

PROGRESS REPORT

I. Project title	Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing in selected countries with economies in transition
II. Project DA code	2985 ROA-285-9
III. Executing entity	UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit; Cooperating agency: UN-Habitat
IV. Reporting period covered	March 2014 – December 2014
V. Financial Implementation rate <i>(in % of the total budget)</i>	15.8%

VI. SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Four joint UNECE-UN-Habitat national workshops were organized in Yerevan, Armenia (13-14 October, 2014), in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (28-29 October, 2014), and in Belgrade, Serbia (12-13 November, 2014).

Four advisory missions were held in Armenia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Tajikistan. As a result of the advisory missions, project Steering Committees and national expert groups for the preparation of the national action plans were established in the four countries.

UNECE in cooperation with UN-Habitat and focal points in respective countries prepared templates for National Action Plans on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development. These templates were discussed and agreed with the respective governments.

Planning of 2015 activities was completed – dates of 2015 workshops have been agreed.

VII. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITIES

Table 1 – Review of Performance Indicators

Expected Accomplishment	Indicator of achievement (T0)	Indicator of achievement (T1)	Comments
EA1: Strengthened national capacity of beneficiary countries to develop policies for sustainable housing	IA1: National Action Plans for sustainability measures in the housing sector are developed for beneficiary countries		UNECE in cooperation with UN-Habitat and focal points in respective countries prepared templates for National Action Plans. These templates were discussed and agreed with the governments.

			<p>Countries established national Steering Committees consisting of government officials and national expert groups, which will work to prepare national action plans.</p> <p>Work on drafting of National Action Plans started in all four countries.</p>
EA2: Strengthened national capacity of beneficiary countries to implement policies for sustainable housing through inter-ministerial coordination	IA2: Number of National Action Plans launched in beneficiary countries		Planned for 2016
EA3: Strengthened national capacity of other countries in the ECE region to develop policies for sustainable housing through application of the project's lessons learned	IA3: Number of references to identified best practices in official documentation or communication of other countries in the UNECE region		Planned for 2016-2017

Table 2 – Review of Completed Activities

Activities	Comment
A1.1. Three joint ECE/UN-Habitat national workshops to provide training on sustainable housing.	Four national workshops were planned in 2014, however due to the political instability in the Republic of Moldova caused by elections in November 2014, the workshop in Chisinau was postponed to 2015.
A1.2. Four advisory missions by UNECE to advise on the establishment Steering Committees in the four beneficiary countries	Accomplished
A1.3. Development of National Action Plans for sustainability measures in the residential sector	UNECE in cooperation with UN-Habitat and focal points in respective countries prepared templates for National Action Plans on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development. These templates were

	discussed and agreed with the governments. After the UNECE/UN-Habitat advisory missions Serbia and Tajikistan prepared first drafts of their National Action Plans and circulated the drafts to other ministries and to the UNECE and UN-Habitat for comments.
A1.4 Four national validation workshops to review draft chapters of the respective National Action Plans with members of the inter-ministerial Steering Committees and relevant stakeholders and discuss their implementation.	Planned for 2015
A2.1 Four national workshops in the beneficiary countries to launch National Action Plans on Sustainable Housing; discuss the implementation of the Action Plans and possible ways of monitoring of the Action Plans implementation.	Planned for 2016
A3.1 Develop a policy paper on analysis of best practices and lessons learned and guidelines on the preparation and implementation of National Action Plans for Sustainable Housing.	Planned for 2016-2017
A3.2 Organize a regional meeting to share best practices and lessons learned on the preparation and follow-up of National Action Plans and the set-up of inter-ministerial Steering Committees between the beneficiary countries and other countries in the region.	Planned for 2017

VIII. CHALLENGES/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED SO FAR

Table 3 – Challenges and actions

Description of challenge	Action(s) taken to solve the issue, if any
Political instability in the Republic of Moldova related to the elections led to the decrease of the commitment of the participating Ministry	An advisory mission was successfully organized. The workshop was postponed to 2015 to guarantee the high commitment and participation of the Government of the Republic of Moldova

IX. SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

Table 4 – Financial Leveraging

Donor	Purpose	Amount raised	
		Cash (USD)	In-Kind
European Labor Institute	Provided a speaker on		Covered travel expenses

	energy efficiency for the workshop in Armenia		of an expert from Bulgaria
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors	Provided two speakers in urban planning and energy efficiency for the workshop in Tajikistan		Covered travel expenses of two experts from the UK
Smart city laboratory, Moscow, Russia	Provided a speaker on innovative technologies for housing for the workshop in Tajikistan		Covered travel expenses of an expert from Russia

X. REVISIONS

No change to the budget occurred. No changes to the allotment have taken place.

A change in the planned activities occurred with postponing a national workshop in Republic of Moldova to 2015.

XI. WORK PLAN FOR REMAINING ACTIVITIES

Table 5 – Remaining activities

Remaining Activities	Start date	Date of completion
A national workshop in Republic of Moldova to provide training on sustainable housing.	January 2015	June 2015
Development of national action plans	October 2014	December 2015
Four national validation workshops to review draft National Action Plans	April 2015	December 2015
Four national workshops to launch National Action Plans	January 2016	December 2016
Develop a policy paper and guidelines on the preparation and implementation of National Action Plans for Sustainable Housing	June 2016	December 2017
Organize a concluding regional meeting as a follow-up of National Action Plans preparation	September 2017	December 2017

XII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

XIII. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Object Class	Description	A. Budget/Allotment	B. Actual disbursements	C. Commitments outstanding	D. Total Expenditure	E. Balance Remaining	F. Revisions to allotments (if any)	G. Explanations to revisions
602	General Temporary Assistance	7,500	0	0	0	7,500		
604	Consultants and Expert Groups	0111-Int. consult.:	76,000	32,000	3,000	35,000	41,000	
		0140-Nat./reg. consult.:	43,200	0	6,480	6,480	36,720	
		2601-Consult. travel:	41,600	2,685	3,059	5,744	35,856	
		2602-Expert Group (travel):						
608	Travel of staff	101,500	7,537	4,781	12,318	89,182		
612	Contractual services	42,000	0	0	0	42,000		
616	Operating expenses	8,000	686	114	800	7200		
618	Supplies, Materials etc.							
621	Fellowships, grants and contributions	7202 - Workshops:	213,200	21,219	2,710	23,929	189,271	
		7203 - Study Tours:						
	Total	533,000	64,127	20,144	84,271	448,729		

Implementation rate 15.8 (%)

= Expenditure (D)/Budget (A)