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**Extrabudgetary projects**

**Improving knowledge of UNECE member States to design and implement integrated policies in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at regional and national levels**

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

<b>Project title and project number:</b> Improving knowledge of UNECE member States to design and implement integrated policies in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at regional and national levels		
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> February 2019 – January 2021		
<p><b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The 2030 Agenda with the Sustainable Development Goals provides an ambitious and comprehensive framework that opens new perspectives for policymaking and international cooperation. Its integrated character requires moving away from a sectoral focus to integrated policy approaches. The Executive Secretary introduced the main directions of internal efforts to align the work of the UNECE with the 2030 Agenda and articulated her vision for enhancing the impact of UNECE's efforts to EXCOM at its 98<sup>th</sup> session on 18 May 2018. The strategic orientation of UNECE to support member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda will (i) focus on UNECE core strengths; and (ii) use the UNECE multi-sectoral structure to tackle SDGs in a cross-sectoral, integrated manner. UNECE has identified SDGs where it has a comparative advantage, and the possibility to provide the most value added: SDGs 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15 (together with two cross-cutting goals 5 and 17). The first step in translating this strategic orientation into practice in UNECE was the identification of the following nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sustainable use of natural resources;</li> <li>2. Sustainable and smart cities;</li> <li>3. Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and</li> <li>4. Measuring and monitoring the SDGs.</li> </ol> <p>These efforts were welcomed by EXCOM, which encouraged the Secretariat to further develop cross-sectoral cooperation and the proposed nexus approach. Delegations supported the establishment of cross-divisional teams to strengthen synergies and complementarities among UNECE sub-programmes and identify opportunities for possible new joint or coordinated activities in the nexus areas.</p> <p>The objective of the project is to deliver in-depth substantive analysis of current and future challenges and needs of UNECE member States in the nexus areas and to identify ways and means to address them, thus assisting member States to design and implement integrated policies in these areas. The findings of this analysis and according policy recommendations will be deployed in the following four flagship publications:</p> <p>A1.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 1 "Sustainable use of natural resources in the UNECE region" (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations);</p> <p>A2.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 2 "Sustainable and smart cities in the UNECE region" (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations);</p> <p>A3.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 3 "Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity in the UNECE region" (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations);</p> <p>A4.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 4 "Measuring and monitoring the SDGs in the UNECE region" (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations);</p> <p>Other UN entities and regional or sub-regional organisations with relevant mandates in these proposed areas will be invited to provide expertise, with the intent of elaborating a cohesive policy approach. These efforts are also in line with the Secretary-General's initiative for policy coherence and analysis at the regional level of the UN Development System.</p>		
<p>Expected results of the project:</p> <p>EA1. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States to develop integrated policy approaches for the sustainable use of natural resources in the UNECE region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;</p> <p>EA2. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States to develop integrated policy approaches for sustainable and smart cities in the UNECE region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;</p> <p>EA3. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States to develop integrated policy approaches for sustainable mobility and smart connectivity in the UNECE region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;</p> <p>EA4. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States on measuring and monitoring SDG implementation in the UNECE region.</p>		
<b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b>		
Target groups include policy makers and government officials, academia, non-governmental organisations, private sector, international organisations. UNECE member States are the beneficiaries of this project.		
<b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b>		
The nexuses have been determined based on existing mandates of the UNECE eight subprogrammes, as defined in the UNECE Strategic Framework for 2018-2019 and Proposed Programme Budget for 2020: Subprogramme 1 "Environment", Subprogramme 2 "Transport", Subprogramme 3 "Statistics, Subprogramme 4 "Economic Cooperation and Integration", Subprogramme 5 "Energy", Subprogramme 6 "Trade", Subprogramme 7 "Forestry", Subprogramme 8 "Housing, land management and population".		
<b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b>		
1 P5/ 2 months; 1 P4/2 months; 1 GS/2 months		
<b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount (US\$)</b>	
Russian Federation	247,000	
<b>Project Manager:</b>	<b>Section/Division:</b>	
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<b>11.01.2019</b>		

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project**

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States to develop integrated policy approaches for the sustainable use of natural resources in the UNECE region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	A1.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 1 “Sustainable use of natural resources in the UNECE region” (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations)  1 International consultant/ P5 for the research and development of the publication 1 x 3 months x \$16,000 Contractual services to edit, design, and translate the publication into Russian x \$10,500	58,500  48,000 10,500
EA2. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States to develop integrated policy approaches for sustainable and smart cities in the UNECE region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	A2.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 2 “Sustainable and smart cities in the UNECE region” (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations)  1 International consultant/ P5 for the research and development of the publication 1 x 3 months x \$16,000 Contractual services to edit, design, and translate the publication into Russian x \$10,500	58,500  48,000 10,500
EA3. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States to develop integrated policy approaches for sustainable mobility and smart connectivity in the UNECE region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	A3.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 3 “Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity in the UNECE region” (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations)  1 International consultant/ P5 for the research and development of the publication 1 x 3 months x \$16,000 Contractual services to edit, design, and translate the publication into Russian x \$10,500	58,500  48,000 10,500
EA4. Improved expertise of the UNECE member States on measuring and monitoring SDG implementation in the UNECE region	A4.1. Prepare a flagship publication under nexus 4 “Measuring and monitoring the SDGs in the UNECE region”, (including desk research, analysis of needs and challenges at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and identification of policy recommendations)  1 International consultant/ P5 for the research and development of publication 1 x 2 months x \$16,000 Contractual services to edit, design, and translate the publication into Russian x \$10,500	42,500  32,000 10,500
Budget summary		218,000
13% of Programme Support Costs		28,340
<b>Total (rounded)</b>		<b>247,000</b>