

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

<p>1. Project title and project number: Strengthening the implementation of the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia</p>					
<p>2. Expected timing/ duration: 1 December 2014- 31 December 2016</p>					
<p>3. Objective and brief summary of the project: The project is aimed to strengthen the implementation and ratification of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its protocols through increased cooperation and information exchange between the countries and the EMEP¹ scientific centres, expansion of emission inventories, monitoring and modelling activities in the UNECE region, in particular in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The project will achieve its objective through the following activities: - Organisation of six workshops/consultations for national teams of emission experts on development of national emission inventories, activity database and preparation of Informative Inventory Report; - Organisation of two sub-regional workshops for air quality experts on collecting, processing and reporting of monitoring data; and - Support to the organisation of meetings of the Coordinating Group to promote information exchange among beneficiary countries on the implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia</p>					
<p>4. Expected results of the project: E.A.1. Improved national capacity to develop emission inventories in countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, in accordance with the Guidelines for estimating and reporting emission data under the Convention and the EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook. E.A.2. Improved skills in collecting, processing and reporting air pollutant atmospheric monitoring data in accordance with the EMEP monitoring strategy. E.A.3. Increased exchange of information among the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia on progress and achievements made, as well as remaining obstacles in ratification and implementation of the Convention and its protocols.</p>					
<p>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The beneficiary countries are the UNECE member States in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The target groups are the national teams of emission experts, air quality experts, and the members of the Coordinating Group.</p>					
<p>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the implementation of item 4.3 (a) and (b) of the Convention's 2014-2015 workplan (ECE/EB.AIR/122/Add.2) adopted by Parties (9-13 December 2013). It responds to the demands for support in developing national emission inventories expressed by countries at the session of the Working Group on Strategy and Review (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/110), as well as in their letters to UNECE. The project is directly linked to the expected accomplishments (b) "Strengthened implementation of UNECE regional environmental agreements", and (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 Sub-programme 1. Environment in the UNECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015, and to the expected accomplishments (b) "Strengthened implementation of ECE multilateral environmental commitments and increased geographical coverage", and (c) "Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and South-Eastern Europe" of Sub-programme 1. Environment in the UNECE Strategic Framework for 2016-2017.</p>					
<p>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 0.5 month of RB (P5) staff time, and 0.5 month of RB (P4) staff time</p>					
<p>8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;"><i>Donors</i></th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;"><i>Amount (US\$)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">435,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Donors</i>	<i>Amount (US\$)</i>	Russian Federation	435,000
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<p>9. Project Manager: Albena Karadjova  Date</p>	<p>10. Division: Environment </p>				
<p>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Zamira Eshmambetova  Chief of PMU Date</p>	<p>12. Approved by EXCOM²: Already approved as part of the work programme of the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP).</p>				

¹ Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

² See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).