

## Final Progress Report, updated 22.06.2018

### Audit of selected subprogrammes and related technical cooperation projects in the Economic Commission for Europe

Recom. no.	Recommendation	Critical <sup>2</sup> / Important <sup>3</sup>	C/ O <sup>4</sup>	Actions needed to close recommendation	Implementation date <sup>5</sup>
1	ECE should provide guidance on the arrangements to be established to manage technical cooperation projects, based on criteria such as the size and duration of the project.	Important	C	Action completed as per the Management Response	Implemented 8 April 2016
2	ECE should develop a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy for the extrabudgetary resources requirements of the Environment and Transport subprogrammes.	Important	C	The Executive Committee (EXCOM) approved the Informal Document 2016/47 UNECE Resource Mobilisation Strategy at its 86th meeting on 16 September 2016, encompassing the resource mobilisation needs institution-wide.	16 September 2016
3	ECE should take action to ensure that: (i) its service level agreement with the United Nations Office at Geneva requires the Office to use the United Nations Secretariat platform to advertise opportunities for consultancies; and (ii) it maintains a centrally managed roster of suitably qualified consultants or individual contractors.	Important	C	<p>This recommendation was closed from ECE's side in 2016. Relevant documents are attached. However additional text is provided here for clarity:</p> <p>ECE has engaged consultants and individual contractors exclusively through the Consultants and Individual Contractors Module in Inspira since its inception in November of 2014 as mandated by OHRM. ECE contracting of consultants and individual contractors is handled by UNOG HRMS, who holds the ultimate responsibility and authority for their initial contracting and hiring.</p> <p>ECE continues to strictly adhere to the Administrative Instruction ST/AI/2013/4 and ensures that a Job Opening is advertised in Inspira for every consultant or individual contractor contract 6 months or more in duration. The Inspira Module is publicly accessible and available to any individual who wishes to register under his or her particular specialized area(s) of expertise. The ECE has also developed and implemented a Consultant Management Tool (CiC) to support the workflow gap</p>	<p>30 December 2016</p> <p>Updated in OIOS Team Central repository the 22 June 2018.</p>

				<p>between Inspira and Umoja. This tool further allows the ECE to manage a centralized pool of candidates, provide additional transparency while enhancing competition in the hiring of consultants and individual contractors. It allows for a wider distribution of information to the organization to promote the invitation of potential candidates concerning contract opportunities within each are of specialization relevant to the ECE and advertised through the external internet site <a href="https://www.unece.org/oes/job_opportunities/vacancy_announcements.html">https://www.unece.org/oes/job_opportunities/vacancy_announcements.html</a>.</p>	
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<sup>2</sup> Critical recommendations address critical and/or pervasive deficiencies in governance, risk management or control processes, such that reasonable assurance cannot be provided with regard to the achievement of control and/or business objectives under review.

<sup>3</sup> Important recommendations address important (but not critical or pervasive) deficiencies in governance, risk management or control processes, such that reasonable assurance may be at risk regarding the achievement of control and/or business objectives under review.

<sup>4</sup> C = closed, O = open

<sup>5</sup> Date provided by ECE.