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Extrabudgetary projects

**Support to the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
(WGEMA)**

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM) maximum 1 page

1. Project title and project number: Support to the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA)						
2. Expected timing/ duration: October 2017 – December 2019						
3. Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to strengthen capacities of environmental authorities and statistical agencies in an effort to improve environmental monitoring and assessment in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asian countries. The project will advance environmental governance and performance throughout the region via the activities of the Working Group and the use of tools, such as the development of guidelines on the SEIS reporting application, to improve environmental data collection (statistics and indicators), environmental monitoring and reporting: A1.1. Prepare country profiles covering the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to be submitted to the Working Group. This would include preparation of recommendations to the target countries and their submission for the 20th and 21st Working Group session. A1.2. Organise the 20th and 21st sessions of the Working Group and the 14th session of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators to provide guidance on how to use the SEIS reporting application, endorse its recommendations (20th session) and review the implementation of recommendations (21st session).						
4. Expected results of the project: EA1. Enhanced understanding of ECE member States on environmental data sharing and the SEIS reporting application						
5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Public authorities responsible for environmental monitoring and assessment, and statistical agencies in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia						
6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project is directly linked to the Expected Accomplishment (c) “Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe” of the Subprogramme 1 “Environment” of the Proposed Strategic Framework for the period 2016-2017 and 2018-2019.						
7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of the RB/G4						
8. Estimated extra budgetary resources: <table style="width:100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Donor</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount (US\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">80,000 US\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Donor	Amount (US\$)	Russian Federation	80,000 US\$
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9. Project Manager: Nicholas Bonvoisin <div style="text-align: right;">Date: 05.08.2017</div>	10. Section/Division: Environment					
11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Acting Director <div style="text-align: right;">Date: 05.08.2017</div>	Approved by EXCOM ¹	26.09.2017				

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Part I. Planning (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)			Part II. Implementation (to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time) ^{1,2}	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities³	Actual expenditures⁴ (US\$)
EA.1. Enhanced understanding of ECE member States on environmental data sharing and the SEIS reporting application.	A.1.1. Prepare country profiles covering the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to be submitted to the Working Group. This would include preparation of recommendations to the target countries and their submission for the 20th, and 21st Working Group session 1 international consultant x \$5,500 x 2 months	11,000		
	A.1.2. Participation of the target countries in the planned sessions of the 20 th and 21 st session of the Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th Session of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators: (2000\$ per participant) x (2 participants) x (5 target countries). • 20th Session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment: (2000\$ per participant) x (2 participants) x (5 target countries). • 21st Session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment: (2000\$ per participant) x (2 participants) x (5 target countries). 	60,000		
Budget summary		71,000		
13 % of Programme Support Costs		9,230		
Total (rounded)		80,000	Total:	

¹ The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation.

² Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat.

³ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

(a) *For an advisory service* (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

(b) *For a workshop/conference/training* organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

(c) *For a consultancy*: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

(d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

⁴ Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.