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#### Programme of Work for 2020

## Draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2020

### Note by the Secretariat

#### I. Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2020. The Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee (Excom) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in Umoja 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 – 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 most significant planned result and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The objective 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 nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge.<sup>1</sup> This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing

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<sup>1</sup> The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart



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 groups; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation 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.

## **II. Objective and alignment with SDGs**

5. The objective of the subprogramme is to strengthen innovation, competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships policies in the ECE region.

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

7. The objective of the subprogramme is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 8, which is to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. The objective is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 9, which is to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation. The objective is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 12, which is to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. Furthermore, the objective is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 17, which is to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

## **III. Highlighted planned result for 2020**

8. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development identifies science, technology and innovation as key means of implementation. Promoting innovation is also part of Sustainable Development Goal 9. There are a number of existing efforts to measure innovation in a comparative perspective, including the Global Innovation Index and the Global Competitiveness Index.

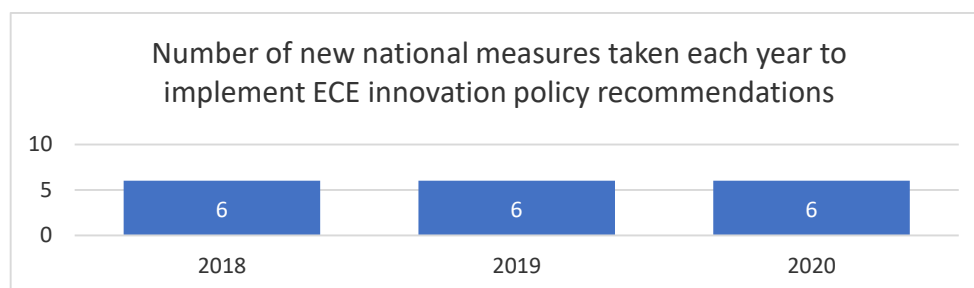
9. One finding that emerges clearly from these efforts is that countries differ significantly not only in how many resources they put into innovation, and on how much innovation they are able to generate, but also in how effective they are in translating innovation inputs (i.e. spending) into innovation outputs (i.e. new products and services). Much of this variance comes down to differences in government policies. Policies have a key role to play in encouraging investments in innovation, in steering these investments into areas critical for sustainable development, and in ensuring that investments generate a high social return.

10. In response for 2020, to expand the evidence base for improving such policies, ECE will pilot an Innovation Policy Index with a set of interested member States. The index will allow the subprogramme to analyze in a comparative perspective the innovation policies of different countries, to identify which policies are effective, and to recommend policy improvements to our member States on this basis.

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cities; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs implementation.

11. The expected result would be a stronger evidence base for providing advice on innovation policy, and more relevant policy recommendations on innovation for sustainable development. The expected result would be evidenced by the number of new policy recommendations on innovation for sustainable development implemented by member States, as shown in the figure below.



12. The result, if achieved, will demonstrate progress made in 2020 towards the collective attainment of the objective of the subprogramme. It will contribute to the nexus areas on sustainable use of natural resources, and measuring and monitoring SDGs implementation.

#### IV. External factors

13. 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 2020

14. The table below lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that would contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2020 plan</i>
<b>Quantified deliverables</b>	
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:</b>	
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (Number of documents)	<b>18</b>
1. Documents for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs and its subsidiary bodies	18
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (Number of 3-hour meetings)	<b>19</b>
2. Meetings of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs and its subsidiary bodies	18
3. Meetings of the SPECA Working Group on Knowledge-Based Development	1
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge:</b>	
<b>Technical cooperation and field projects</b> (Number of projects)	<b>2</b>

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<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2020 plan</i>
4. Project on Capacity building for civil servants from CIS countries on innovation and competitiveness	1
5. Project on Capacity building for civil servants from CIS countries on PPPs	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (Number of days)	<b>24</b>
6. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and trainings on innovation and competitiveness policies for sustainable development	12
7. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and trainings on People-First Public-Private Partnerships	12
<b>Publications</b> (Number of publications)	<b>3</b>
8. Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	1
9. Comparative Reviews on Innovation Policy and/or PPP readiness	2

#### **Non-quantified deliverables**

##### **C. Substantive deliverables:**

- Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: preparatory and fact-finding missions for Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and PPP readiness assessments
- Consultation, advice and advocacy: Advisory services by the PPP Business Advisory Board for Government officials and other stakeholders
- Databases and substantive digital materials: Digital collection of case studies on People-First PPPs

##### **D. Communication deliverables:**

- Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: newsletter on People First PPPs
  - External and media relations: press releases, launch events for the above publications
  - Digital platforms and multimedia content: update and maintenance of the subprogramme's website
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## Annex I

## Details of proposed publications for 2020

## A. Recurrent publications - none

## B. Non-recurrent 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	Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of a country with economy in transition	E/2011/37 E/ECE/146, p.10, para.16; specific mandate to be provided by the 13th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R
2	Innovation Policy Outlook for selected countries in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus	E/2011/37 E/ECE/146, p.10, para.16; specific mandate to be provided by the 13th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R
3	Comparative Review on Innovation Policy and/or PPP readiness	GA 61/210 para.2; specific mandate to be provided by the 13th session of CICPPP	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R

## C. Promotional material - none

## Annex II

### Legislative mandates

#### A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

##### 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<a href="#">66/288</a>	The future we want
<a href="#">67/10</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
<a href="#">67/290</a>	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
<a href="#">69/277</a>	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
<a href="#">69/313</a>	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
<a href="#">70/1</a>	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
<a href="#">70/133</a>	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
<a href="#">70/221</a>	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
<a href="#">71/14</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
<a href="#">71/16</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
<a href="#">71/162</a>	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
<a href="#">71/243</a>	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
<a href="#">72/216</a>	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
<a href="#">72/218</a>	Disaster Risk Reduction

<a href="#">72/224</a>	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
<a href="#">72/230</a>	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
<a href="#">72/234</a>	Women in development
<a href="#">72/266</a>	Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations
<a href="#">72/303</a>	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
<a href="#">73/10</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
<a href="#">73/13</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
<a href="#">73/14</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM
<a href="#">73/16</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
<a href="#">73/195</a>	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
<a href="#">73/249</a>	South-South Cooperation

## 2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<a href="#">1998/46</a>	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
<a href="#">2006/38</a>	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
<a href="#">2013/1</a>	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
<a href="#">2016/2</a>	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

## 3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<a href="#">A (64)</a>	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
<a href="#">A (65)</a>	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
<a href="#">A (66)</a>	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
<a href="#">A (67)</a>	Adoption of the High-level statement

[B \(67\)](#) Establishment of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

**B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme**

**1. Resolutions of the General Assembly**

*Res No.72/200* Information and communication technologies for sustainable development

*Res No.72/228* Science, technology and innovation for development

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