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Programme of work for 2024, Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2023–2024, and recommendations of key components of the programme of work for 2025**Draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2024****Note by the Secretariat****Introduction**

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2024. The Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend it to the Executive Committee for approval. Any subsequent additional, carried over or terminated deliverables will be reflected in the UN Umoja system used by the Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – results – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the strategy, the planned results and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024 (A/78/6 (Sect.20)). The work of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE areas where multiple SDGs converge.¹ This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation

¹ The ECE cross-sectoral collaboration areas are as follows: 1) Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region; 2) Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources; 3) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 4) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 5) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs.



projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.

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

I. Objective

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen policies on innovation, competitiveness and public-private partnerships in the ECE region.

II. Strategy

6. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division.

7. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of three core interlinked functions in the subprogramme's two areas of work (innovation and competitiveness policies; and public-private partnerships): international policy dialogue; normative and analytical work; and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

8. To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

(a) support member States in creating a conducive business environment by developing good practices to inform innovation policy reforms to drive sustainable development, including through on-request advisory based analyses of national innovation systems, policies and institutions; and through capacity-building workshops and seminars at the national and subregional levels;

(b) build capacity of member States in creating regulatory frameworks and public-private partnership project pipelines that can help to close the SDG infrastructure financing gap, including through:

(i) promotion of innovative modalities of financing, development and management of critical infrastructure;

(ii) development of international guidelines and standards to design public-private partnership projects and legal and regulatory frameworks;

(iii) the use, on-demand, of a methodology to evaluate and score public-private partnership projects in support of sustainable development; and

(iv) cooperation with multilateral platforms for sustainable infrastructure (including SOURCE²).

(c) focus some of its policy dialogues, analyses and recommendations, standards, and capacity-building on addressing economic challenges through innovation policies and public-private partnership infrastructure projects that can facilitate innovation and develop infrastructure to make economies more resilient and sustainable.

9. This work will help member States make progress to achieving SDGs 8, 9, 12 and 17 and contribute to enhancing sustainable use of natural resources, and digital and green transformations for sustainable development.

10. The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

(a) improved innovation-related policies and institutions in member States for sustainable development; and

(b) the improved design and operation of public-private partnerships by member States that contribute to sustainable development and lead to more sustainable projects.

² SOURCE is the multilateral platform for sustainable infrastructure.

III. Planned results for 2024

11. The planned results for 2024 include results 1 and 2, which are updates of results presented in the preceding programme plans. Result 3 is a new planned result.

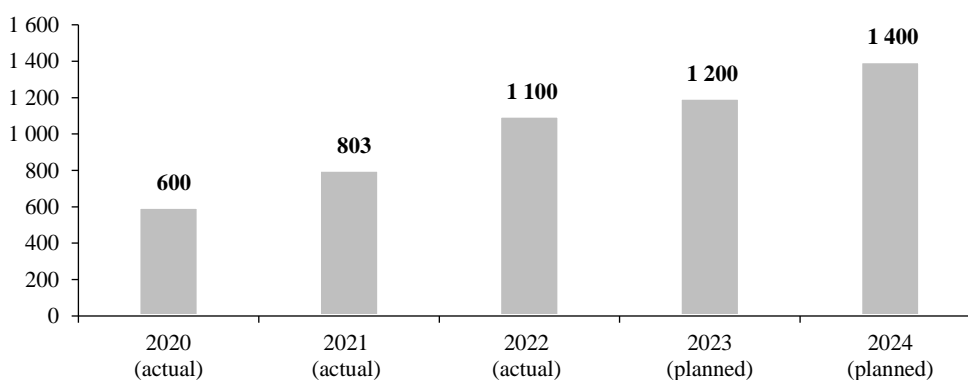
Result 1: Improved capacity of member States to use innovation to achieve their sustainable development objectives

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

12. The subprogramme's work contributed to 1,100 policymakers and other innovation stakeholders from requesting countries that have benefited from Economic Commission of Europe capacity-building on innovation policy, which exceeded the planned target of 1,000 policymakers and other innovation stakeholders. The progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 1).

Figure 1

Performance measure: number of policymakers and other innovation stakeholders from requesting countries that have benefited from Economic Commission of Europe capacity-building on innovation policy (cumulative)



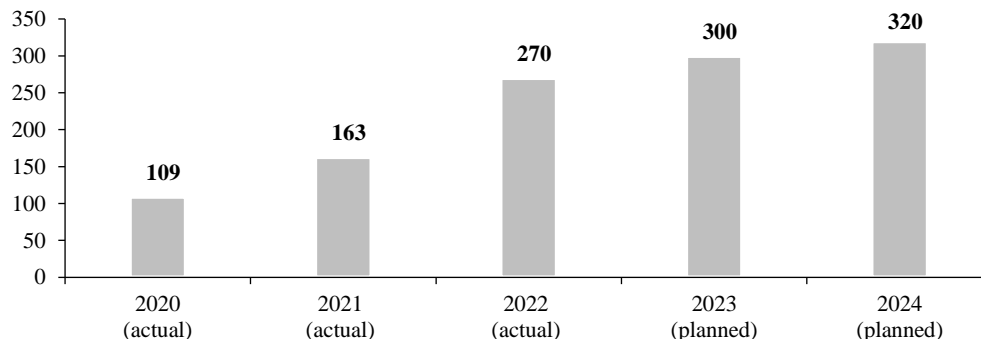
Result 2: Improved capacity of member States in the development of infrastructure projects in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the circular economy

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

13. The subprogramme's work contributed to 270 policy makers from member States that have used the Economic Commission for Europe standards and guidelines on public-private partnership for the SDGs, which exceeded the planned target of 225 policy makers. The progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 2).

Figure 2

Performance measure: Number of policymakers from member States that have used the Economic Commission for Europe standards and guidelines on public-private partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals to identify and prepare infrastructure projects aligned with the Goals and the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources (cumulative)



Result 3: Strengthened capacity of member States to facilitate transformative innovation³ for sustainable development

Proposed programme plan for 2024

14. To accelerate progress towards achieving the Goals, the ECE region needs more transformative innovations that can make entire systems sustainable, e.g. the built environment or individual mobility. The subprogramme has been providing good practices, policy advice and capacity building on policies to promote innovation for sustainable development.

Lessons learned and planned change

15. The lesson learned was that more evidence is needed on policies to promote truly transformative innovation, and that member States have a large demand for policy analysis, dialogue and capacity building on this topic. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will use a network of innovation policy makers and agencies to develop an evidence base for policy making, and to increase the capacity of policymakers to promote transformative innovation. The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 1).

Table 1

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Weak evidence base for transformative innovation policies	Member States endorsed good practices on innovation policies for the circular economy transformation, and noted the need for more policy learning	Member States endorsed the establishment of an ECE Transformative Innovation Network of innovation agencies, and the Network was set up	Member States endorse an additional ten good practices on transformative innovation policy.	At least three member States implement policies and good practices to stimulate transformative innovation for sustainable development.

³ Report of the ECE Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships on its fifteenth session (ECE/CECI/2022/2, paragraphs 57 and 69 (Decision 5.2)).

IV. External factors

16. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective 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 adequate.

V. Deliverables to be implemented in 2024

17. The Table below lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	18
1. Documentation for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	19
2. Meetings of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18
3. Meetings of the Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development	1
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge	
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	3
4. Innovation and competitiveness policies	2
5. Public-private partnerships	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	16
6. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on innovation and competitiveness policies for sustainable development	8
7. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on public-private partnerships	8
Publications (number of publications)	3
8. Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	1
9. Comparative reviews on innovation policy and/or public-private partnership	2
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of countries)	3

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
10. Fact-finding missions for Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and public-private partnership needs assessments	3
C. Substantive deliverables	
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services under the Working Party on Public-Private Partnership and the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies reaching 30 government ministries and agencies and stakeholder entities.	
Databases and substantive digital materials: database of public-private partnership case studies from around 15 member States.	
D. Communication deliverables	
External and media relations: press releases and launch events for the above publications for regional, subregional and national access.	
Digital platforms and multimedia content: subprogramme's website for regional access.	

Annex I

Details of proposed publications and promotional material for 2024

A. Publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s) and Source of funding (RB or XB)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Handbook on Selected Innovation Policy Issues	GA 70/1 para. 9.5, 17.6 and 80; specific mandate to be provided by the 16th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	100	E	R (RB)	100E, 100R
2	Handbook on Selected Innovation Policy Issues	GA 70/1 paras. 9.5 and 17.6; specific mandate to be provided by the 16th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	100	E	R (RB)	100E, 100R
1	Sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook	GA 70/1 para. 9.5, 17.6 and 80; specific mandate to be provided by the 16th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	400	E	F and R (RB)	100E, 30F, 100R
2	Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of a country with economy in transition	GA 70/1 para. 9.5, 17.6 and 80; specific mandate to be provided by the 16th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	200	E	R (RB)	100E, 100R

B. Information/promotional materials - none

Annex II

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/283	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/256	New Urban Agenda
72/279	Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
74/122	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
74/128	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
74/144	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility
74/216	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
74/231; 76/215	Development cooperation with middle-income countries

74/235	Women in development
74/271	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
74/297	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
74/306	Comprehensive and coordinated response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
75/8, 77/15	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM
75/9, 77/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
75/12	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
75/216; 76/204	Disaster Risk Reduction
75/221	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
75/233	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
75/290 B	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
75/324	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
77/185	South-South cooperation

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2022/18	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE

A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A (69)	High-level statement
B (69)	Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources
C (69)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
75/316	Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets
76/213	Science, technology and innovation for development
76/224	Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners
77/150	Information and communication technologies for sustainable development
77/155	Promoting investments for sustainable development

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2022/16	Science, technology and innovation for development

3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
E/2007/37-E/ECE/1448	Economic Commission for Europe annual report (24 February 2006–27 April 2007)