

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT  
(for endorsement by the EXCOM)**

1. *Project title:* Protocol on Water and Health

2. *Expected timing and duration:* 1 December 2007 – 31 December 2010

3. *Objective(s) and brief description of the project:*

The project has three major objectives: (a) strengthen the application of the Protocol on Water and Health to the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) in the entire region, with emphasis on the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and in South-Eastern Europe (SEE); (b) support implementation of the programme of work adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol; and (c) disseminate information on the Protocol to Governments and major groups, both within and outside the region. Activities under the project fall under the following areas:

- Implementation;
- Support to compliance with the Protocol;
- Sharing of experience and capacity building;
- Advocacy and promotion.

4. *Expected Results/Impact of the Project:*

Protection of human health and well being in the region by better water management, including the protection of water ecosystems, and by preventing, controlling and reducing water-related diseases. In particular:

- Increased number of Parties to the Protocol and of countries participating in the programme of work;
- Improved understanding of the water and health nexus, better integration of policies and improvement of sectoral policies;
- Enhancement of capacities of water and health experts, practitioners and decision-makers, in particular in countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and in South-Eastern Europe.

5. *Main beneficiaries of Project:*

Experts, practitioners and decision-makers, in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and in South-Eastern Europe. NGOs and the public at large.

6. *Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:*

Since the entry into force, UNECE work on the Protocol on Water and Health has steadily increased and is expected to keep growing. The first Meeting of the Parties (January 2007) has adopted a full-fledged, extensive programme of work for 2007-2009 (see document ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.5 - EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.5) independent and distinctive from the programme of work of the Water Convention. That justifies the establishment of a separate technical cooperation project for the Protocol, as also requested by the Parties to the Protocol (see Decision I/5 on Financial arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol in ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.2 - EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.2). Activities undertaken relate to the 2008-2009 programme budget (Section 20) Economic Commission for Europe, sub-programme 1. Environment, output in paragraph 20.27 (a) (i) (a) & (b) related to the activities of the Water Convention and its Protocols.

7. *Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff):* 7 work months of P-4 staff member, 7 work months of P-3 staff member over the project period.

8. *Estimated extra budgetary resources:*

<i>Donors</i>	<i>Amount (US\$)</i>
Switzerland	186,000
Netherlands	100,000
Others	100,000

9. *Name of Project Manager and Division*

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