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#### Programme of Work

## Draft Programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2016-2017

### I. Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for the subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration (“the subprogramme”) for 2016–2017. The Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee (EXCOM) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Integrated Monitoring and Document Information System (IMDIS) used by the Secretariat for the planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme. The results of the implementation of the programme of work will be submitted to the Committee in the Programme Performance report for the biennium 2016-2017.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (outputs – outcomes – impact) known as a ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent the objective from being achieved.
3. The outputs/activities in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2016–2017. They fall into the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) other substantive activities; and (c) technical cooperation, including advisory services, training courses, seminars, workshops, and field projects.
4. The outcomes/expected accomplishments, with corresponding indicators of achievement and performance measures are presented in Annex I in the form of a logical framework.



5. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex II. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex III.

## **II. Objective, strategy and external factors**

6. The objective of the subprogramme is 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.

7. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division. The subprogramme will contribute to the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 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.

8. 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.

9. The subprogramme focuses on two complementary areas: (a) innovation and competitiveness policies; and (b) public-private partnerships for infrastructure development. The work on innovation and competitiveness policies will support sustainable economic growth, innovative development and competitiveness by promoting best practices 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.

10. 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.

11. The subprogramme will draw upon the work of other relevant organizations and institutions operating in this field. It will strengthen partnerships with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and national public-private partnership units in the region.

12. The work of the subprogramme will be supported by two teams of specialists (on innovation and competitiveness policies and on public-private partnership), involving government representatives and other stakeholders, and a broader network of experts.

13. The subprogramme will contribute to the work of the Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development under the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia.

14. 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 standards; and (c) extrabudgetary resources for capacity-building, advisory services and field projects are available.

### III. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2016–2017 biennium

#### A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies: Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

(i) *Substantive servicing of meetings*

1. Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (12); team of specialists on public-private partnerships (8); team of specialists on innovation and competitiveness policies (8); other expert group meetings (including meetings on entrepreneurship and enterprise development, financing innovative development and other aspects of economic cooperation and integration) (8)

(ii) *Parliamentary documentation*

1. Reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2); set of documents for the sessions of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (approximately 14 documents) (1); reports of the meetings of the teams of specialists and other expert groups (4); set of documents for meetings of teams of specialists and other expert group meetings (approximately 4 documents) (1)

#### B. Other substantive activities

(i) *Non-recurrent publications*

1. Innovation Performance Review of Azerbaijan (1); innovation performance review of a country with economy in transition (1); comparative review on selected aspects of knowledge-based development (3)

(ii) *Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits*

1. Annual set of newsletters on the ECE International Public-Private Partnership Centre of Excellence (2); annual set of newsletters on knowledge-based development (2)

(iii) *Press releases, press conferences*

1. Annual set of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2)

(iv) *Technical material*

1. Maintenance of the website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2)

#### C. Technical cooperation

(i) *Training courses, seminars and workshops*

1. Capacity-building and training courses in the fields covered by the programme of work (12); policy advisory seminars in the fields covered by the programme of work (12)

(ii) *Field projects*

1. Project related to the Working Group on Knowledge-based Development of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with ESCAP (1); competitiveness, innovative policies and public-private partnerships: capacity-building for civil servants and business associations in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries (1)

## Annexes

## Annex I

**The expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement  
and performance measures for 2016-2017**

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indications of achievement		Performance measures		
			2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
<b>(a) Improved dialogue on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness</b>	Number of new policy recommendations resulting from the exchange of national experiences and best practices among member States	Target	5	6	8
		Estimate		5	8
		Actual			8
<b>(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 new measures taken by member States to implement ECE recommendations	Target	12	12	10
		Estimate		12	10
		Actual			10
<b>(c) Strengthened national capacity of countries in the region 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</b>	Number of capacity-building events organized for countries in the region	Target	13	-	-
		Estimate		-	-
		Actual			-

## Annex II

## Details of proposed publications for 2016-2017

## Non-recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Innovation Performance Review of Azerbaijan	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3. (d)	Print and electronic	A4	155	E	R	500E, 1000R
2	Innovation Performance Review of a country with economy in transition	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3. (d)	Print and electronic Print	A4	155	E, R		500E, 1000R
3	Comparative review on selected aspects of knowledge-based development	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3. (c)	Print and electronic Print	A4	155	E	R	500E, 1000R
4	Comparative review on selected aspects of knowledge-based development	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3. (c)	Print and electronic Print	A4	155	E	R	500E, 1000R
5	Comparative review on selected aspects of knowledge-based development	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3. (c)	Print and electronic Print	A4	155	E	R	500E, 1000R

### Promotional material

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1	Annual set of newsletters on the ECE International Public-Private Partnership Centre of Excellence	A/70/6 (Sect.20). 20.65.(b).(ii)	Electronic	A4	5	E	n/a	n/a
2	Annual set of newsletters on the ECE International Public-Private Partnership Centre of Excellence	A/70/6 (Sect.20). 20.65.(b).(ii)	Electronic	A4	5	E	n/a	n/a
3	Annual set of newsletters on knowledge-based development	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3.(c), A/70/6 (Sect.20). 20.65.(b).(ii)	Electronic	A4	5	E	n/a	n/a
4	Annual set of newsletters on knowledge-based development	ECE/CECI/ICP/2013/2 Annex I p.9 para. III.3.(c), A/70/6 (Sect.20). 20.65.(b).(ii)	Electronic	A4	5	E	n/a	n/a

## Annex III

### Legislative mandates

#### A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

##### 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
60/248	Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007
65/185	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
68/222	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
66/288	The future we want
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
67/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
67/15	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
67/83	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
67/148	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
68/204	Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development



<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
68/212	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
68/225	Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation
67/226	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
68/230	South-South cooperation
67/264	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
68/6	Outcome document of the Special Event to follow up on efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals

## 2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2012/30	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2013/16	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

## 3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

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**B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme**
**1. Resolutions of the General Assembly**

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
68/219	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
66/223	Towards global partnerships
68/234	Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners
67/7	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
68/198	Information and communications technologies for development
67/225	Industrial development cooperation

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**2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council**

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2013/10	Science, technology and innovation for development
2013/44	Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

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