

Subprogramme 6. Trade

| Implementing entity: UNECE, Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division | | | | Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars) | | | |
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| Relationship to the biennial programme plan for the period 2014-2015: Programme 17, subprogramme 6, expected accomplishment (b) | | | | 2010-2011 Actual | 2012-2013 Estimates | 2014-2015 Estimates | |
| Objective: To assist the less-advantaged countries in the ECE region in the implementation of measures to facilitate their trade and trade-related economic cooperation and integration in the regional and global economy. | | | | Other staff costs | 391.8 | 442.6 | 435.0 |
| | | | | Consultants | 11.9 | 11.9 | 10.0 |
| | | | | Travel of staff | 57.0 | 69.0 | 71.6 |
| | | | | Participants in seminars | 55.8 | 6.0 | 25.9 |
| | | | | Total | 516.5 | 529.5 | 542.5 |
| Expected accomplishments | Indicators of achievement | Components' activities/outputs/projects | | | | | |
| (a) Enhanced capacities of countries with economies in transition to implement trade facilitation, electronic business and other ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools; | (a1) Number of countries establishing sustained cooperation among trade control agencies and the business community in support of specific trade development and facilitation instruments (such as the Single Window, public-private cooperation for trade development and facilitation, etc.); | Technical cooperation in the area of trade facilitation will be focused on strengthening the capacity of member States with economies in transition to apply international best practices and standards and use trade as an engine for economic growth and sustainable development. The implementation of the technical cooperation programme will draw upon the standards, recommendations and tools developed by the ECE Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UNCEFACT), the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policy, and the other bodies serviced by the Division. | | | | | |
| (b) Enhanced capacities of countries with economies in transition to promote and implement policies, strategies and mechanisms supporting trade facilitation and regional economic integration. | Baseline 2010-2011: 5 Estimate 2012-2013: 5 Target 2014-2015: 6 | The strategy for the sub-programme includes the following: (i) Advisory services which take into account the specific needs and demands of ECE member States; (ii) At least 2 technical assistance projects; (iii) Subregional, regional, and interregional training workshops to promote the efficient use of international norms, standards, recommendations and tools for trade facilitation and trade policy development; (iv) Production of studies, policy papers and training materials on specific problems, and methodologies to allow for the transfer of best practices and experience; (v) Establishing/strengthening the networks of experts and policy-makers (at the national, sub-regional, regional and global levels), to facilitate knowledge and information sharing, exchange of best practices and lessons learned. | | | | | |
| | (b1) Number of national or regional trade facilitation strategies, policies and mechanisms supporting trade development and facilitation | The sub-programme will contribute to better implementation of ECE tools in such areas as: streamlining trade information exchange (notably by advancing the concept of the Single Window for export and import clearance, data harmonization, and document standardization); best regulatory practices; national public-private mechanisms for trade facilitation; and trade-, transit- and border-crossing facilitation. It will also strengthen the capacity of the Members States with economies in transition to formulate trade policies and strategies. | | | | | |
| | Baseline 2010-2011: 5 Estimate 2012-2013: 6 Target 2014-2015: 6 | RPTC resources will be used to leverage extra-budgetary resources from bilateral and multilateral donors, and assist in managing extra-budgetary projects. | | | | | |
| | (b2) Number of networks of experts and policy makers on trade facilitation supported by the programme. | The subprogramme will further strengthen partnerships and networks of experts and policy makers in the transition economies, as well as with experts in the World Customs Organization (WCO), the European Commission, national agencies in the industrialized countries, sub-regional and regional organizations (such as the Regional Cooperation Council in SEE, the Eurasian Economic Commission, and Eurasian Economic Community), as well as promote public-private cooperation for trade development and facilitation. | | | | | |
| | Baseline 2010-2011: 2 Estimate 2012-2013: 3 Target 2014-2015: 3 | | | | | | |
| Output summary | | | | Impact summary | | | |
| | Actual 10/11 | Estimate 12/13 | Estimate 14/15 | In the 2010-2011 biennium, the sub-programme organized 11 capacity-building workshops and provided 21 advisory services aimed at strengthening the national capacity on trade policy implementation and trade facilitation, and providing support for the establishment of networks of experts and policy makers. The results included the following: (i) national Single Window projects established in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan; (ii) progress achieved in the implementation of the Single Window in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and (iii) Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina started working on Single Window projects. The subprogramme contributed to strengthening sub-regional cooperation in areas such as trade facilitation, data exchange and building Single Window in Central Asia (the SPECA countries), the South Caucasus, and South-East Europe, as well as in member States of the Customs Union and the Single Economic Area of the Eurasian Economic Community. | | | |
| Advisory services | 21 | 20 | 20 | | | | |
| Seminar/workshops | 11 (776) | 9 (400) | 9 (400) | | | | |
| Fellowships | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Field projects | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | |

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| Total | 34 | 31 | 31 | <p><u>In the 2012-2013 biennium</u>, the subprogramme will organise 9 capacity-building workshops and provide 20 advisory services focused on strengthening the national capacity for trade policy implementation and trade facilitation. It is expected that the number of countries implementing Single Window solutions will increase from 10 to 11 by the end of the biennium. This will further contribute to raising the efficiency of trade procedures and ensuring good governance in foreign trade in the economies in transition.</p> <p>It is expected that in the <u>2014-2015 biennium</u>, the programme will broaden the implementation of innovative tools for trade development and facilitation through advisory services, capacity-building workshops, studies and field projects, in order to foster economic growth and regional integration in the less advantaged countries in the UNECE region.</p> |
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