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**Extrabudgetary Project**  
**Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) (Phase 3 of Project E161)**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

***PART I. Planning***

**(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)**

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|---|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <b>1. Project title/number:</b> Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) (Phase 3 of Project E161)   |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <b>2. Expected timing/duration:</b> 2014-2016   |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>3. Objective and brief summary of the project:</b><br/>                 The objective of the EATL project is to assist countries to develop efficient, fast, safe, environmentally friendly and secure Euro-Asian land and land-cum-sea transport links, and to foster co-operation in the field of transport to facilitate international trade and tourism. Globalization has led to significant increases in trade and transport between Asia and Europe. While most of the traffic has used - increasingly congested - maritime routes, further development of inland transport routes would provide credible and competitive additional transport options for traders and shippers. Once established, these efficient and integrated inland routes would become an effective tool for economic development and integration of the Euro-Asian region, including facilitating greater participation in the globalization process by Central Asia's landlocked countries.<br/>                 The project intends to coordinate collection and analyses of data and best practices on infrastructure development among the beneficiary countries. The project builds upon the results achieved during the implementation of Phase 2 and contributes to the coordinated multi-country and inter-continental implementation of long-term infrastructure plans. The Group of Experts is the principal mechanism for coordinating the EATL work by the secretariat. The project aims to achieve the above objective by supporting the participation of representatives of CIS countries in the EATL Group of Experts meetings in the following focus areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collection, analysis and dissemination of data regarding cargo flows provided by main Asian ports, producers and traders with the European markets;</li> <li>2. Collection, analysis and dissemination of data regarding cargo flows provided by European ports, main import/export gateways of European countries;</li> <li>3. Preparation of a questionnaire to update the information provided by the comparison study of inland transport with existing maritime routes.</li> <li>4. Preparation of common templates for information collection on integrated time schedules and tariffs; review and discussion of collected data with experts, and presentation of preliminary analysis. Designation of experts from rail organizations and road transport associations to contribute to the development of integrated time schedules and tariffs along the Euro-Asian links.</li> <li>5. Discussion of updated information and ways how to convert the results of analysis into a web application tool.</li> <li>6. Discussion of the ways to promote rail and road transport services along the Euro-Asian transport links with marketing managers of rail organizations and road transport associations.</li> </ol> |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>4. Expected results of the project:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cargo flows (quantities and types) along the nine Euro-Asian rail and road transport links identified.</li> <li>2. Coordination of time schedules and tariffs for the nine rail and nine road transport links improved.</li> <li>3. An integrated Marketing strategy for promotion of Euro-Asian road and rail transport links developed.</li> <li>4. The EATL Geographical Information Systems (GIS) application updated and upgraded.</li> </ol>  |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b><br/>                 The beneficiary countries are: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.</p>  |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b><br/>                 The activities of the project will contribute to the expected accomplishment (c) "Enhanced capacity in ECE member States, particularly in landlocked developing countries, for the development of the pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure and transport facilitation measures" of subprogramme 2, Transport, in the ECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015. The project has direct relevance to the Programme of Work of Transport Division 2014-18 (Programme Activity 02.1 No.5), which requests continued efforts to implement Phase 3 of the EATL project to make EATL routes operational. The Russian Federation funding is provided solely for the participation of delegates from the 12 beneficiary countries specified above.</p>  |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b><br/>                 One month of RB staff (GS) time</p>   |   |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>8. Estimated extrabudgetary resources:</b></p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Donors</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Amount (US\$)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">90,000</td> </tr> </table>  |   | <b>Donors</b> | <b>Amount (US\$)</b> | Russian Federation | 90,000 |
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| <p><b>9. Project Manager:</b><br/>                 Miroslav Jovanovic<br/> <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/> <b>Name and signature</b></p>  | <p><b>10. Division:</b><br/>                 Transport</p>  |               |                      |                    |        |
| <p><b>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b><br/>                 Zamira Eshmambetova<br/> <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/> <b>Chief of PMU</b></p>   | <p><b>12. Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup>:</b><br/> <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/> <b>Date</b></p> |               |                      |                    |        |
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<sup>1</sup> EXCOM is the responsible Committee for further decision making, reporting and oversight.

## Annex

### Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project “Euro Asian Transport Links (EATL) - Phase 3”

| <b>Part I. Planning</b><br><i>(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)</i>                                 |  |                               | <b>Part II. Implementation</b><br><i>(to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time)<sup>1,2</sup></i> |   |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Expected accomplishments</b>  | <b>Planned activities</b>  | <b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b> | <b>Implemented activities<sup>3</sup></b>   | <b>Actual expenditures<sup>4</sup> (US\$)</b> |
| E.A.1 - Cargo flows (quantities and types) along the nine Euro-Asian rail and road transport links identified. | A.1.1<br>Collect, analyse and disseminate data regarding cargo flows provided by main Asian ports, producers and traders with the European markets.  |                               |   |   |
|  | A.1.2<br>Collect, analyse and disseminate data regarding cargo flows provided by European ports, main import/export gateways of European countries.  |                               |   |   |
|  | A.1.3<br>Support the participation of representatives from the CIS countries in the work of the EATL Group of Experts.   | 30,000                        |   |   |
| E.A.2 - Coordination of time schedules and tariffs for the nine rail and nine road transport links improved.   | A.2.1<br>Preparation of a questionnaire to update the information provided by the comparison study of inland transport with existing maritime routes.  |                               |   |   |
|  | A.2.2<br>Preparation of common templates for information collection on integrated time schedules and tariffs; review and discussion of collected data with experts, and presentation of preliminary analysis. Designation of experts from rail organizations and road transport associations to contribute to the development of integrated time schedules and tariffs along the Euro-Asian links. |                               |   |   |

<sup>1</sup> The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation;

<sup>2</sup> Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat;

<sup>3</sup> Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

(a) *For an advisory service* (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

(b) *For a workshop/conference/training* organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

(c) *For a consultancy*: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

(d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

<sup>4</sup> Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.

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|   | A.3.3<br>Support the participation of representatives from the CIS countries in the work of the EATL Group of Experts.  | 30,000                        |   |   |
| E.A.4 - The EATL Geographical information Systems (GIS) application updated and upgraded.                     | A.4.1<br>Discussion on how to update application EATL Geographical Information Systems (GIS); collection of data and update of the information provided by countries for the GIS application; presentation of preliminary analysis, update of GIS application and, discussion of a possible upgrade of the GIS application to a more sophisticated web application. |                               |   |   |
| <b>Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)</b>   |   | <b>90,000</b>                 |   |   |