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Extrabudgetary project

Improved sustainable urban development in 17 Norwegian cities

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

Project title: Improved sustainable urban development in 17 Norwegian cities		
Expected timing/ duration: August 2019 – July 2021		
Objective and brief summary of the project: <p>UNECE, in cooperation with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), developed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on smart Sustainable Cities (SSCs) in 2016 to evaluate the performance of cities, set priorities for actions, achieve the SDGs at the local level and support development of the evidence-based policies. The KPI evaluation is implemented within a global initiative “United for Smart Sustainable Cities – U4SSC” which brings together 16 UN agencies. In 2018, the UNECE signed an MoU with the Organization for International Economic Relations (OiER) to establish a Centre for Excellence on smart sustainable cities to implement concrete projects for investments and public private partnerships in the UNECE region. In 2019, the Government of Norway decided to evaluate 17 Norwegian cities against the KPIs, and develop a smart sustainable cities project as part of the initiative of the Government’s “Norway as a Smart Sustainable Nation”. The project will be implemented within the Joint Programme “University City 3.0” of the City of Trondheim and the Norwegian University of Technology and Science. The project partners are the City of Trondheim, OiER and ITU.</p> <p>The objective of the project will be achieved through the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Collecting and analysing data for 17 Norwegian cities and the preparation of short city profiles; A1.2. Organizing two advisory missions to Norway; A1.3. Organizing a validation workshop in Norway; A1.4. Conducting communication and dissemination activities (preparing press-releases, communicating through social media, presentations at relevant international events, preparation and publication of the final project report).</p>		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Improved assessment of sustainable urban development in municipalities in 17 Norwegian cities		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The beneficiary country is Norway. The target group includes policy makers and government officials at the national and city levels in Norway.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project contributes to the Expected accomplishment “Improved capacity for formulation and implementation of evidence-based policies in housing, urban development and land management” of the Subprogramme 8 “Housing, Land Management and Population” of the UNECE Strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 and the objective “to advance decent, adequate, affordable, energy efficient and healthy housing for all in liveable cities and human settlements, sustainable land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies” of Subprogramme 8 “Housing, land management and population” of the UNECE Proposed programme budget for 2020. The project contributes to the Programme of Work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2018 – 2019 (ECE/HBP/2017/7, para 12). At its 76th session, the Committee on Housing and Land Management included the topic of smart cities as one of its priority activities under the cluster “Sustainable urban development” (ECE/HBP/2015/4). At its 77th session, the Committee endorsed the KPIs and the activities carried out by the United Smart Cities and U4SSC (ECE/HBP/2016/4).		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 2 months of P4/ RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donors The City of Trondheim	Amount (EUR) 252,500	
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Chief of PMU 12.06.2019		

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (EUR)
EA1. Improved assessment of sustainable urban development in municipalities in 17 cities in Norway	A1.1 Conduct data collection and analysis for 17 Norwegian cities and preparation of short city profiles (factsheets)	182,000
	Staff support/P2 level x 8 months x €9,000 per month	72,000
	Staff support/G5 level x 8 months x €5,000 per month	40,000
	2 international consultant on data verification x €5,000 x 10 months	70,000
	A1.2 Organization of two advisory missions to Norway	10,000
	Travel of staff x 2 missions x €2,500	5,000
	Travel of 1 international consultant x 2 missions x €2,500	5,000
	A1.3 Organisation of a validation workshop in Norway	10,000
	Travel of 2 staff x €2,500	5,000
	Travel of 2 international consultants x€2,500	5,000
	A1.3. Communication and dissemination products and activities (including publications, reports, etc. and presentation to relevant international events globally)	14,000
	Operating and other direct costs	1,000
	Contractual services (translation, interpretation, editing of documents, printing final report)	13,000
Evaluation		5,000
Budget summary		221,000
13% of Programme Support Cost		28,730
Total		250,000
1% of Coordination levy		2,500
Grand Total		252,500