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Extrabudgetary projects

**Strengthening the capacity of CIS countries in innovative development
to improve competitiveness and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

<p>1. Project title and project number: Strengthening the capacity of selected CIS countries in innovative development to improve competitiveness and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals</p>						
<p>2. Expected timing/ duration: November 2017 – October 2019</p>						
<p>3. Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of CIS countries in innovative development to improve competitiveness and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The project will build on, complement and expand UNECE’s existing work in the area of innovation development, including the policy dialogue on innovation for sustainable development; national Innovation Performance Reviews, and more recently Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews; and subsequent support for policy makers in putting recommendations into practice and monitoring the results. Using capacity-building and policy dialogue, project activities will help beneficiaries implement policy recommendations from national innovation reviews aiming for a better enabling environment for innovation and competitiveness. Activities also support input from CIS countries for the UNECE Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs (CICPPP) and its Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, as well as for UNECE good practices more broadly. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Workshop on improving the governance and coordination of innovation policies for sustainable development in Armenia; A1.2. Workshop on implementing recommendations from the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Armenia (2nd cycle); A1.3. Workshop on mainstreaming innovation policy support into the national sustainable development strategy of Belarus; A1.4. Workshop on strengthening innovative entrepreneurship in areas critical for sustainable development in Belarus; A1.5. Workshop on mainstreaming innovation policy support into the national sustainable development strategy of Kyrgyzstan; A1.6. Workshop on promoting eco-innovation; A2.1. Participation of experts from selected CIS countries in the sessions of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies in Geneva (11th session /2018 Q4 and 12th session /2019 Q4); A2.2. Participation of experts from selected CIS countries in the sessions of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs in Geneva (12th session /2018 Q1 and 13th session /2019 Q1); A2.3. Organisation of one sub-regional policy-learning and networking conference to draw lessons from the innovation for sustainable development reviews programme (2019 Q2).</p>						
<p>4. Expected results of the project: EA1. Enhanced national capacities of selected CIS countries to formulate, coordinate and implement innovation policy frameworks as a tool to achieve the SDGs; and EA2. Improved sub-regional and regional cooperation on the advancement of innovation to support progress towards the SDGs.</p>						
<p>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are policy makers and government officials from various ministries working on innovation and competitiveness in support of sustainable development. Other practitioners, including experts from the business and academic communities, will also participate. The beneficiary countries are selected CIS countries.</p>						
<p>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project is directly linked to the Expected accomplishments (a) “Improved international policy dialogue on promoting sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness in the ECE region”, (b) “Improved understanding at the national level of policy options to promote sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness” and (c) “Enhanced national implementation of ECE policy recommendations and standards on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness” of the strategic framework of UNECE Subprogramme 4 “Economic Cooperation and Integration” of the UNECE Strategic Frameworks for 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. The project responds to strong demand for capacity building and policy dialogue on innovation and competitiveness for sustainable development expressed in the 2017 session of the CICPPP (ECE/CECI/2017/2, Decision 2017 - 5a.4 and Decision 2017 – 5c.2).</p>						
<p>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of one RB/P4 staff time annually</p>						
<p>8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Donor</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Amount (US\$)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">201,750 US\$</td> </tr> </table>			Donor	Amount (US\$)	Russian Federation	201,750 US\$
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<p>9. Project Manager: Anders Jönsson Date: 14.09.2017</p>	<p>10. Section/Division: Innovative Policies Development Section/ Economic Cooperation and Trade Division</p>					
<p>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Acting Director Date: 14.09.2017</p>	<p>12. Approved by EXCOM¹</p>	<p>26.09.2017</p>				

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\$)
EA1. Enhanced national capacities of selected CIS countries to formulate, coordinate and implement innovation policy frameworks as a tool to achieve the SDGs	A.1.1. Workshop on improving the governance and coordination of innovation policies for sustainable development in Armenia in follow-up to the Innovation Performance Review of Armenia Travel of 1 staff Operating and other direct costs Travel of 2 experts x \$2,500 International consultants x 1 month	14,000 3,000 1,000 5,000 5,000		
	A.1.2. Workshop on implementing recommendations from the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Armenia (2nd cycle) Travel of 1 staff Operating and other direct costs Travel of 2 experts x \$2,500 International consultants x 1 month	14,000 3,000 1,000 5,000 5,000		
	A.1.3. Workshop on mainstreaming innovation policy support into the national sustainable development strategy of Belarus Travel of 1 staff Operating and other direct costs Travel of 2 experts x \$2,500 International consultants x 1 month	14,000 3,000 1,000 5,000 5,000		
	A.1.4. Workshop on strengthening innovative entrepreneurship in areas critical for sustainable development in Belarus Travel of 1 staff Operating and other direct costs Travel of experts x \$2,500 International consultants x 1 month	14,000 3,000 1,000 5,000 5,000		
	A1.5. Workshop on mainstreaming innovation policy support into the national sustainable development strategy of the Kyrgyzstan Travel of staff Operating and other direct costs Travel of experts	16,500 3,000 1,000 7,500		

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.

	International consultants	5,000		
	A1.6 Workshop on promoting eco-innovation in Kyrgyzstan	16,500		
	Travel of 1 staff	3,000		
	Operating and other direct costs	1,000		
	Travel of 3 experts x \$2,500	7,500		
	International consultants x 1 month	5,000		
EA2. Improved sub-regional and regional cooperation on the advancement of innovation to support progress towards the SDGs	A2.1. Financial support to cover the travel of CIS experts so that they are able to provide inputs and participate in the sessions of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies in Geneva: -10 th Session -11 th Session Travel of 16 experts x \$2,500	40,000		
	A2.2. Financial support to cover the travel of CIS experts so that they are able to provide inputs and participate in the sessions of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs in Geneva: -12 th Session -13 th Session Travel of 8 experts x \$2,500	20,000		
	A2.3. Organisation of one sub-regional policy-learning and networking conference to draw lessons from the innovation for sustainable development reviews programme Travel of 2 staff x \$3,000 Operating and other direct costs Travel of 9 experts x \$2,500	29,500 6,000 1,000 22,50		
Budget summary		178,500		
13% of Programme Support Costs		23,250		
Total		201,750	Total:	