

**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

**Public Private Partnership (PPP) Alliance**



**“The Future Role of the UNECE PPP Alliance”**

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# Background

- The UNECE PPP Alliance, a successor organization to the UNECE's Build Operate Transfer Group, was formed as a result of proposals formulated in 2001. The first meeting of the UNECE PPP Alliance was held in Geneva in March 2002.
- The mission of the PPP Alliance, per the UNECE website, is “to engage governments interested in applying PPPs and to offer them advice and support.”

# Background

- Funding limitations have seriously constrained the PPP Alliance's activities, however the Alliance has, since its founding:
  - Conducted three additional annual meetings, with high-level speakers on PPP-related issues.
  - Developed its Guidelines on “Governance in Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure.”
  - Provided speakers and participated in conferences on PPPs and Sustainable Development
  - Provided an on-site assistance visit to the Government of Latvia
  - Maintained PPP Alliance information and presentations on the UNECE website
- These activities have generally been supported by host contributions (e.g., meeting space and travel expenses) and pro bono participation by PPP Alliance members.

# Future Funding Prospects

- Funding from the UN Development Account is anticipated in 2006. While not large, this funding will provide more stability in PPP Alliance staffing support at UNECE, and thus more capability to respond to requests for assistance.
- Additional self-funded projects are being pursued. These include:
  - The UNECE is a finalist for a competitively-awarded grant from the Réseau universitaire international de Genève (RUIG). The topic of the research would be “Creating a New Dynamic for Public-Private Partnerships for Peaceful and Sustainable Development.”
  - The UNECE is in discussions with the Russian Federation about a PPP-related project, with the potential for EU TACIS funding.
  - **Mention certification concept?**

# The Future Role of the PPP Alliance

- This, the Fourth Meeting of the UNECE PPP Alliance, is a logical juncture at which to step back and assess the activities of this organization.
- The PPP Alliance has demonstrated strengths:
  - Excellent networks
  - Dynamic office-bearers
  - Record of achievements
  - Independent/neutral character
- However, funding will continue to limit the number and scope of activities the PPP Alliance can undertake.
- Given this, what is our vision for the UNECE PPP Alliance at this time?

# A Vision of the UNECE PPP Alliance

- The UNECE’s basic mission, “to engage governments interested in applying PPPS and to offer them advice and support” should remain unchanged. Our “product lines” are as follows:

<b>Education</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Consultation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meetings and Conferences</li> <li>•Speaking Engagements</li> <li>•Publications</li> <li>•Enhance PPP Alliance Website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site Assistance Visits</li> <li>• Research Projects</li> <li>• Special Projects</li> </ul>
<b>UNECE Program Management</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Support to PPP Alliance Activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive, Review and Prioritize Requests for Support</li> </ul>	

# A Vision of the UNECE PPP Alliance

- Funding the Vision. The PPP Alliance product lines are color-coded as follows:
  - Green. These activities will generally be funded by limited UNECE PPP Alliance resources, to include the UN Development Account Funding. We will continue to gratefully accept contributions of travel expenses, meeting venues, etc.
  - Blue. These activities will be funded by UNECE PPP Alliance when available. When existing resources are not adequate, these activities will be performed only if funded by the requestor or a third party.
  - Red. These activities will only be undertaken if funded by the requestor or a third party.

# A Vision of the UNECE PPP Alliance

- The vision is designed to take full advantage of the broad expertise of the PPP Alliance's public and private sector members. The Alliance has the potential to add greatly to the body of PPP knowledge through projects like the RUIG research effort.
- However, the Alliance must focus its limited budgetary resources on its core functions of education and training. The vision recognizes this by prioritizing the use of these resources.
- Continued independence/neutrality is central to the mission. The PPP alliance is not designed to, and will not allow as part of its programme:
  - Promotion of the commercial interests of a specific private member
  - Promotion of the PPP model of a specific member country.