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Extrabudgetary project

Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title: Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region						
Expected timing/ duration: May 2020 – December 2021						
<p>Objective and brief summary of the project: Improving housing affordability is currently one of the most important policy challenges as countries and cities in the UNECE region. There is an urgent need to better understand what leads to the decreased access to decent quality, affordable housing in various contexts and how to formulate and deliver targeted and proportional policy responses. The UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) at its 80th session requested the CUDHLM Bureau to develop the "Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region" (ECE/HBP/201 para 24). The goal of the study is to improve capacities of national and local governments to formulate policies that improve housing affordability and housing sustainability in the UNECE region. The objectives of the study are to: (a) explore housing affordability challenges and existing policy instruments for improving housing affordability in the UNECE region; (b) facilitate the exchange and dissemination of "good practices" in improving housing affordability among countries and cities of UNECE region; and (c) identify needs of policy-makers to further develop and implement policies addressing housing affordability. The project will implement the following activities: A1.1. Preparation of the housing affordability study report; A1.2. Organisation of the conference on housing affordability (Slovenia).</p>						
<p>Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased peer-learning, and exchange of knowledge on housing affordability among national and local governments representatives in the UNECE region.</p>						
<p>Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are policy makers at national and city level, housing managers, experts in housing policies. Beneficiary countries are the UNECE member States.</p>						
<p>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project contributes to the objective "to advance decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all in liveable cities and human settlements, sustainable land management and evidence-based population and social cohesion policies" of the Subprogramme 8 "Housing, land management and population" of the UNECE programme budget for 2020. The project contributes to the Programme of Work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2020 (ECE/HBP/2019/8).</p>						
<p>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of P4/RB</p>						
<p>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Donor</th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Amount (EUR)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">Slovenia</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">50,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Donor	Amount (EUR)	Slovenia	50,000
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<p>Project Manager: Gulnara Roll 06.03.2020</p>	<p>Section/Division: Housing and Land Management Unit, Forests, Land and Housing Division</p>					
<p>Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron Officer-in-charge 06.03.2020</p>	<p>Approved by EXCOM:</p>	<p>03.04.2020</p>				

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Planned activities</i>	<i>Estimated costs (EUR)</i>
EA1. Increased peer-learning, and exchange of knowledge on housing affordability among national and local governments representatives in the UNECE region	A1.1. Preparation of the housing affordability study report	43,500
	International consultant /P4 level x €5,000 x 6 months	30,000
	Consultant travel (Geneva) x 2 x €1,750	3,500
	A1.2. Organisation of the conference on housing affordability (Slovenia)	
	International consultant/ P4 level x €5,000 x 2 months	10,000
Budget summary		43,500
13% of Programme Support Costs		6,500
Total (Rounded)		50,000