Economy of Belarus

Joint capacity-building activities on Innovation Policies and Public-Private Partnerships

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34.	High-level substantive segment on “Emerging landscape for innovation and PPP financing” at the occasion of the 8th session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI), Geneva, Switzerland, 12-14 February 2014	To explore the role of innovation and PPP in financing the post 2015 development agenda	Agreement on the focus of the international PPP standards to be developed	25,426 (XB) 10,670 (XB) 9,977 (RB)	E158 E180 RB, Sec.20	

Activities conducted by the Regional Advisor of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme

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35.	UNECE-ESCAP Coordination Meeting on SPECA, 11-18 February 2014, Bangkok	To support for further strengthening of SPECA	The two Regional Commissions agreed to support SPECA in a more coordinated and effective way.	7,084 (RB) 8,903 (XB)	RPTC, Sec.23 E158	ESCAP
36.	Assessment of the second phase of the Programme “Regional dialogue and cooperation on water resources management in Central Asia, planning of the third phase 11-12 November 2014, Berlin	To participate in the assessment of the second phase and the planning of the third phase of the Programme	The German Federal Foreign Office on the basis of the analysis of the outcomes of the second phase decided to provide funds for the third phase of the programme.	None (see next column)	Funded by a programme managed by the Environment Division (E245)	Member states of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS; i.e. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

Activities conducted by the Regional Advisor of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme

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37.	Consultations on organization of the SPECA Days (cf. item 40 below); Participation in the First Kazakhstan Water Forum, 2-4 November 2014, Almaty	To make a statement at the Conference on Integrated water Resources Management in Central Asia, consultations on the organization of the SPECA DAYS in Ashgabat	An e-journal on integrated water resources management in Central Asia was established as the outcome of the conference. UNECE is represented in the Board of Editors.	2,256 (RB)	RPTC, Sec.23	Joint UNECE SPECA Office in Almaty, Government of Kazakhstan
38.	Senior Officials Meeting, Ministerial Meeting of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD), 27-30 November 2014, Dushanbe	To support the Tajik Chairmanship of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development, presentation of the study on institutional and legal strengthening of the Commission	The Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development approved the study on its institutional and legal strengthening and decided to develop a road map for its implementation.	2,348 (RB)	RPTC, Sec.23	ICSD, IFAS, Government of Tajikistan
39.	SPECA Days in Ashgabat (Brain-storming meeting, 2014 SPECA Economic Forum, 9th session of the SPECA Governing Council, 2-5 December 2014, Ashgabat	To support the Afghan Chairmanship of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia	The SPECA Governing Council under the chairmanship of Afghanistan approved a package of projects supporting connectivity between Afghanistan and its Central Asian neighbours.	25,107 (RB)	RPTC, Sec.23	ESCAP, Government of Turkmenistan

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40.	Consultations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IFAS, the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC) and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) on a regional network for monitoring and accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, 24-26 February 2015, Tashkent	To discuss in the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS) on the implementation of the programmes contained in the Statement of Intent signed between the UNECE and EC IFAS	A detailed road map for the implementation of projects contained in the Statement of Intent was discussed and agreed upon.	1,222 (RB)	RPTC, Sec.23	MFA, IFAS, SDC, GIZ and Government of Uzbekistan
41.	Meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development and consultations with the Government of Turkmenistan. 17-19 June 2015, Ashgabat	To support to the updating of the Regional Environmental Action Plan and the development of the Regional Space for water and Environmental Information	Expected result: ICSD is expected to take a decision of the updating of the Regional Environmental Action Plan, which is a priority project in the Road Map on its institutional and legal strengthening.	1,148 (RB)	RPTC, Sec.23	ICSD, Government of Turkmenistan
42.	Support to the Tajik Chairmanship of the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development, 31 March - 3 April Dushanbe 2014	To advise the Commission on the development of the Road Map on its institutional and legal strengthening	The Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development adopted a decision supporting the organization (by UNECE and ICSD) of a meeting on the further development of regional cooperation among countries of Central Asia in the management of information on the environment and water resources	None (see next column)	Funded by a programme managed by the Environment Division (E-245)	Member states of the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Expenditures in US dollars</i>	<i>Project id</i>	<i>Partners</i>
43.	Statement at the Conference "Prospects for Water Resources Management in Central Asia", advising the Uzbek Chairmanship of IFAS during its participation in a donor coordination conference, 26-27 May 2014, Almaty	To advise the Uzbek Chairmanship of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea and its member states on the implementation of the Third Aral Sea Basin Program	An agreement was reached with GIZ and the Uzbek Chairmanship of IFAS on the use of GIZ funds to support activities of the Uzbek IFAS Chairmanship.	None (see next column)	Funded by a programme managed by the Environment Division (E-245)	Chairmanship and member states of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
44.	Regional Conference on a Regional Space for Water and Environmental Information in Central Asia, 8-11 June 2014	To chair, prepare and organise the conference which launched the programme on the development of a regional space for water and environmental information in Central Asia	IFAS organizations and institutions agreed to set up a coordination group to guide and coordinate work on a regional space for water and environmental information (the first meeting of the coordination group will take place on 1 and 2 September this year)	None (see next column)	Funded by a programme managed by the Environment Division (E-245)	Chairmanship and member states of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
