

## UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

## PART I. Planning

**1. Project title/number:** Strengthening national capacities of the CIS countries to implement ECE agricultural quality standards (Phase II of project E160)

**2. Expected timing/ duration:** October 2014 – February 2015

**3. Objective and brief summary of the project:**

The overall objective of Phase II of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the CIS countries to produce quality agricultural products, strengthen the implementation of UNECE quality standards in the region, and support the broader UN-wide goal of ensuring food security and nutrition for all.

The objective of the project will be achieved through the following strategy:

1. Procurement and installation of required equipment in a biotechnological laboratory to produce healthy seed potatoes under clean phytosanitary conditions in the northern region of Arkhangelsk, Russian Federation including training on the use of the equipment for implementing ECE standards. The production of in-vitro virus-free source material (microplants and microtubers), which would meet the requirements of the UNECE Standard for Seed Potatoes, is only possible by means of modern biotechnological methods under the sterile conditions of a biotechnological laboratory. The equipment will be purchased through the UNOG and shall belong to UN until such time as ownership thereof is transferred, on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between the country and ECE.
2. Developing guidelines and recommendations on traceability in the food sector. Setting up an operational traceability system, as a pilot, at one of the poultry-processing enterprises in the Russian Federation. Disseminating the results across the CIS region;
3. Developing internationally recommended guides for potato growers and inspectors on how to cultivate quality seed potatoes to produce high yields without contaminating the soil;
4. Developing explanatory brochures on the ECE standards for persimmons and dried apricots to improve the marketing quality of these products of particular economic importance for the Central Asian countries;
5. To support the breeding and testing of new varieties of soya resistant to disease and unfavourable climatic conditions through field visits by experts. This activity is a continuation of cooperation between ECE, Switzerland and the Russian Federation.

The project will draw on the ECE expertise to assist countries, particularly in the CIS region, in producing safer and better quality food.

**4. Expected results of the project:**

1. Improved knowledge and infrastructure to develop and apply in practice ECE agricultural quality standards
2. Strengthened regional and international cooperation between national authorities, research institutions and the private sector in developing food safety and food traceability systems
3. Increased international cooperation of experts in breeding and testing new soybean varieties through field visits by experts to plantings established for research purposes in Switzerland and the Russian Federation.

**5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:**

Agricultural producers, consumers, regulatory and standard-setting authorities in the ECE region and beyond.

**6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:**

The activities of the project support the aims and work of the ECE Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards as outlined in paragraphs 2, 5(a) and 5(h) of its Terms of Reference (ECE/EC/2008/L.8) and will contribute to the expected accomplishment (c) "Adoption and increased implementation by member states of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for agricultural quality standards" of Subprogramme 6. Trade in the ECE Strategic Framework for biennium 2014-2015.

**7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):** 2 months of RB staff (P4 1 and GS 1) time

**8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:**

Donors  
Russian Federation

Amount (US\$)  
291,600

**9. Project Manager:**

Serguei Malanitchev 08.10.2014

Name Date

**10. Division:**

Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management

**11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:**

Zamira Eshmbabetova 08.10.2014

Chief of PMU Date

**12. Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup>:**

Date

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31(a) of Commission decision A(65).

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PART II - (for ECE internal use)

**A. Cleared by Executive Office:**


Name and Signature:

  
Executive Officer

8/10/14  
Date

**B. Approved by the Executive Secretary:**

Name and Signature:

  
Executive Secretary

10/10/2014

Date

**C. For Executive Office use only: Establish project ID and IMIS Budget Account Code (BAC)**

Fiscal Year	Fund	Org. Unit	Project ID	Programme
2014	202	0892	2286	2050

Recorded/created in IMIS by:

Date:



## Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project "Strengthening national capacities of the CIS countries to implement ECE agricultural quality standards"

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) <sup>1, 2</sup>	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Actual expenditures <sup>4</sup> (US\$)
E.A.1 - Improved knowledge and infrastructure to develop and apply in practice UNECE agricultural quality standards.	A.1.1 Procurement of equipment for biotechnological laboratory to produce healthy seed potatoes under clean phytosanitary conditions. A.1.2 Developing explanatory brochures on the ECE standards for persimmons and dried apricots	200,000 23,600	
E.A.2 - Strengthened regional and international cooperation between national authorities, research institutions and the private sector in developing food safety and food traceability systems.	A.2.1 Developing guidelines and recommendations on traceability in the food sector A.2.2 Workshop on traceability in the food sector	23,000 20,000	
E.A.3 - Increased international cooperation of experts in breeding and testing new soybean varieties.	A.2.3 Developing ECE guides on: seed potato diseases, pests and defects; field inspection; and tuber inspection A.3.1 Research and field work in Switzerland and the Russian Federation to breed new soybean varieties	15,000 10,000	
<b>Total: (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)</b>		<b>291,600</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation;

<sup>2</sup> Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat;

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.