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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The UNECE member countries, being committed to the transparency and effectiveness of programme management, agreed at the Commission session in 2004 to place more emphasis on evaluation as a tool in managing the Commission's work. The Sectoral Committees were therefore requested by the Commission to conduct biennial evaluations of their respective subprogrammes and to take into account the results of these evaluations in determining their work programmes. The 2005 UNECE reform further strengthened this approach.

2. The biennial evaluations should give an opportunity for the members of each Sectoral Committee to review and reaffirm, on a continuous basis, the relevance of the activities and their clusters in view of the subprogrammes' objectives. The results of these evaluations should contribute to defining subprogramme priorities and the related redistribution of resources. The 2012-2013 biennial evaluation will be the third such evaluation carried out by the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration after the 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 bienniums.

3. According to the United Nations results-based management and results-based budgeting system, all subprogrammes, before each biennium set up a strategic framework that determines their objectives in terms of expected accomplishments and, for each of them, indicators of achievement. The 2012-2013 strategic framework for the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme was approved by the General Assembly (A/65/6 (Prog. 16)). The relationship between the logical framework for the biennial evaluation and the strategic framework is shown in Annex II of the accompanying document ECE/CECI/2011/5.

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II. Draft biennial evaluation logical framework

4. The draft logical framework for the biennial evaluation is contained in Annex I of the present document. In keeping with the proposed structure of the Committee's Programme of Work for 2012-2013 and its emphasis on cross-cutting activities (ECE/CECI/2011/5), the draft evaluation framework has been structured into six clusters of activities with associated expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for review and agreement by the Committee.

5. Three of these clusters cover the substantive work to be done on innovative, knowledge-based development (including work cutting across the topics innovation and competitiveness policies, commercialization and protection of intellectual property rights, financing innovation, and entrepreneurship and enterprise development). The three other clusters cover the substantive work on public-private partnerships. The three clusters relating to each of these two substantive areas respectively cover the following three types of activities: formulation of policy recommendations and good practices; implementation of policy recommendations and good practices; and building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement policy recommendations and good practices.

6. Evidence on the corresponding indicators of achievement will be collected by the secretariat on an ongoing basis throughout the 2012-2013 biennium. As part of this information collection effort, the secretariat will reach out to the members of CECI, its Teams of Specialists and its networks of experts to elicit their feedback on the impact of CECI's work.

7. Based on the evidence collected, the secretariat will submit a biennial evaluation report for consideration by CECI at its eighth session in 2013.

Annex

Draft cluster-level logical framework for the subprogramme biennial evaluation 2012–2013

Cluster	*Cluster level expected accomplishments*	*Indicators of achievement*
1. Formulation of policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in the UNECE region	Increased knowledge of good practices and policies targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities leading to the formulation of related CECI policy recommendations	(i) Number of policy recommendations resulting from the exchange of good practices and policy experience among member States *Performance measures*: Baseline 2011: 5 Target 2012–2013: 6 (ii) Per cent of questionnaire respondents who find these recommendations useful *Performance measures*: Baseline 2011: 73 (refers to all publications) Target 2012–2013: 80
2. Formulation of policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful public-private partnerships (PPPs)	Increased knowledge of good practices and policies targeting a legal and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs leading to the formulation of related CECI policy recommendations	(i) Number of policy recommendations resulting from the exchange of good practices and policy experience among member States *Performance measures:* Baseline 2011: 0 Target 2012–2013: 2 (ii) Per cent of questionnaire respondents who find these recommendations useful *Performance measures:* Baseline 2011: 73 (refers to all publications) Target 2012–2013: 80
3. Implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in the UNECE region	Enhanced implementation of CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities	(i) Number of cases where countries have implemented policy recommendations or have taken practical steps to implement them *Performance measures*: Baseline 2011: 8 Target 2012–2013: 10

Cluster	*Cluster level expected accomplishments*	*Indicators of achievement*
4. Implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs	Enhanced implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a legal and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs	(i) Number of cases where countries have implemented policy recommendations or have taken practical steps to implement them *Performance measures*: Baseline 2011: 2 Target 2012–2013: 3
5. Building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement CECI policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in ECE member States	Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities	(i) Per cent of questionnaire respondents finding the capacity-building activities useful for their work *Performance measures*: Baseline 2011: 78 (to be updated) Target 2012–2013: 85
6. Building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs	Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs	(ii) Per cent of questionnaire respondents finding the capacity-building activities useful for their work *Performance measures*: Baseline 2011: 78 (to be updated) Target 2012–2013: 85